

Inquiry into the scrutiny of subordinate legislation and delegated powers

Terms of Reference

The Committee has agreed the following terms of reference for the inquiry:

To review the procedures in place in relation to the scrutiny of subordinate legislation and other legislation falling within the remit of the Committee.

The Committee's inquiry will focus in particular on how it should approach the following areas of its work and the implications for the Committee's working practices:

- scrutiny of statutory instruments on the grounds set out in Standing Order 15.3;
- particular considerations relating to statutory instruments implementing European directives;
- scrutiny of Bills of the UK Parliament which have an impact on Wales.

The inquiry should result in:

- better regulation – improved processes for the preparation of subordinate legislation and other legislation within the Committee's remit with a view to improving the transparency of procedures and the engagement of those affected by them;
- enhanced scrutiny – the results of the inquiry will provide the basis for the Committee's approach to its enhanced scrutiny remit to ensure effective and timely scrutiny of regulations and other legislation within its remit which goes beyond technical scrutiny.