

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

MODIFICATIONS OF 2000 ACT

Duty of Commission to verify donation reports and not to disclose their contents

1 After section 71C of the 2000 Act (as inserted by section 12) insert—

“71D Duty to verify donation reports

- (1) The Commission must take such steps as are prescribed for the purpose of verifying the information given in Northern Ireland reports.
- (2) “Northern Ireland report” means a report to the Commission which—
 - (a) is prepared by a Northern Ireland recipient, and
 - (b) contains, or purports to contain, information required to be given by Schedule 6 or 7.

71E Duty not to disclose contents of donation reports

- (1) A person who is or has been a member or employee of the Commission must not disclose any information which—
 - (a) relates to a donation received by a Northern Ireland recipient, and
 - (b) has been obtained by the Commission in the exercise of their functions under this Part,except in the following cases.
- (2) Such information may be disclosed, for the purpose of verifying information given in a Northern Ireland report,—
 - (a) to a member or employee of the Commission, or
 - (b) to such bodies as may be prescribed.
- (3) Such information may be disclosed for the purposes of any criminal or civil proceedings.
- (4) Such information may be disclosed in accordance with any prescribed requirements if it relates to a donation which the Commission believe, on reasonable grounds, was a donation required to be dealt with in accordance with section 56(2) (donations from impermissible and unidentifiable donors).
- (5) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence.”