CHAPTER 14

WALES

Departments included in this chapter:

1. Welsh Office
2. Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in Wales

Introduction

1. The National Asset Register (NAR) of the Welsh Office is a schedule of all of the assets owned by the Department, its Agency, NDPBs and NHS reporting entities.

2. The first part of the Register records the assets of the Department, its on-vote Agency (Cadw) and the Royal Commission for Ancient & Historical Monuments (RCAHM). Information on the assets belonging directly to the Department have been collected in conjunction with the annual Resource Accounting exercise, but for the purpose of the NAR have been aggregated. The assets of the Royal Commission are to be consolidated into the Resource Accounts of the Department. They are however listed separately for the purposes of the NAR.

3. The capitalisation limit for assets of the Welsh Office, Cadw and RCAHM is £1,000 and for the NHS bodies the limit stands at £5,000. All assets are included at their net book value. The accounting policies and capitalisation limits of NDPBs can be found in their annual accounts.

4. Land & Buildings belonging to the Department have been valued at open market value for existing use. Plant and equipment have been prepared for inclusion in the NAR under modified historic cost accounting techniques. This values the assets at their depreciated current replacement cost using specific indices. Furniture, fixtures and fittings and IT have been included as grouped items where their annual replacement cost is written off to the Operating Cost Statement as a proxy for depreciation.

5. Information on Cadw's assets have been taken from their 1996-97 annual accounts which will be laid before Parliament. Heritage properties in the care of the Secretary of State for Wales are not valued and are, therefore, not included in the accounts of Cadw nor in this asset register. A list of sites in the care of CADW is contained in the leaflet 'Do you care to enough to join Heritage in Wales?', available at manned CADW sites. Two listed buildings used for operational purposes are included in the section on NDPBs, (see the National Museum & Galleries and the National Library).

6. The Department is responsible for many Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs) of which 15 (executive NDPBs) have been included in the NAR. This constitutes the second part of the register which adopts the asset categories that make most sense for the individual bodies, explaining why variations exist between each NDPB listed. Executive NDPBs implement a wide range of Government policies and programmes under delegated powers and are in whole or part funded by the Welsh Office. The remaining NDPBs have not been included as they hold insignificant asset totals.

7. The executive NDPBs included in the NAR are, as follows; the Arts Council for Wales, Cardiff Bay Development Corporation, Countryside Council for Wales, Curriculum Assessment Authority, Development Board for Rural Wales, Further Education Funding Council, Higher Education Funding Council, Housing for Wales, Land Authority for Wales, Local Government Boundary Commission, National Library for Wales, National Museums & Galleries of Wales, Sports Council for Wales, Wales Tourist Board and the Welsh Development Agency.

8. All NDPBs are required to prepare an annual report and accounts for laying before Parliament. These accounts, available from the bodies themselves, provide further details on their assets, their cost and use. All of the asset details of NDPBs have been taken from the latest accounts laid before Parliament.

9. Further and more detailed information on the work of the Department and RCAHM, along with the latest expenditure plans can be obtained from the Welsh Office Departmental Report, published by the Stationery Office and presented annually to Parliament.

ASSET REGISTER OF THE WELSH OFFICE, RCAHM & CADW

Welsh Office

Land & Buildings:

CP1 CARDIFF

Old Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff

~1930s four storey office building, 3,599 sqm.

CP2 CARDIFF

New Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff

~five storey office, p500 cars, 34,305 sqm

GWYDYR HOUSE LONDON

Gwydyr House, Whitehall, London

~Georgian listed 4 floor office building, 68 sqm

RWS PAVILION, BUILTH WELLS

WO Pavilion, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells

~two storey detached building, 185 sqm

PICTON TERRACE, CARMARTHEN

Crown Buildings, Picton Terrace, Carmarthen

~three to five storey office, 3,971 sqm

KING STREET, CARMARTHEN

14 King Street, Carmarthen

~three to two to one storey building, b1879, 301 sqm

NORTH PENRALLT, CAERNARFON

Crown Buildings, North Penrallt, Caernarfon

~four storey office building, 3,825 sqm

DINERTH ROAD, COLWYN BAY

Government Buildings, Dinerth Road, Colwyn Bay

~single storey barracks style office building, 3,275 sqm

SPA BUILDINGS, LLANDRINDOD

Spa Buildings, Spa Road East, Landrindod Wells

~utilitarian standard office, 2,373 sqm

Roads & Infrastructure

M4 Motorway (144km)

Trunk Roads (1,640km)

Plant & Equipment includes

Gritters/Snowploughs (47)

Cars/Vans (11)

Specialist Equipment (54)

Other (39)

IT & Telecommunications

WO Payments & Agricultural systems

~all mainframe based with 959 users in total

Telephone Exchanges (6)

Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings

~chairs, desks, conf. tables etc

Drawing Office Catalogue

~photographs & maps from past

Intangible Assets

~road safety system only

Long Term Loans

	£000
ClassXIV, Vote 2:	945 (a)
Public Dividend Capital	8,861 (b)
ClassXIV, Vote 3: Interest Free Loan	2,300 (c)
ClassXIV, Vote 5: Loans	11 (d)
NHS Trusts	
Public Dividend Capital	523,344
Interest Bearing Debt	616,903
NLF Loans*	
to: Land Authority for Wales	1,275
Welsh Development Agency	1,107
Mid Wales Development Corp (under control of DBRW)	9,769
Development Board for Rural Wales	2,298
	1,166,813

* NLF Loans, classed here as assets, have matching liabilities with the National Loans Fund.

(a) ~ loans in respect of voluntary & aided schools

(b) ~ WDA loans for investment

(c) ~ loans in respect of Cleddau Bridge

(d) ~ loans for cars for Tribunal staff

Royal Commission for Ancient & Historical Monuments (RCAHM)

The Royal Commission was established in 1908 and is empowered by Royal Warrant to maintain a National Monuments Record of ancient and historical sites throughout Wales.

Land & Buildings:	PLAS CRUG, ABERYSTWYTH
	Plas Crug, Stanley Road, Aberystwyth
	~five storey office, 3,991 sqm
Plant & Equipment	~photography equipment etc
Fixtures & Fittings	~chairs, desks, cupboards etc
IT Equipment	~computers (no network)

RCAHM produces its own annual report containing information on objectives, targets and performance. The accounts of the RCAHM will be consolidated within the Department's Resource Accounts.

CADW

Cadw is responsible for the discharge of the Secretary of State's statutory responsibilities relating to

the preservation, protection and maintenance of ancient monuments, historic buildings and conservation areas and for the sponsorship of RCAHM.

Land & Buildings	include visitor centres, car parks & utility buildings of monuments throughout Wales
Plant & Equipment	includes specialist archeological equipment
Exhibitions	includes display cabinets & public information

Cadw produces its own annual report, which contains information on objectives, targets and performance. Sites in the care of CADW are listed in the booklet "Do You Care Enough to Join Heritage in Wales", available at manned CADW sites.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC BODIES

The Arts Council of Wales

The objectives of the Arts Council of Wales are to develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and practice of the arts in Wales. It also seeks to improve the accessibility of the arts to the public, advise and co-operate with other bodies and to carry out its objectives through the medium of both the Welsh and English languages.

		£000
as at 31 March 1996	**Land & Buildings**	**2,573**
	Fixtures & Fittings	**41**
	Vehicles	**8**
	Works of Art	**200**
		2,822

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from the Arts Council of Wales, 9 Museum Place, Cardiff CF1 3NX.

Cardiff Bay Development Corporation

The Cardiff Bay Development Corporation was established in 1987 with the aim of establishing Cardiff as a superlative maritime city to stand comparison with any such city in the world, thereby enhancing the image and economic well-being of the city and Wales as a whole.

		£000
draft as at 31 March 1997	**Freehold Land & Buildings**	**1,337**
	Plant, Equipment & Furniture	**73**
	Office Automation	**126**
		1,536

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation, Baltic House, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff CF1 6DH.

Countryside Council for Wales

The Council is the authority in Wales for the conservation of wildlife habitats and earth science sites and for the protection of wild animal and plant species, in the sea as well as on land. The Council has programmes of work which protect and enhance the landscape, conserve species and habitats, improves access to the countryside and the coast and their enjoyment and provides information and increased understanding for the public, the Government and others.

		£000
draft as at 31 March 1997	**Freehold Land & Buildings**	**1,199**
	Equipment	**143**
	Computers	**646**
	Vehicles	**121**
	Investments	**81**
		2,190

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from the Countryside Council for Wales, Plas Penrhos, Ffordd Penrhos, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2LQ

Curriculum & Assessment Authority

The Authority's statutory role is to advise the Secretary of State for Wales on all aspects of the curriculum for maintained schools in Wales, and on school examinations and assessment. The Authority keeps under review development in these areas and advises on appropriate programmes of research and development (and carries these out, if requested)

		£000
draft as at 31 March 1997	**Leasehold & Licence Improve.**	**152**
	Fixtures & Fittings	**10**
	Office Equipment	**51**
	Computer Equipment	**32**
		245

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from the Curriculum & Assessment Authority, Castle Buildings, Womanby Street, Cardiff CF1 9SX.

Development Board for Rural Wales

The DBRW was established as the dedicated rural development agency responsible for promoting the economic and social well-being of the people in rural Wales. The Board has responsibility for an area which covers 40% of the land of Wales and 213,500 of its total population. Its mission is to encourage a modern competitive economy with a highly skilled and well paid workforce and to balance development which does not compromise the richness of its communities and the environment.

		£000
as at 31 March 1997	**Investment Property**	**27,205**
	Held & Occupied Property	**1,175**
	Plant & Machinery	**173**
	Loans	**1,120**
		29,673

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from the Development Board for Rural Wales, Ladywell House, Newtown, Powys SY16 1JB.

Further Education Funding Council

The Council is responsible for securing the provision of facilities for further education and for the administration of funds made available by the Secretary of State for Wales in support of further education in institutions, higher education institutions and sponsored bodies in Wales.

		£000
draft as at 31 March 1997	**Computers & Printers**	**55**
	Fixtures & Fittings	**111**
	Electrical Equipment	**25**
		191

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from the Further Education Funding Council, Lambourne House, Cardiff Business Park, Llanishen, Cardiff.

Higher Education Funding Council

The Council is responsible for the administration of funds made available by the Secretary of State for Wales in support of the provision of education and the undertaking of research by higher education institutions in Wales and the provision of prescribed courses of higher education in further education institutions in Wales and for the funding of teacher training and the accreditation of providers of initial training for school teachers.

		£000
draft as at 31 March 1997	**Computers & Printers**	**28**
	Fixtures & Fittings	**55**
	Electrical Equipment	**12**
		95

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from the Higher Education Funding Council, Lambourne House, Cardiff Business Park, Llanishen, Cardiff.

Housing for Wales

The principal activities of Housing for Wales are to ensure through its regulatory role that Welsh housing associations consistently attain the high standards expected of them and to plan, fund and supervise the social housing programme being delivered by associations throughout Wales. Housing for Wales now also acts as the regulatory body for local housing companies registered in Wales.

		£000
draft as at 31 March 1997	**Freehold Office Premises**	**40**
	Fixtures & Fittings	**114**
	Computer Equipment	**84**
	Investments: Loans	**449**
		687

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from Housing for Wales, 25-30 Lambourne Crescent, Llanishen, Cardiff CF4 5ZJ.

Land Authority for Wales

The Land Authority for Wales is a self-financing and tax-paying public body which assembles land for development by others. It works with, and on behalf of, local authorities and the private sector. It remits to assemble and sell land to enable development to take place where difficulties of land ownership, access, planning or infrastructure mean that it would not otherwise take place, and where such development would be to the benefit of local and regional populations.

		£000
as at 31 March 1997	**Freehold Land & Buildings**	**1,110**
	Vehicles & Equipment	**61**
	Fixtures & Fittings	**54**
		1,225

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from the Land Authority for Wales, Custom House, Custom House Street, Cardiff CF1 5AP.

National Library for Wales

The principal objects of the Library are the collection, preservation and maintenance of printed, graphic and audio-visual material and manuscripts and records relating to the Welsh and Celtic peoples, and materials for the furtherance of higher education and literary and scientific research. The National Library of Wales is a listed building and classed as a operational heritage asset. It is included in the balance sheet of the Library and therefore the National Asset Register. The Library holds some 3.5 million books, plus newspapers and magazines held on 125 miles of shelving. None of these documents are included in their balance sheet nor this NAR.

		£000
as at 31 March 1997	**Freehold Land & Buildings**	**35,141**
	Plant, Fittings & Equipment	**403**
		35,544

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from the National Library for Wales, Aberystwyth, Dyfed.

National Museum & Galleries of Wales

The main function of the Museum is the collection and preservation of objects relating to the story of Wales from the earliest times, including the country's flora, fauna, geology and the artefacts of man; the pursuit of scholarly research on these collections; and their elucidation to the general public through exhibition and instruction. The National Museum in Cardiff is a listed building and classed as a operational heritage asset. It is included in their balance sheet and therefore the National Asset Register. The Museum holds some 7 million artefacts which are neither included in their balance sheet nor the NAR.

		£000
as at 31 March 1997	Freehold Land & Buildings	9,996
	Leasehold Properties	37,148
	Plant, Equipment & Fixtures	598
		47,742

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from the National Museum for Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NP.

Sports Council for Wales

The Sports Council for Wales was established by Royal Charter in 1972 with the objectives of fostering the knowledge and practice of sport and physical recreation among the public at large in Wales and the facilities therefor. The Council's principal activities include increasing participation and improving performance in sport and physical recreation and, generally, to disseminate information and to promote knowledge of sport and physical recreation in Wales.

		£000
as at 31 March 1997	Freehold Land & Buildings	3,600
	Long Leasehold Property	6,900
	Equipment	1,534
	Vehicles	247
		12,281

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from the Sports Council for Wales, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff CF1 9SW.

Wales Tourist Board

The Board was established in 1969 to encourage people to visit Wales and people living in Wales to take their holidays there; and to encourage the provision and improvement of tourist amenities and facilities in Wales.

		£000
as at 31 March 1997	Land & Buildings	73
	Fixtures & Fittings	31
	Office Equipment	305
	Secured & LT Loans	598
		1,007

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from the Wales Tourist Board, Brunel House, 2 Fitzalan Road, Cardiff CF2 1UY

4.14 Welsh Development Agency

The purposes of the WDA are to further the economic development of Wales or any part of Wales and in that connection to provide, maintain or safeguard employment; to promote industrial efficiency and international competitiveness in Wales; and to further the improvement of its environment, having regard to existing amenity.

		£000
draft as at 31 March 1997	**Industrial & Commercial**	
	Investment Property	**129,527**
	Property occupied by WDA	**2,405**
	Plant & Machinery	**844**
	Investments	**9,088**
	Joint Ventures & Mortgages	**10,655**
		152,519

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from the Wales Development Agency, Principality House, The Friary, Cardiff CF1 4AE.

Welsh Language Board

The Welsh Language Board was established by the 1993 Welsh Language Act to advise the Secretary of State for Wales on matters concerning the Welsh Language, to advise persons exercising functions of a public nature on the ways in which effect may be given to the principle that, in the conduct of public business, the English and Welsh languages should be treated on a basis of equality and to advise those people providing services to the public on the use of the Welsh language in their dealings with the public in Wales.

		£000
as at 31 March 1997	**Improvements & Alterations**	**62**
	Office Furniture	**56**
	Office Equipment	**95**
		213

A copy of the annual report & accounts can be obtained from the Welsh Language Board, Market Chambers, 5-7 St Mary Street, Cardiff CF1 2AT.

ASSET REGISTERS OF NHS BODIES IN WALES

The annual accounts of individual NHS Trusts, Health Authorities and other bodies are available locally or from the Welsh Office Health Group.

NHS TRUSTS & HOSPITALS IN WALES

NHS trusts are responsible for the provision of NHS health care. They receive most of their income, under contract, from purchasers of health care (mainly Health Authorities, Family Health Service Authorities and GP fundholders). The financial performance of each Trust is monitored by the Welsh Office Health Group.

WELSH HEALTH AUTHORITIES

The main activities for the health authorities are to obtain information on what needs to be done to improve the health care of local people and to agree on how to achieve this; to support GP-led purchasing of the services needed to meet agreed priorities, including Patient's Charter guarantees and standards; to support the contractor profession of GPs, dentists, pharmacists and opticians; public health and protection, including health promotion, emergency planning; stewardship of resources, including financial management and to be responsive to the views of local people and organisations.

WELSH HEALTH COMMON SERVICES AUTHORITY (WHCSA)

WHCSA, a special health authority, was established under s11 of the NHS Act 1977 to provide a range of specialist professional, clinical and technical services for the NHS in Wales.

HEALTH PROMOTION WALES (HPW)

HPW works with health authorities, NHS trusts, local authorities, schools, employers and others to improve health in Wales. HPW seeks to achieve changes in lifestyles which contribute to good health through national programmes. Health authorities are however responsible for health promotion at local level.

NHS TRUSTS & HOSPITALS IN WALES

as at 31 March 1997

		£000
Bridgend & District	Land	3,538
Acute, mental illness, mental handicap & geriatric	Buildings, installations & fitting	46,324
	Equipment	6,676
8 Hospitals - 1,085 beds	Assets under construction	9,505
		66,043
Cardiff Community Healthcare	Land	15,845
Mental handicap, mental illness, geriatric & long stay	Buildings, installations & fitting	43,667
	Equipment	718
5 Hospitals - 721 beds	Assets under construction	36
		60,266
Carmarthen & District	Land	1,249
Acute & long stay	Buildings, installations & fitting	23,660
3 Hospitals - 412 beds	Equipment	3,613
	Assets under construction	-
		28,522
Ceredigion & Mid Wales	Land	1,180
Geriatric, acute & long stay	Buildings, installations & fitting	10,036
5 Hospitals - 282 beds	Equipment	2,052
	Assets under construction	2,417
		15,685

Clwydian Community Care	Land	4,977
Mental illness, geriatric, acute & long stay	Buildings, installations & fitting	41,714
	Equipment	1,907
20 Hospitals - 679 beds	Assets under construction	-
		48,598

Derwen	Land	836
Mental illness	Buildings, installations & fitting	6,844
1 Hospital - 307 beds	Equipment	232
	Assets under construction	-
		7,912

		£000
East Glamorgan	Land	2,417
Acute	Buildings, installations & fitting	34,754
2 Hospitals - 471 beds	Equipment	3,856
	Assets under construction	56,567
		97,594

Glan Clwyd	Land	1,575
Acute & geriatric	Buildings, installations & fitting	34,119
4 Hospitals - 644 beds	Equipment	5,859
	Assets under construction	687
		42,240

Glan Hafren	Land	11,370
Long stay, acute & geriatric	Buildings, installations & fitting	74,089
8 Hospitals - 1317 beds	Equipment	9,714
	Assets under construction	413
		95,586

Glan-y-Mor	Land	8,206
Mental illness, mental handicap,	Buildings, installations & fitting	53,895
geriatric & acute	Equipment	3,317
7 Hospitals - 797 beds	Assets under construction	1,427
		66,845

Gwent Community	Land	5,208
Mental handicap & mental illness	Buildings, installations & fitting	30,338
2 Hospitals - 316 beds	Equipment	1,306
	Assets under construction	820
		37,672

Gwynedd Community Health	Land	2,595
Mental illness, long stay, acute & geriatric	Buildings, installations & fitting	32,202
	Equipment	1,493
17 Hospitals - 655 beds	Assets under construction	346
		36,636

Gwynedd Hospitals	Land	1,513
Acute	Buildings, installations & fitting	45,372
2 Hospitals - 629 beds	Equipment	5,464
	Assets under construction	-
		52,349

		£000
Llandough Hospitals	Land	7,396
Acute & long stay	Buildings, installations & fitting	45,418
3 Hospitals - 588 beds	Equipment	4,832
	Assets under construction	6,012
		63,658
Llanelli Dinefwr	Land	1,679
Acute, long stay & geriatric	Buildings, installations & fitting	22,042
4 Hospitals - 314 beds	Equipment	2,263
	Assets under construction	84
		26,068
Morriston Hospital	Land	1,776
Acute, long stay & geriatric	Buildings, installations & fitting	58,664
4 Hospitals - 780 beds	Equipment	11,101
	Assets under construction	4,499
		76,040
Nevill Hall & District	Land	2,177
Long stay & acute	Buildings, installations & fitting	31,012
7 Hospitals - 625 beds	Equipment	3,388
	Assets under construction	-
		36,577
North Glamorgan	Land	2,543
Acute & long stay	Buildings, installations & fitting	42,853
5 Hospitals - 760 beds	Equipment	3,423
	Assets under construction	190
		49,009

Pembrokeshire	Land	2,268
Long stay & acute	Buildings, installations & fitting	25,211
3 Hospitals - 418 beds	Equipment	3,677
	Assets under construction	61
		31,217

		£000
Powys Health Care	Land	3,530
Acute, long stay, mental	Buildings, installations & fitting	24,184
handicap & mental illness	Equipment	2,250
13 Hospitals - 752 beds	Assets under construction	644
		30,608

Rhondda Health Care	Land	2,143
Geriatric, mental illness, long	Buildings, installations & fitting	21,290
stay & acute	Equipment	1,401
7 Hospitals - 476 beds	Assets under construction	374
		25,208

Swansea	Land	3,942
Acute & long stay	Buildings, installations & fitting	50,439
3 Hospitals - 568 beds	Equipment	5,516
	Assets under construction	434
		60,331

University Dental Hospital Wales		
	Land	749
Acute	Buildings, installations & fitting	3,592
1 Hospital	Equipment	2,387
	Assets under construction	38
		6,766

University Hospital Wales

	Land	-
Acute & orthopaedic	Buildings, installations & fitting	12,634
4 Hospitals - 1,274 beds	Equipment	76,874
	Assets under construction	13,448
		102,956

Velindre

	Land	2,914
Rad	Buildings, installations & fitting	9,251
1 Hospital - 84 beds	Equipment	4,205
	Assets under construction	75
		16,445

Wrexham Maelor

	Land	1,579
Acute	Buildings, installations & fitting	36,857
1 Hospital - 589 beds	Equipment	8,056
	Assets under construction	437
		46,929

NHS AMBULANCE TRUSTS IN WALES

		£000
Mid Glamorgan Ambulance		
	Land	575
	Buildings, installations & fitting	2,192
	Equipment	1,266
	Assets under construction	282
		4,315
North Wales Ambulance		
	Land	692
	Buildings, installations & fitting	2,461
	Equipment	3,075
	Assets under construction	140
		6,368
South & East Wales Ambulance		
	Land	1,197
	Buildings, installations & fitting	2,823
	Equipment	4,501
	Assets under construction	693
		9,214
West Wales Ambulance		
	Land	765
	Buildings, installations & fitting	3,444
	Equipment	2,138
	Assets under construction	293
		6,640

WELSH HEALTH AUTHORITIES

		£000
Gwent		
	Land	11,638
	Buildings, installations & fitting	14,119
	Equipment	652
	Assets under construction	-
		26,409
Bro Taf		
	Land	13,672
	Buildings, installations & fitting	41,874
	Equipment	402
	Assets under construction	-
		55,948

		£000
Dyfed Powys		
	Land	2,961
	Buildings, installations & fitting	25,701
	Equipment	182
	Assets under construction	-
		28,844
North Wales	Land	8,905
	Buildings, installations & fitting	37,371
	Equipment	706
	Assets under construction	124
		47,106

Morgannwg		
	Land	1,479
	Buildings, installations & fitting	2,518
	Equipment	79
	Assets under construction	-
		4,076

OTHER HEALTH BODIES

Welsh Health Common Services Authority		
WHCSA	Land	1,469
	Buildings, installations & fitting	15,036
	Equipment	2,697
	Assets under construction	-
		19,202

Health Promotion Wales		
HPW	IT, furniture & fittings	57
	Educational equipment	56
		113

OFFICE OF HER MAJESTY'S CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS IN WALES

Introduction

1. The National Asset Register (NAR) of the Office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools (OHMCI) in Wales is a schedule of the assets owned by the Department.

2. The aims of OHMCI are to improve both the quality of educational provision and the standards achieved by pupils and students. The Department provides the Secretary of State for Wales, his officials and others with information and advice derived from inspection and reporting on educational provision, standards, policies, trends and issues.

3. OHMCI prepare their own resource accounts and, it is from these statements that a schedule of fixed assets is obtained. Their capitalisation limit is £1,000 and all assets are included at net book value. The annual replacement cost of the IT and furniture, fixtures and fittings belonging to the Department is written off to the Operating Cost Statement as a proxy for depreciation. The detail of fixed assets in the NAR is as seen in their annual report and accounts.

4. The annual report and accounts of OHMCI (Wales) provide details of their size, yearly expenditure and fixed assets and can be obtained directly from the Department.

National Asset Register of OHMCI (Wales)

Grouped IT

Includes PCs, printers & software for 63 staff.

WINE Project

Provides the office automation platform of servers etc.

Furniture, fixtures & fittings

The department owns many items of general office furniture and equipment to meet its day to day requirements.