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Coroners and Justice Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 25

PART 1

CORONERS ETC

CHAPTER 6

GOVERNANCE ETC

35 Chief Coroner and Deputy Chief Coroners

- (1) Schedule 8 makes provision about the appointment etc of the Chief Coroner and Deputy Chief Coroners.
- (2) The Lord Chief Justice may nominate a judicial office holder (as defined in section 109(4) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4)) to exercise any of the functions of the Lord Chief Justice under Schedule 8.

Commencement Information

II S. 35 in force at 1.2.2010 by S.I. 2010/145, art. 2(2), Sch. para. 1

36 Reports and advice to the Lord Chancellor from the Chief Coroner

- (1) The Chief Coroner must give the Lord Chancellor a report for each calendar year.
- (2) The report must cover—
 - (a) matters that the Chief Coroner wishes to bring to the attention of the Lord Chancellor;
 - (b) matters that the Lord Chancellor has asked the Chief Coroner to cover in the report.

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- (3) The report must contain an assessment for the year of the consistency of standards between coroners areas.
- (4) The report must also contain a summary for the year of—
- (a) the number and length of—
 - (i) investigations in respect of which notification was given under subsection (1)(a) or (b) of section 16, and
 - (ii) investigations that were not concluded or discontinued by the end of the year and in respect of which notification was given under subsection (1)(a) of that section in a previous year,
 as well as the reasons for the length of those investigations and the measures taken with a view to keeping them from being unnecessarily lengthy;
 - ^{F1}(b)
 - (c) the matters recorded under paragraph 4 of Schedule 5;
 - (d) the matters reported under paragraph 7 of that Schedule and the responses given under sub-paragraph (2) of that paragraph.
- (5) A report for a year under this section must be given to the Lord Chancellor by 1 July in the following year.
- (6) The Lord Chancellor must publish each report given under this section and must lay a copy of it before each House of Parliament.
- (7) If requested to do so by the Lord Chancellor, the Chief Coroner must give advice to the Lord Chancellor about particular matters relating to the operation of the coroner system.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 36(4)(b) repealed (14.2.2012) by [Public Bodies Act 2011 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 33(2), 38(1)**

Commencement Information

I2 S. 36 in force at 25.7.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1869](#), **art. 2(d)**

37 Regulations about training

- (1) The Chief Coroner may, with the agreement of the Lord Chancellor, make regulations about the training of—
- (a) senior coroners, area coroners and assistant coroners;
 - (b) the Coroner for Treasure and Assistant Coroners for Treasure;
 - (c) coroners' officers and other staff assisting persons within paragraph (a) or (b).
- (2) The regulations may (in particular) make provision as to—
- (a) the kind of training to be undertaken;
 - (b) the amount of training to be undertaken;
 - (c) the frequency with which it is to be undertaken.

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I3 S. 37 in force at 25.7.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1869](#), **art. 2(d)**

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PROSPECTIVE

38 Medical Adviser and Deputy Medical Advisers to the Chief Coroner

Schedule 9 makes provision about the appointment etc of the Medical Adviser to the Chief Coroner and Deputy Medical Advisers to the Chief Coroner.

PROSPECTIVE

F²39 Inspection of coroner system

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Textual Amendments

- F2 S. 39 repealed (18.9.2012) by [The Public Bodies \(Abolition of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Courts Administration and the Public Guardian Board\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2401\)](#), art. 1(2)(3), [Sch. 1 para. 34](#) (with art. 2)

PROSPECTIVE

F³40 Appeals to the Chief Coroner

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Textual Amendments

- F3 S. 40 repealed (14.2.2012) by [Public Bodies Act 2011 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 33\(1\)](#), [38\(1\)](#)

41 Investigation by Chief Coroner or Coroner for Treasure or by judge, former judge or former coroner

Schedule 10 makes provision for an investigation into a person's death to be carried out by the Chief Coroner or the Coroner for Treasure or by a judge, former judge or former coroner.

Commencement Information

- I4 S. 41 in force at 25.7.2013 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2013/1869](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

42 Guidance by the Lord Chancellor

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may issue guidance about the way in which the coroner system is expected to operate in relation to interested persons within section 47(2)(a).

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- (2) Guidance issued under this section may include provision—
- (a) about the way in which such persons are able to participate in investigations under this Part into deaths;
 - ^{F4}(b)
 - (c) about the role of coroners' officers and other staff in helping such persons to participate in investigations ^{F5}....

This subsection is not to be read as limiting the power in subsection (1).

- (3) The Lord Chancellor may amend or revoke any guidance issued under this section.
- (4) The Lord Chancellor must consult the Chief Coroner before issuing, amending or revoking any guidance under this section.

Textual Amendments

F4 S. 42(2)(b) repealed (14.2.2012) by [Public Bodies Act 2011 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 33(2)**, 38(1)

F5 Words in s. 42(2)(c) repealed (14.2.2012) by [Public Bodies Act 2011 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 33(2)**, 38(1)

Commencement Information

I5 S. 42 in force at 25.7.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1869](#), **art. 2(d)**

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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. 11A and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 11 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 1A inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 11 para. 1\(2\)](#)