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1. Introduction

1.1 This Report is made by the Secretary of State for Wales and is laid before the House of Commons under section 55 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (“the 1992 Act”). It applies to Wales.

1.2 This Report sets out the relevant notional amounts which the Secretary of State specifies as regards the financial year beginning in 1997 and county councils and county borough councils in Wales. It also sets out such explanation as the Secretary of State considers desirable of the calculation by him of the relevant notional amounts.

1.3 If this Report is approved by resolution of the House of Commons, section 54(1)(b) of the 1992 Act (power to designate authorities by reference to increase in budget requirement) will have effect as regards the financial year and the authorities to which the Report relates, as if the relevant notional amounts were the basis of comparison there referred to.

2. Relevant Notional Amounts

2.1 As regards the financial year beginning in 1997 and those county councils and county borough councils listed in Annex A, the Secretary of State hereby specifies as the relevant notional amount for each such council, the amount shown against its name in that Annex.

3. Calculation of Relevant Notional Amounts

3.1 Annex B contains such explanation as the Secretary of State considers desirable of the calculation by him of the relevant notional amounts specified in this Report.

27 January 1997

William Hague
Secretary of State for Wales

Annex A

Relevant Notional Amounts

<i>The Councils of the Counties and County Boroughs of:</i>	<i>£000</i>
Isle of Anglesey	60,270
Gwynedd	109,987
Conwy	88,818
Denbighshire	81,185
Flintshire	115,874
Wrexham	101,004
Powys	115,445
Ceredigion	65,135
Pembrokeshire	100,094
Carmarthenshire	153,276
Swansea	195,322
Neath Port Talbot	128,021
Bridgend	112,587
The Vale of Glamorgan	93,697
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	220,312
Merthyr Tydfil	57,948
Caerphilly	148,916
Blaenau Gwent	68,539
Torfaen	78,418
Monmouthshire	63,025
Newport	115,507
Cardiff	251,724

Annex B

Calculation of Relevant Notional Amounts

Definitions

1.1 In this Annex:

“principal council” means a council of a county or county borough established under the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994;

“budget requirement” means the amount calculated by a principal council in relation to the financial year beginning in 1996 under section 32(4) of the 1992 Act less the amount of any local precepts issued to or anticipated by the authority and taken into account by it in making the calculation under section 32(2) of the 1992 Act;

“Finance Report” means the Local Government Finance Report (Wales) 1997–98 made by the Secretary of State on 27 January 1997;

“nursery vouchers adjustment” means an amount calculated for each authority in accordance with the formula

$$A \times P$$

where

A is £37.139 million being the total reduction for 1997–98 in the standard spending assessments for principal councils in Wales attributable to the provision of nursery education for under five year-olds in maintained schools; and

P is for each principal council, its proportional share of the total age 1 to 4 population resident in Wales as at 30 June 1995;

“standard spending assessment” has the same meaning as in the Finance Report.

1.2 Any reference to a budget requirement is to the budget requirement last calculated by a principal council where it has calculated one or more substitute budget requirements for the year concerned, provided that any substitute budget requirement for 1996–97 is ignored if the Secretary of State has not received from the authority notification of that substituted budget requirement on or before 1 October 1996.

The Calculations

2.1 Subject to paragraph 2.2 below, as regards the financial year beginning in 1997 and each principal council listed in Annex A to this Report, the relevant notional amount is calculated by applying the formula

$$B - N + C$$

where

B is the principal council’s budget requirement;

N is the principal council’s nursery vouchers adjustment, and shown in Annex C;

C is the principal council’s boundary changes adjustment (if any), being an amount calculated by reference to the increase to or reduction in the authority’s budget requirement which can be attributed to the exercise of an authority’s functions in respect of the area and population to be transferred to or from that authority on 1 April 1997 in accordance with boundary changes pursuant to the Denbighshire and Wrexham (Areas) Order 1996 (SI 1996/2914) and the Bridgend and The Vale of Glamorgan (Areas) Order 1996 (SI 1996/2915) and comprising an adjustment to that part of the budget requirement relating to school pupils on the basis of a mix of school pupil numbers and total population transferred and an

adjustment to the remainder of the budget requirement relating to current expenditure on the basis of total population transferred, and shown in Annex D.

2.2 Where (apart from this paragraph) the relevant notional amount as regards any authority would be a figure other than a whole number of thousands, the figure is rounded to the first whole number in thousands above that figure.

Annex C

Nursery Vouchers Adjustment

<i>The Councils of the Counties and County Boroughs of:</i>	<i>£000</i>
Isle of Anglesey	823
Gwynedd	1,424
Conwy	1,230
Denbighshire	1,169
Flintshire	1,892
Wrexham	1,505
Powys	1,414
Ceredigion	762
Pembrokeshire	1,416
Carmarthenshire	1,895
Swansea	2,730
Neath Port Talbot	1,748
Bridgend	1,703
The Vale of Glamorgan	1,524
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	3,097
Merthyr Tydfil	832
Caerphilly	2,362
Blaenau Gwent	1,025
Torfaen	1,245
Monmouthshire	1,003
Newport	1,954
Cardiff	4,386
Wales	37,139

Annex D

Boundary Changes Adjustment

<i>The Councils of the Counties and County Boroughs of:</i>	<i>Schools sector</i>	<i>Other current services</i>	<i>Total adjustment</i>
	<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>(3)</i>
Denbighshire	-296	-826	-1,122
Wrexham	296	826	1,122
Bridgend	40	280	320
The Vale of Glamorgan	-40	-280	-320

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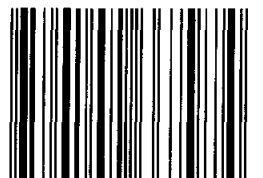
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