STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Police (Conduct) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

PART 5

Fast Track Procedure for Special Cases

Attendance of member concerned at special case hearing

- **50.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the member concerned shall attend the special case hearing.
- (2) Where the member concerned informs the person conducting or chairing the special case hearing in advance that he is unable to attend on grounds which the person conducting or chairing the hearing considers reasonable, that person may allow the member concerned to participate in the hearing by video link or other means.
- (3) Where the member concerned is allowed to and does so participate in the special case hearing by video link or other means, or where the member concerned does not attend the special case hearing—
 - (a) he may nonetheless be represented at that hearing by his—
 - (i) police friend; or
 - (ii) counsel or solicitor (in which case the police friend may also attend); and
 - (b) the hearing may be proceeded with and concluded in the absence of the member concerned whether or not he is so represented.
- (4) Where the member concerned is represented in accordance with paragraph (3), the person representing the member concerned or his police friend (if different), or both, may participate using the video link or other means where such means are also used by the member concerned.