

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

THE EDUCATION (NATIONAL CURRICULUM) (ATTAINMENT TARGETS AND PROGRAMMES OF STUDY IN ([MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES, ART, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, TECHNOLOGY, MUSIC]) (WALES) ORDER 2000

Background

Section 356 of the Education Act 1996 contains an Order making power under which the National Assembly for Wales may specify attainment targets and programmes of study for each of the National Curriculum foundation subjects.

An Order does not itself have to contain the provisions to be made. An Order may direct that provision is to have effect as specified in a separately published document.

This Report covers six Orders providing for attainment targets and programmes of study in respect of the foundation subjects of Modern Foreign Languages, Art, Geography, History, Technology and Music. Apart from the references to the subject, the orders are in identical form. The targets and programmes in each Order are those which are set out in the document published by the Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales for the particular subject in question.

The Orders relating to the other foundation subjects are the same as the present Orders save that each order has a staged commencement relating to different key stages. These orders are reported on separately.

The new requirements are to apply from 1 August 2000.

Each Order supersedes the existing order relating to the specific subject in question.

In relation to the Technology Order it is understood that the foundation subject of technology embraces all of the matters covered in the two publications referred to in the definition of "the

Documents".

Standing Order 11.5

It is not considered that there are any issues arising under SO 11.5 in respect of which the Committee need to invite the Assembly to pay special attention.

Comments on the Regulations

The Legal Advisers to the Committee have had the benefit of commenting on earlier drafts of these Orders. A few small drafting points which were identified have accordingly been taken into account in the drafts which are now before the Assembly. There are only two small points to which attention is now drawn.

Footnotes:

These will need to be in dual column format in the printed Orders.

In footnote (ch)/(d) to Article 1(2), the ISBN number remains to be inserted.

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