



# Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 7

### *Life chances*

#### **6 Social Mobility Commission**

(1) After section A1A of the Child Poverty Act 2010 (inserted by section 5) insert—

#### *“Social Mobility Commission*

##### **A1B Social Mobility Commission**

- (1) The body established by section 8 of this Act continues in existence.
- (2) On and after the commencement date the body is to be called the Social Mobility Commission (in this Act referred to as “the Commission”).
- (3) “The commencement date” is the date on which section 6 of the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 comes into force.
- (4) The Commission’s functions are those conferred on it by or under this Act.
- (5) Schedule 1 contains further provision about the Commission.

##### **A1C Promotion of social mobility, advice and reports**

- (1) The Commission must promote social mobility in England.
- (2) The Commission must on request give advice to a Minister of the Crown about how to improve social mobility in England.
- (3) Advice given under subsection (2) must be published.
- (4) The Commission must publish a report setting out its views on the progress made towards improving social mobility in the United Kingdom.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (5) The report must also describe, in the case of a report made after the appointed day for Northern Ireland, the measures taken by the Northern Ireland departments in accordance with a Northern Ireland strategy.
  - (6) The report may be published as one or more documents as a Minister of the Crown may direct.
  - (7) The first report must be published before the end of the financial year ending with 31 March 2017.
  - (8) Later reports must be published before the end of each subsequent financial year.
  - (9) A Minister of the Crown must lay a report under this section before Parliament.
  - (10) A Minister of the Crown may direct the Commission to carry out any other activity relating to improving social mobility in England or Northern Ireland.”
- (2) In Schedule 1 to the Child Poverty Act 2010, for the title substitute “Social Mobility Commission”.