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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 275**

**The Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996**

**PART II**

**GAS SUPPLY AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES**

*Investigation of complaints*

**Investigation of enforcement matters**

**25.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), it shall be the duty of the Director to investigate any matter which appears to him to be an enforcement matter and which—

- (a) is the subject of a representation (other than one appearing to the Director to be frivolous) made to the Director by or on behalf of a person appearing to the Director to have an interest in that matter; or
- (b) is referred to him by the General Consumer Council under paragraph (3).

(2) The Director may, if he thinks fit, require the General Consumer Council to investigate and report to him on any matter falling within paragraph (1).

(3) It shall be the duty of the General Consumer Council to refer to the Director any matter which—

- (a) appears to the Council to be an enforcement matter; and
- (b) is the subject of a representation (other than one appearing to the Council to be frivolous) made to the Council by or on behalf of a person appearing to the Council to have an interest in the matter.

(4) In this Article and Article 26 “enforcement matter” means any matter in respect of which any functions of the Director under Article 19 are or may be exercisable.