

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PUBLIC AUDIT (WALES) BILL COMMITTEE 2004**

The terms of reference for the Public Audit (Wales) Bill Committee 2004 will be to:

- Consider the Public Audit (Wales) Bill as introduced to Parliament on 27 November 2003;
- Consider the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services' letter of 1 December reporting the U.K. Government's response to the Public Audit (Wales) Bill Committee's recommendations on the draft Public Audit (Wales) Bill;
- Report to the Assembly by 6 February on its conclusions.

The Committee shall cease to exist on 27 February 2004.

### **Costs of the Committee**

It is expected that the Committee will meet once to discuss its conclusions on the Public Audit (Wales) Bill as introduced to Parliament on 27 November 2003. The Committee will be serviced from existing staff resources at no additional cost.

### **Benefits of the Committee**

The Public Audit (Wales) Bill was previously considered in draft form by an ad hoc Committee of the Assembly, established under SO 8.1, entitled the Public Audit (Wales) Bill Committee. The Committee reported back its conclusions on the draft Bill to the Assembly and the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services wrote to the Chair of the Committee reporting the U.K. Government's response to the Committee's recommendations. Establishing the ad hoc Committee would be the best way forward to consider the published Bill and the Minister's response.

There are no other implications.