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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 911**

**The Northern Ireland Policing Board  
(Northern Ireland) Order 2007**

**Independent members of the Policing Board**

**3.—(1)** In paragraph 6(2) of that Schedule (which defines expressions for the purposes of Part III of that Schedule) insert at the end—

““transitional period” means the period for which independent members of the Board are appointed in accordance with paragraph 8(4A).”

**(2)** In paragraph 8 of that Schedule (independent members of the Northern Ireland Policing Board) after sub-paragraph (4) insert—

“(4A) In relation to the first appointment of members of the Board following the coming into effect of this Part in accordance with paragraph 2A(4)(b), the Secretary of State may, notwithstanding anything in sub-paragraph (1), so exercise his powers of appointment under paragraph 6(1)(b) as to secure that—

- (a) he appoints independent members of the Board only from among persons holding office as members of the Board immediately before the making of the restoration order mentioned in paragraph 2A(1), and
- (b) all appointments made in accordance with paragraph (a) are for the same term of office (the “transitional period”), which must not exceed four months.

**(4B)** Where a vacancy in the membership of the Board arises as a result of—

- (a) a person holding office as a member of the Board immediately before the making of the restoration order mentioned in paragraph 2A(1) being unavailable to take up office under sub-paragraph (4A), or
- (b) an independent member of the Board appointed in accordance with sub-paragraph (4A) ceasing to hold office before the end of the transitional period,

no appointment shall be made to fill the vacancy, and paragraph 6(1)(b) shall have effect subject to this sub-paragraph.”