

WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE The Procurement Act 2023 (Commencement No. 3 and

Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Amendment)

Regulations 2024

DATE 19 September 2024

BY Eluned Morgan MS, First Minister of Wales

The Law which is being commenced:

The Procurement Act 2023 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Any impact the Regulations may have on the Senedd's legislative competence and/or the Welsh Ministers' executive competence.

These Regulations contain provisions that commence the practical and operational legislative requirements of the Procurement Act 2023 (the Act). Only a Minister of the Crown has commencement powers within the Act. However, in accordance with section 127(3) of the Act, UK Government are obliged to seek Welsh Ministers consent before commencing the provisions within the Procurement Act for Devolved Welsh Authorities.

The purpose of the Regulations

These Regulations will specify 24 February 2025 as the date in which the substantive provisions of the Act will come into force, giving the new regime legal effect.

These Regulations will also bring into force Section 93 of the Act concerning Pipeline notices and will revoke the current regulations.

A Minister of the Crown may not make specified regulations under subsection 127(2) without the consent of the Welsh Ministers.

The Regulations are available here: <u>The Procurement Act 2023 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024</u>

There will be additional Commencement Regulations required to commence further provisions in the Procurement Act 2023, and these will also require the consent of the Welsh Ministers.

Matters of special interest to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

None identified.

Why consent was given

The consent of the Welsh Ministers is required for the Minister of the Crown to make these Commencement Regulations to specify the coming into force date, commencement orders and transitional arrangements.