SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 7

FUNCTIONS OF ADVOCATE GENERAL

Assembly Bills

1 (1) The Northern Ireland Act 1998 has effect subject to the following amendments.

(2) In section 11(1) (power of Attorney General for Northern Ireland to refer question whether Bill would be within legislative competence of Northern Ireland Assembly), after "The" insert "Advocate General for Northern Ireland or the".

(3) In section 12(2) (procedure where Assembly wishes to reconsider Bill referred to European Court of Justice)—

(a) in paragraph (a), for "Attorney General for Northern Ireland and the Attorney General" substitute "Advocate General for Northern Ireland and the Attorney General for Northern Ireland", and

(b) in paragraph (b), for "Attorney General for Northern Ireland shall request the withdrawal of the reference under section 11" substitute "person who made the reference in relation to the Bill under section 11 shall request the withdrawal of the reference".

(4) In section 14(2)(a) (no submission for Royal Assent where Attorney General for Northern Ireland entitled to make a reference under section 11), insert at the beginning "the Advocate General for Northern Ireland or".