

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 16

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##### *Accounts*

- 15 (1) The Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, direct NICE to prepare accounts in respect of such period or periods as may be specified in the direction (“interim accounts”).
- (2) NICE must send copies of any interim accounts to the Secretary of State and the Comptroller and Auditor General within such period as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (3) The Comptroller and Auditor General must—
- (a) examine, certify and report on any interim accounts sent by virtue of subparagraph (2), and
  - (b) if the Secretary of State so directs—
    - (i) send a copy of the report on the accounts to the Secretary of State, and
    - (ii) lay copies of them and the report before Parliament.