Proposed Measures

Presiding Officer’s Determination on Proper Form

The Presiding Officer has determined, under Standing Order 23.15, that the proper form for proposed Measures is as follows:

Structure

1. The text of a proposed Measure must be set out in numbered sections, supplemented where appropriate by schedules, which should be numbered unless there is only one.

2. Proposed Measures may be divided into numbered Parts and Chapters (as may schedules).

3. Each Part, Chapter, section and schedule of a proposed Measure should have a brief descriptive heading.

4. The sections of a proposed Measure (or the paragraphs of a schedule) may also be grouped under italic cross-headings as a guide to the structure of the proposed Measure (or the schedule).

5. Sections may be divided into numbered subsections and paragraphs identified using the English alphabet. Paragraphs may be divided into sub-paragraphs numbered using roman numerals.

6. Schedules may be similarly divided into numbered paragraphs and numbered sub-paragraphs. Sub-paragraphs may be divided into sub-sub paragraphs identified using the English alphabet. Sub-sub paragraphs may be divided into sub-sub-sub paragraphs numbered using roman numerals.

7. Each proposed Measure must include a long title beginning “A Measure of the National Assembly for Wales to …”. The long title must appear before the words of enactment.

8. Preambles to proposed Measures are not permitted.
9. Proposed Measures must include provision for a short title by which the Measure is to be known.

**Style and presentation**

10. Section headings, incorporating the section number, must appear in bold directly above the text of the section to which the heading relates. Units of text within sections and schedule paragraphs should appear as indented blocks of text with straight left margins.

11. Where it is appropriate for repeals and revocations to be listed in tabular format in a schedule, the table should consist of at least two columns, the first giving the short title and number of each statute or instrument affected, in chronological order; the second listing the provisions to be repealed or revoked, in the order in which they appear in the statute or instrument. Further columns may be added as necessary.

12. The text of proposed Measures (long title, words of enactment, sections and schedules) should be printed in Book Antiqua font, font size 11, fully justified.

13. The text of a proposed Measure should use gender neutral language.

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