



Official Secrets Act 1989

CHAPTER 6

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- 1 In each of the following provisions— (a) section 11(2)(b) of...
- 2 In section 22(6) of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act...
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- 4 Any provision in a public service pension scheme (within the...

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SCHEDULE 2 — Repeals and Revocation

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 10(2) text amended by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 39
- s. 12(1)(e) text amended by 2005 c. 15 Sch. 4 para. 58
- s. 12(1)(ab) inserted by 2006 c. 32 Sch. 10 para. 34(a)
- s. 12(2)(a) text amended by 2006 c. 32 Sch. 10 para. 34(b)
- s. 12(2)(aa) repealed by 2006 c. 32 Sch. 10 para. 34(b) Sch. 12
- s. 12(4A) inserted by 2004 c. 20 Sch. 14 para. 6

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act, associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act extended by 2005 c. 10 Sch. 1 para. 11(3)
- Act extended by 2005 c. 10 Sch. 1 para. 13(3)
- Act extended by 2006 c. 32 s. 92
- Act extended by 2006 c. 32 Sch. 8 para. 3(2)
- Act extended by 2006 c. 32 Sch. 8 para. 7(6)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Official Secrets Act 1989:

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- S.I. 2005/442 art. 2 commences (2004 c. 20)
- S.I. 2005/877 art. 2 commences (2004 c. 20)
- S.I. 2005/2800 art. 3-5 commences (2005 c. 10)
- S.I. 2006/378 art. 2-7 Sch. commences (2005 c. 15)
- S.R. 2010/113 art. 2 commences (2002 c. 26)