



Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 53

PART 1

PREPARATIONS FOR RESTORATION OF DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT

2 Compliance or non-compliance with St Andrews Agreement timetable

- (1) If at any time before 25 March 2007 the Secretary of State considers that (were Schedule 2 to come into force) there would be no reasonable prospect that each of the Ministerial offices would be filled in accordance with paragraph 2 of that Schedule, he may make an order bringing Schedule 3 into force on the day following the day on which the order is made.
- (2) If the Secretary of State does not make an order under subsection (1) before 25 March 2007—
 - (a) he must on that date make a restoration order providing for section 1 of the 2000 Act to cease to have effect on 26 March 2007, and
 - (b) Schedule 2 shall come into force on 26 March 2007.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies if—
 - (a) the Secretary of State makes a restoration order by virtue of subsection (2), but
 - (b) it appears to him that one or more of the Ministerial offices has not been filled in accordance with paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 by the end of 26 March 2007.
- (4) Where this subsection applies—
 - (a) the Secretary of State must on 27 March 2007 make an order under the 2000 Act revoking the restoration order,
 - (b) that order must state that it is made by virtue of subsection (3) and must come into force on 28 March 2007, and
 - (c) Schedule 3 shall come into force on 28 March 2007.
- (5) If the Secretary of State—

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- (a) makes a restoration order by virtue of subsection (2), and
- (b) does not make an order by virtue of subsection (3) revoking the restoration order,

Schedule 4 shall come into force on 28 March 2007.

- (6) An order under subsection (1) must be made by statutory instrument.
- (7) Section 7(4) to (7) of the 2000 Act (affirmative resolution etc procedure) does not apply in relation to an order made by virtue of subsection (2) or (3).
- (8) In this section “the Ministerial offices” means—
 - (a) the offices of First Minister and deputy First Minister, and
 - (b) the Ministerial offices to be held by Northern Ireland Ministers.

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