



National Assembly for Wales

Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

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Report on the Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum for The Public Bodies (Abolition of the Committee on Agricultural Valuation) Order 2014

Background

1. On the 7 February 2014, Alun Davies AM, Minister for Natural Resources and Food, in accordance with Standing Order 30A.2, laid before the Assembly a Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum for The Public Bodies (Abolition of the Committee on Agricultural Valuation) Order 2014.
2. Standing Order 30A states that that a Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum must be laid and a Statutory Instrument Consent Motion may be tabled before the Assembly if a UK Statutory Instrument makes provision in relation to Wales amending primary legislation within the legislative competence of the Assembly.

The Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum

3. The Memorandum states that:

“The objective of the Order is to abolish the Committee on Agricultural Valuation (“the CAV”). The CAV is the name by which the advisory committee on valuation of improvements and tenant-right matters, established by section 92 of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986, is known. The CAV is included under Schedule 1 of the Public Bodies Act 2011 which provides for its abolition.

The CAV was established to advise on end of agricultural tenancy compensation in England and Wales, including the method for the purpose of calculating valuation of tenancy holdings. There have been no appointments to the CAV for over twenty years and the Committee has been effectively dormant since 1991. Advice on tenancy matters is provided to the Welsh Ministers by the Tenancy Reform Industry Group (TRIG) which is a non-statutory body. The abolition of CAV as a statutory non-departmental public body is an outcome of the UK

Government's 2010 review of the structure of public bodies.”¹

Consideration

4. We considered the Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum at our meeting on 24 March 2014.

Conclusion

5. **We are content with the memorandum.**

¹ Paragraphs 4 and 5