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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2015 No. 137**

**PLANNING APPEALS  
COMMISSION PROCEDURES**

**The Planning Appeals Commission (Decisions  
on Appeals and Making of Reports)  
(Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2015**

*Made - - - -*

*6th March 2015*

*Coming into operation*

*1st April 2015*

The Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister makes the following rules, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 204(5), (6) and (7) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011<sup>(1)</sup>:  
In accordance with section 204(5) of that Act it has consulted with the appeals commission.

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

**1.** These rules may be cited as the Planning Appeals Commission (Decisions on Appeals and Making of Reports) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2015.

**Amendment to the Planning Appeals Commission (Decision on Appeals and Making of Reports) (No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2006**

**2.—**(1) The Planning Appeals Commission (Decision on Appeals and Making Reports) (No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2006<sup>(2)</sup> are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In rule 2 (Decisions of the appeals commission) after paragraph (4) insert—

“(5) In this rule, “a decision by the appeals commission on an appeal” includes a decision to make, or to decline to make, a costs order in exercise of the appeals commission’s powers under sections 205 and 206 of the 2011 Act.”

(3) In rule 3 (Reports made by the appeals commission) for “inquiry or hearing” substitute “inquiry, examination or hearing”

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(1) 2011 c. 25 (N.I.)

(2) S.R. 2006 No. 233

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister on 6th March 2015.



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Minister and deputy First Minister

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Rules)*

These Rules amend the Planning Appeals Commission (Decision on Appeals and Making Reports) (No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2006 by clarifying that a “decision by the appeals commission on an appeal” includes a decision to make, or to decline to make, a costs order in exercise of the appeals commission’s powers under sections 205 and 206 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, and by further clarifying that Commission reports of examinations (in addition to Commission reports of inquiries and hearings), shall be made by a single commissioner or a panel of Commissioners appointed by the Chief Commissioner.