

SCHEDULE 2
AMENDMENTS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS ACT

Strategic plans

13 After paragraph 10 there is inserted—

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- 10A (1) The Commission shall, in respect of each 4 year period, lay before the Parliament a plan (referred to in this section as a “strategic plan”) setting out how the Commission proposes to exercise the Commission’s functions during the 4 year period.
- (2) A strategic plan shall, in particular, set out—
- (a) the Commission’s objectives and priorities during the 4 year period;
 - (b) how the Commission proposes to achieve them;
 - (c) a timetable for doing so; and
 - (d) estimates of the costs of doing so.
- (3) Before laying a strategic plan before the Parliament, the Commission shall provide a draft of it to and invite, and (if any are given) consider, comments on it from—
- (a) the Parliamentary corporation; and
 - (b) such other persons as the Commission thinks appropriate.
- (4) The reference in sub-paragraph (3)(b) to other persons includes a committee of the Parliament.
- (5) The Commission shall lay each strategic plan before the Parliament not later than the beginning of the 4 year period to which the plan relates.
- (6) The Commission shall arrange for the publication of each strategic plan laid before the Parliament.
- (7) The Commission may, at any time during a 4 year period, review the strategic plan for the period and lay a revised strategic plan before the Parliament.
- (8) Sub-paragraphs (2) to (7) apply to a revised strategic plan as they apply to a strategic plan.
- (9) In that application, the reference in sub-paragraph (5) to the 4 year period is a reference to the period to which the revised strategic plan relates.
- (10) In this section, “4 year period” means the period of 4 years beginning on 1 April next following the coming into force of this paragraph and each subsequent period of 4 years.”