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## SCHEDULE 5

### CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

#### PART 1

##### INVESTIGATIONS

*Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (c.23)*

3 Insert new section 67B—

#### **Protection from defamation claims**

“67B For the purposes of the law of defamation, the publication in a communication between the Auditor General for Wales or the Wales Audit Office and the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales of a matter in connection with a joint investigation conducted under section 68(2) of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019, is absolutely privileged.”

#### **Commencement Information**

**II** Sch. 5 para. 3 in force at 23.7.2019 by S.I. 2019/1096, reg. 2

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act modified by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 2 para. 6](#)
- Act modified by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 12 para. 7\(2\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 65(7)(f) inserted by [2022 c. 30 Sch. 10 para. 6\(2\)\(a\)](#) (Welsh language text)
- s. 65(7)(f) inserted by [2022 c. 30 Sch. 10 para. 6\(2\)\(b\)](#) (English language text)