

Modification to Welsh Language Commissioner's Estimate of Income and Expenditure 2016-17

The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 (Schedule 1, Part 5) states:

- For each financial year other than the first, the Commissioner must prepare an estimate of the income and expenses of the Commissioner's office.
- The Commissioner must submit the estimate to the Welsh Ministers at least five months before the beginning of the financial year to which it relates.
- The Welsh Ministers must examine an estimate submitted to them in accordance with this paragraph and must then lay the estimate before the National Assembly for Wales with the modifications (if any) they think appropriate.

This document is laid in the Assembly together with the Welsh Language Commissioner's Estimate of Income and Expenditure 2016-17 in line with the provisions above.

The challenging financial situation faced by the Welsh Government as a result of the UK Government's Spending Review meant that savings had to be found from across policy areas during the 2016-17 budget planning round.

The reduction to the overall Welsh Language budget was limited to 5.9% by protecting activity aimed at promoting the Welsh language in communities. As such, we have therefore had to take the difficult decision to reduce the budget of the Welsh Language Commissioner by 10%.

The First Minister has written to the Welsh Language Commissioner to confirm that the Commissioner's budget for 2016-17 will be £3,051,000.