

2011 No. 594(W. 87)

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**The Welsh Forms of Oaths and
Affirmations (Government of Wales
Act 2006) (Amendment) Order
2011**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This order amends the Welsh Forms of Oaths and Affirmations (Government of Wales Act 2006) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/2044 (W. 169)), which prescribes Welsh forms of the oaths and affirmations which members of the National Assembly for Wales and certain members of the Welsh Assembly Government are required to take under the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32) (“the 2006 Act”).

This order prescribes an amended Welsh form of the affirmation of allegiance which may be made by a member of the National Assembly for Wales under section 23(1) of the 2006 Act.

The 2006 Act provides that the English forms of the oaths and affirmations which members of the National Assembly for Wales and certain members of the Welsh Assembly Government are required to take are those which are set out in the Promissory Oaths Act 1868 (c. 72) and the Oaths Act 1978 (c. 19).

By virtue of section 26(2) of the Welsh Language Act 1993 (c. 38) (“the 1993 Act”), where an Act of Parliament specifies a form of words which is to be used for certain official or public purposes, the appropriate Minister of the Crown may make an order which prescribes a form of words in Welsh to be used in circumstances which are specified in the order.

The National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672), article 2, Schedule 1 gave the National Assembly for Wales as constituted by the Government of Wales Act 1998 (c. 38), power to make orders under section 26(2) of the 1993 Act. The power was subsequently transferred to the Welsh Ministers by paragraph 30(1) of Schedule 11 to the 2006 Act.

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Made *1 March 2011*

Laid before the National Assembly for Wales
3 March 2011

Coming into force *30 March 2011*

The Welsh Ministers make the following order in exercise of the power conferred by section 26(2) of the Welsh Language Act 1993(1) and now exercisable by them (2).

Title, interpretation and commencement

1.—(1) The title of this order is the Welsh Forms of Oaths and Affirmations (Government of Wales Act 2006) (Amendment) Order 2011.

(2) In this order “the order” (“*y gorchymyn*”) means the Welsh Forms of Oaths and Affirmations (Government of Wales Act 2006) Order 2007(3).

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- (1) 1993 c. 38.
(2) The National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672), article 2(b), Schedule 1, directed that the power in section 26(2) of the Welsh Language Act 1993 be exercisable, in relation to Wales, by the National Assembly for Wales constituted by the Government of Wales Act 1998 (c. 38) concurrently with any Minister of the Crown by whom the power was exercisable. The power was transferred from that Assembly to the Welsh Ministers by virtue of section 162 of, and paragraph 30(1) of Schedule 11 to, the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32).
(3) S.I. 2007/2044 (W. 169).

(3) This order comes into force on 30 March 2011.

**Amended Welsh form of affirmation of allegiance
which may be made by a member of the National
Assembly for Wales**

2. In article 6(2) of the order, for the Welsh form substitute—

“Yr wyf i,, yn datgan ac yn cadarnhau
yn ddifrifol, yn ddiffuant ac yn ddidwyll, y
byddaf yn ffyddlon ac yn wir deyrngar i’w
Mawrhydi y Frenhines Elizabeth yr Ail, ei
hetifeddion a’i holynwyr, yn unol â’r gyfraith.”

Jane Hutt

Minister for Business and Budget, one of the Welsh
Ministers

1 March 2011