



Data Protection Act 2018

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PART 6

ENFORCEMENT

The special purposes

179 Effectiveness of the media's dispute resolution procedures

- (1) The Secretary of State must, before the end of each review period, lay before Parliament a report produced by the Secretary of State or an appropriate person on—
- (a) the use of relevant alternative dispute resolution procedures, during that period, in cases involving a failure, or alleged failure, by a relevant media organisation to comply with the data protection legislation, and
 - (b) the effectiveness of those procedures in such cases.

- (2) In this section—

“appropriate person” means a person who the Secretary of State considers has appropriate experience and skills to produce a report described in subsection (1);

“relevant alternative dispute resolution procedures” means alternative dispute resolution procedures provided by persons who produce or enforce codes of practice for relevant media organisations;

“relevant media organisation” means a body or other organisation whose activities consist of or include journalism, other than a broadcaster;

“review period” means—

- (a) the period of 3 years beginning when this Act is passed, and
- (b) each subsequent period of 3 years.

- (3) The Secretary of State must send a copy of the report to—
- (a) the Scottish Ministers,
 - (b) the Welsh Ministers, and

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(c) the Executive Office in Northern Ireland.