

REPORT BY THE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

SECONDARY LEGISLATION UNDER THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACT 2003 (COMMENCEMENT NO.2 AND SAVINGS) (WALES) ORDER 2004

The Committee considered The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 (Commencement No.2 and Savings) (Wales) Order 2004 at its 9 June 2004 meeting.

The Minister made a brief introduction to the paper (SJR-09-04(p.3) Annex) and invited the Committee to scrutinise the draft Commencement Order relating to the housing provisions of the Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003.

In response to questions from Members, the Minister made the following comments:

- Under Section 17 of the Act, the National Assembly for Wales had the power to deal with amendments and appeals.
- She would discuss the provision of the Act with the Children's Commissioner, and the concerns that it could be used to discriminate against young people.
- Points made by Members regarding the rights of tenants, including the right of independent advice would be considered in drawing up subsequent regulations.
- Future regulations under the act would be referred to the Social Justice and Regeneration Committee before being presented to Plenary.
- She confirmed that the Anti-Social Behaviour Act only applied to Social Landlords. It doesn't apply to private landlords.

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Chair, Social Justice and Regeneration Committee