

SCHEDULES

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Section 6

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS: TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

Application

- 1 (1) This Schedule applies if a determination made under section 17(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 takes effect during the relevant Ministerial appointment period.
- (2) That includes a determination required by section 17(2) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

Provisions under which Ministerial offices are to be filled

- 2 (1) Section 18(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and paragraph 3D(1) and (2)(a) of Schedule 4A to that Act shall not (as a result of the determination under section 17(1) taking effect) apply for the purposes of filling the Ministerial offices held by Northern Ireland Ministers.
- (2) Section 16A(3)(aa) and (b) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 shall continue to apply for those purposes (to find section 16A(3)(aa), see paragraph 3B of Schedule 4A to that Act).

Interpretation

- 3 (1) In this Schedule the “relevant Ministerial appointment period” means the period of 14 days specified in section 16A(3) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (as amended by section 6(1) of this Act) beginning with the first meeting of the Assembly elected at the 2016 election.
- (2) But, if all the Ministerial offices held by Northern Ireland Ministers are filled before the end of those 14 days, the relevant Ministerial appointment period ends with the day on which the last of those offices is filled.
- (3) In this paragraph “2016 election” means the election held in 2016 in accordance with section 31(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.