



Scotland Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 11

PART 6

MISCELLANEOUS

65 Office of Communications

- (1) Section 1 of the Office of Communications Act 2002 (the Office of Communications) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (3) after paragraph (a) insert—
 - “(aa) a member appointed by the Scottish Ministers;”.
- (3) After subsection (3) insert—
 - “(3A) Before appointing a member under subsection (3)(aa) the Scottish Ministers must consult the Secretary of State.”
- (4) In subsection (5) after “(3)(a)” insert “, (aa)”.
- (5) After subsection (10) insert—
 - “(11) Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Schedule apply in relation to the appointment made under subsection (3)(aa) as if—
 - (a) any reference to the Secretary of State was to the Scottish Ministers, and
 - (b) after paragraph 2(6) there were inserted—
 - “(7) Before the Scottish Ministers remove a person from office they must consult the Secretary of State.””
- (6) The Schedule to the Office of Communications Act 2002 is amended as follows.
- (7) In paragraph 11(3) (accounts and audit)—
 - (a) omit “and” at the end of paragraph (a), and
 - (b) at the end of paragraph (b) insert “, and

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- (c) send a copy of the statement and of his report to the Scottish Ministers.”
- (8) After paragraph 11(3) insert—
 - “(4) The Scottish Ministers shall lay a copy of the statement and report sent to them under sub-paragraph (3) before the Scottish Parliament.”
- (9) In paragraph 12 (annual report)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (1) after “Secretary of State” insert “and the Scottish Ministers”, and
 - (b) after sub-paragraph (3) insert—
 - “(4) The Scottish Ministers shall lay a copy of every report sent to them under this paragraph before the Scottish Parliament.”
- (10) In article 2(2) of the Public Appointments Order in Council 2014 (interpretation) in paragraph (a) of the definition of “appointing authority” after “as the case may be,” insert “the Scottish Ministers,”.