

National Assembly for Wales

Report by the Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee

The Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill

The Committee first considered the above Bill at its meeting on 16 March 2006. The Bill had been remitted to the Committee by the Assembly in plenary on 21 June 2005. Members raised a number of concerns and requested an opportunity for further discussion once additional information on the interaction between the current Government of Wales Bill and the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill had been received.

A second discussion of the Bill took place on 3 May and the Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks provided a paper responding to the Committee's concerns.

The Committee's principal concern was that the Bill had been drafted on the basis of the current constitutional position in Wales and took no account of the provisions of the Government of Wales Bill, currently proceeding through Parliament.

Following the meeting, I wrote to the Parliamentary Secretary highlighting the Committee's concerns and enclosing copies of the Minister's paper and the verbatim transcript of the discussions on 16 March and 3 May.

Copies of the letter were also sent to Andrew Davies, Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks and all Welsh Members of the House of Lords.

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