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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 7

#### FUNCTIONS OF ADVOCATE GENERAL

##### *Acting as Attorney General for Northern Ireland during vacancy*

- 12 The First Minister and deputy First Minister must consult the Advocate General for Northern Ireland about any arrangements they propose to make for the discharge of the functions of the Attorney General of Northern Ireland during any vacancy in that office.

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##### **Commencement Information**

- II** Sch. 7 para. 12 in force at 12.4.2010 by [S.R. 2010/113](#), art. 2, [Sch. para. 19\(c\)](#)

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

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 31(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 5\(2\)](#)
- s. 31(7) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 5\(4\)](#)