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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 6

#### DEVOLUTION ISSUES

#### PART IV

##### PROCEEDINGS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

###### *Application of Part IV*

- 24 This Part of this Schedule applies in relation to devolution issues in proceedings in Northern Ireland.

###### *Institution of proceedings*

- 25 (1) Proceedings for the determination of a devolution issue may be instituted by the [F1 Advocate General for Northern Ireland].
- (2) The Lord Advocate may defend any such proceedings.
- (3) This paragraph is without prejudice to any power to institute or defend proceedings exercisable apart from this paragraph by any person.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1 Words in Sch. 6 para. 25(1) substituted (12.4.2010) by Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (c. 26), ss. 28, 87, Sch. 7 para. 4(a); S.R. 2010/113, art. 2, Sch. para. 19(a)

###### *Notice of devolution issue*

- 26 A court or tribunal shall order notice of any devolution issue which arises in any proceedings before it to be given to the [F2 Advocate General for Northern Ireland] and the Lord Advocate (unless the person to whom the notice would be given is a party to the proceedings).

#### Textual Amendments

- F2 Words in Sch. 6 para. 26 substituted (12.4.2010) by Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (c. 26), ss. 28, 87, Sch. 7 para. 4(b); S.R. 2010/113, art. 2, Sch. para. 19(a)

- 27 A person to whom notice is given in pursuance of paragraph 26 may take part as a party in the proceedings, so far as they relate to a devolution issue.

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*Reference of devolution issue to Court of Appeal*

- 28 A court, other than the [<sup>F3</sup>Supreme Court] or the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland, may refer any devolution issue which arises in any proceedings before it to the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland.

**Textual Amendments**

- F3** Words in Sch. 6 para. 28 substituted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 40(4), 148(1), Sch. 9 para. 105(2); S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2

- 29 A tribunal from which there is no appeal shall refer any devolution issue which arises in any proceedings before it to the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland; and any other tribunal may make such a reference.

*References from Court of Appeal to [<sup>F4</sup>Supreme Court]*

**Textual Amendments**

- F4** Words in heading before Sch. 6 para. 30 substituted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 40(4), 148(1), Sch. 9 para. 105(3); S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2

- 30 The Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland may refer any devolution issue which arises in proceedings before it (otherwise than on a reference under paragraph 28 or 29) to the [<sup>F5</sup>Supreme Court].

**Textual Amendments**

- F5** Words in Sch. 6 para. 30 substituted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 40(4), 148(1), Sch. 9 para. 105(4); S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2

*Appeals from Court of Appeal to [<sup>F6</sup>Supreme Court]*

**Textual Amendments**

- F6** Words in heading before Sch. 6 para. 31 substituted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 40(4), 148(1), Sch. 9 para. 105(5); S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2

- 31 An appeal against a determination of a devolution issue by the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland on a reference under paragraph 28 or 29 shall lie to the [<sup>F7</sup>Supreme Court], but only with [<sup>F8</sup>permission] of the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland or, failing such [<sup>F8</sup>permission], with [<sup>F9</sup>permission] of the [<sup>F7</sup>Supreme Court].

**Textual Amendments**

- F7** Words in Sch. 6 para. 31 substituted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 40(4), 148(1), Sch. 9 para. 105(6)(a); S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2
- F8** Words in Sch. 6 para. 31 substituted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 40(4), 148(1), Sch. 9 para. 105(6)(b); S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2

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