



# Supreme Court Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 54

### PART IV

#### OFFICERS AND OFFICES

##### *Central Office and Accountant General*

#### **96 Central Office**

- (1) The Central Office of the Supreme Court shall perform such business as the Lord Chancellor may direct.
- (2) Subject to any direction of the Lord Chancellor under this section, the Central Office shall perform such business as it performed immediately before the commencement of this Act.

#### **97 Accountant General**

- (1) There shall continue to be an Accountant General of, and an accounting department for, the Supreme Court.
- (2) The office of Accountant General of the Supreme Court shall be held by the Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor, and shall be an office of the Supreme Court.
- (3) If—
  - (a) the Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor is not available to act in the office of Accountant General because of his absence or for some other reason ;  
or
  - (b) the office of Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor is vacant,then, during such unavailability or vacancy, any powers or duties of the Accountant General shall be exercisable or fall to be performed by any person for the time being appointed by the Lord Chancellor as deputy to the Accountant General (and any property vested in the Accountant General may accordingly be dealt with by any such person in all respects as if it were vested in him instead).