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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 3 **U.K.**

Section 8

#### THE PARLIAMENTARY WORKS ESTIMATES COMMISSION

##### *Membership*

- 1 (1) The Estimates Commission is to consist of—
  - (a) two persons appointed from amongst the members of the House of Commons (“Commons members”), and
  - (b) two persons appointed from amongst the members of the House of Lords (“Lords members”).
- (2) A person may not be appointed as a member of the Estimates Commission if the person is—
  - (a) a Minister of the Crown,
  - (b) [<sup>F1</sup>a Parliamentary member of the Sponsor Body, or]
  - (c) a director of the Delivery Authority.
- (3) The appointment of a member of the Estimates Commission does not have effect unless it is confirmed by a resolution of the House of Parliament from which the person is drawn.

##### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Sch. 3 para. 1(2)(b) ceases to have effect (1.1.2023) by virtue of [The Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body \(Abolition\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1360\)](#), regs. 1, **9(2)(d)** (with reg. 11)

##### *Removal from office*

- 2 (1) A person ceases to be a member of the Estimates Commission—
  - (a) on becoming a Minister of the Crown,
  - (b) on the passing of a resolution to that effect by the relevant House,
  - (c) on ceasing to be a member of the relevant House (subject to sub-paragraph (4)),
  - (d) if the relevant House orders the suspension of the member from the service of that House for a specified period of the requisite length, or
  - (e) in the case of a Lords member, the member is granted leave of absence in accordance with Standing Orders of the House of Lords.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(d) a specified period is “of the requisite length” if—
  - (a) where the period is expressed as a number of sitting days, it is a period of at least 10 sitting days, or

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- (b) in any other case, the period (however expressed) is a period of at least 14 days.
- (3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(d) it does not matter—
  - (a) when the period of suspension starts, and
  - (b) where that period is expressed as a number of sitting days, what provision (if any) is made by the relevant House regarding what does, or does not, count as a sitting day for the purpose of calculating that period.
- (4) Where a Commons member ceases to be a member of the House of Commons on the dissolution of Parliament prior to a Parliamentary general election—
  - (a) sub-paragraph (1)(c) does not apply, and
  - (b) unless the person is re-elected to the House of Commons at the election, the person ceases to be a member of the Estimates Commission—
    - (i) on the appointment of a new Commons member in the person's place, or
    - (ii) if no new Commons member is appointed, at the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the person ceases to be a member of the House of Commons.
- (5) For the purposes of this Schedule (other than this paragraph), a person is to be treated as a member of the House of Commons for any period during which—
  - (a) the person continues to be a member of the Estimates Commission as a result of sub-paragraph (4)(a), and
  - (b) is not a member of the House of Commons.
- (6) In this paragraph “the relevant House”, in relation to a member of the Estimates Commission, means the House of Parliament from which the member is drawn.

*Procedure etc*

- 3 (1) A meeting of the Estimates Commission is only quorate if at least one Commons member and one Lords member are present.
- (2) Subject to that, the Estimates Commission may regulate its own procedure.
- 4 The Estimates Commission may not make payments to any of its members or to any other person or otherwise incur any expenditure.

*Freedom of information*

- 5 In Part 6 of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (other public bodies and offices which are public authorities) at the appropriate place insert— “ The Parliamentary Works Estimates Commission. ”

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