
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 Ombudsman and investigator at special case hearing

51.—(1) Where, in the case of a special case hearing, which is being conducted in accordance with—

- (a) a recommendation under section 59(2) of the 1998 Act that disciplinary proceedings should be brought, the Ombudsman may attend the special case hearing as an observer; or
- (b) a direction under section 59(5) of that Act, the Ombudsman shall present the case.

(2) Where paragraph (1)(a) applies, the person chairing the special case hearing may require the Ombudsman to withdraw while any submission is made in mitigation on the member's behalf.

(3) The investigator or a nominated person shall attend the special case hearing on the request of the person chairing that hearing to answer questions.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation, a “nominated person” is a person who, in the opinion of—

- (a) the appropriate authority; or
- (b) where the matter was formally investigated by him, the Ombudsman,

has sufficient knowledge of the investigation of the case to be able to assist the person or persons conducting the special case hearing.