

National Assembly for Wales: Summary of legislation and legislative competence since May 2007

Legislative Competence Orders (LCOs)

Government-proposed LCOs

On 06 June 2007, the Government made a [statement](#) announcing its intention to introduce six LCOs and three Measures.

Five of the Government-proposed LCOs have been introduced so far:

- Education and training
- Environmental protection and waste management
- Vulnerable children
- Domiciliary care
- Affordable housing

The sixth LCO that was announced (in relation to Welsh language) has not yet been introduced.

Two LCOs (Education and training and Domiciliary care) have completed their progress, and have added to the legislative competence of the Assembly by inserting new matters into Schedule 5 of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

The Vulnerable Children LCO has been approved by the Assembly and will now be laid before Parliament for approval by both Houses.

Member-proposed LCOs

Two Member-proposed LCOs have been introduced so far:

- Provision of mental health services (Jonathan Morgan AM)
- Domestic fire safety (Ann Jones AM)

The Assembly has granted leave for a further two Member-proposed LCOs to be introduced:

- Carers (Helen Mary Jones AM)
- Provision of bus and coach services (Huw Lewis AM)

The Assembly refused leave for one Member-proposed LCO (local government electoral services, proposed by Peter Black AM) to be introduced.

Having won the most recent ballot, Janet Ryder AM will seek the Assembly's leave to introduce a proposed LCO in relation to the Displaying of national flags and motifs on vehicle registration plates.

Measures

Government-proposed Measures

All three of the Measures announced by the Government on 06 June 2007, have now been introduced:

- NHS redress
- Learner travel
- Learning and skills

The NHS redress Measure received Royal approval on 09 July 2008 and has become law in Wales.

Member-proposed Measures

Two Member-proposed Measure have been introduced so far:

- Healthy eating in schools (Jenny Randerson AM)
- Playing fields – community involvement in disposal decisions (Dai Lloyd AM)

The Assembly has granted leave for one further Member-proposed Measure to be introduced:

- Recycling (Nerys Evans AM)

The Assembly has refused leave for two Member-proposed Measures to be introduced:

- School closures – consultation and categories (Mike German AM)
- Youth services (Peter Black AM)

The Government's legislative programme for 2008 - 2009

On 15 July 2008, the First Minister made a [statement](#) announcing the Government's legislative programme for 2008-2009.

This included proposals for Measures relating to the Education and training, Vulnerable children, Domiciliary care and Affordable housing LCOs mentioned above (subject to these being approved: the Education and training LCO has already received Royal approval, the others have not yet completed their progress). A proposed Measure in relation to local government was also announced.

The statement also included proposals for LCOs in relation to support for carers, cultural services, foundation degrees and the red meat industry.

UK Bills

In the current session of Parliament, three Bills propose to add to the legislative competence of the Assembly by inserting new matters into Schedule 5 of the Government of Wales Act 2006:

- [The Education and Skills Bill](#)
- [The Local Transport Bill \[HL\]](#)
- [The Planning Bill](#)

The Education and Skills Bill has passed through the House of Commons and has now completed committee stage in the Lords.

The Local Transport Bill was introduced in the House of Lords, and has completed committee stage in the Commons with no date yet for report stage/Third reading.

The Planning Bill has passed through the House of Commons, and had its second reading in the House of Lords on 15 July 2008.

A number of other Bills currently before Parliament contain provisions for Wales (though do not confer further powers on the Assembly).

Further information

Assembly legislation

For further information about the progress of the LCOs and Measures please see our [Progress of Legislative Competence Orders \(LCOs\) and Measures](#) web page.

See also:

- [Assembly powers tracking notes](#)
- [Schedule 5 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 \(as amended\)](#)
- [Legislation pages](#) on the Assembly web-site

UK legislation

Information on the latest stages of the UK Bills mentioned above is included in our weekly Westminster business email bulletin. If you do not already receive this email and would like to be added to the distribution list, please contact philippa.watkins@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

See also:

- Members' Research Service briefing [07/099 The UK Government's Legislative Programme 2007-08: Bills of significance to Wales](#)
- The UK Government announced its draft legislative programme for 2008 – 2009 on 14 May 2008. For further information on the proposals, please see our [UK Government draft legislative programme](#) web page.