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## SCHEDULE 8

## CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS: INVESTIGATIONS BY THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES

## Local Government Act 2000 (c. 22)

5 For section 74 (law of defamation) substitute—

"Law of defamation

## 74 Law of defamation: absolute privilege

For the purposes of the law of defamation a publication of a matter is absolutely privileged if—

- (a) the publication is made in the exercise of the functions of the Ombudsman under Chapters 3 and 4 of this Part;
- (b) the publication—
  - (i) is made in communications with the Ombudsman or a person exercising a function of the Ombudsman, and
  - (ii) is made for the purposes of, or in connection with, the Ombudsman's functions under Chapters 3 and 4 of this Part."