

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

NORTHERN IRELAND LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION

Tenure of members

3.—(1) Subject to paragraphs 4 and 5, any member of the Commission shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

(2) But a person shall not be appointed a member of the Commission for a period of more than five years.

4.—(1) A member of the Commission may resign office by giving notice in writing to the Lord Chancellor.

(2) A person who ceases to be a member of the Commission shall be eligible for re-appointment.

5. The Lord Chancellor may terminate the appointment of a member of the Commission if satisfied that—

- (a) he has become bankrupt or made a composition or arrangement with his creditors,
- (b) he is unable to carry out his duties as a member of the Commission by reason of illness,
- (c) he has been convicted of a criminal offence,
- (d) he has been absent from meetings of the Commission for a period longer than six consecutive months without the permission of the Commission, or
- (e) he is otherwise unable or unfit to discharge the functions of a member of the Commission.

6.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) to (5), the member appointed to chair the Commission shall hold and vacate office as such in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

(2) If the person appointed to chair the Commission ceases to be a member of the Commission, he shall cease to chair it.

(3) A member appointed to chair the Commission may at any time resign from office as such by giving notice in writing to the Lord Chancellor.

(4) A member so appointed shall be eligible for re-appointment on ceasing to hold office as such (if still a member of the Commission).

(5) When a member is appointed to chair the Commission or ceases to hold office as such, the Lord Chancellor may vary the terms of the member's appointment as a member of the Commission so as to alter the date of cessation of membership.