

National Assembly for Wales

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Secondary Legislation: 10 November 2004

The Committee considered the following two items of subordinate legislation on Wednesday 10 November 2004:

ELL-37-04 The General Teaching Council for Wales (Functions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2004; and

ELL-38-04 The General Teaching Council for Wales (Additional Functions) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2004

In addition to the Regulations, explanatory memoranda and regulatory appraisal, the Minister provided a copy of the consultation responses.

The Order will amend the General Teaching Council for Wales (Additional Functions) Order 2000 which requires the GTCW to maintain records relating to specified categories of persons other than registered teachers, e.g. persons currently barred or suspended from teaching. The amendments made by this Order mirror those in the proposed General Teaching Council for Wales (Functions) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2004, requiring the Council to indicate the date on which a person was first employed as a supply teacher under the Education (Induction Arrangements for School Teachers) (Wales) Regulations 2003. The Order also makes other minor amendments to the 2000 Order so that the particulars of a person's academic and professional qualifications, maintained by the GTCW, are restricted to those that are relevant as a teacher and so as to update references to the Education Act 2002.

In response to a query from Janet Ryder AM, one of the Minister's officials explained that the Regulations and Order provided for the GTCW to record the date that supply work began for newly qualified teachers. Extensions for supply work, with particular regard to shortage areas were matters for Local Education Authorities.

The Minister added that the Regulations were technical in nature and allowed the GTCW to monitor the full-time limit for the induction of newly qualified teachers. The Minister stated that the Welsh Assembly Government was intending to review the arrangements surrounding induction in the coming year.

There was no further discussion and no amendments were proposed.

Peter Black AM
Committee Chair