

General may determine. Meetings for special purposes shall be held as occasion requires and on such dates and at such places as the Inspector General may determine.

### PART III

#### GENERAL

Requests for information.

20. The Central Representative Body, the Officers' Representative Body and the Men's Representative Body may make application to the Inspector General for any information which they consider to be necessary to assist them in their deliberations, and in so far as the Inspector General considers it practicable and desirable in the interests of efficiency to do so the information sought shall be supplied.

Leave to attend meetings.

21. The members of all the Representative Bodies and the County Consultative Boards established in accordance with the provisions of these Rules shall be given leave, not to be reckoned as annual leave, to enable them to attend at duly authorised meetings of the Board or Body on which they have been elected to serve, and every such attendance shall, for the purpose of allowances and expenses, be deemed to be an occasion of police duty.

Time off duty for consultations.

22. The Commissioner or the County Inspector shall, subject to the exigencies of the public service, grant to members of Boards, for the purpose of enabling them to consult those whom they represent, such time off duty as may be requested of him, and as he may consider necessary, for the aforesaid purpose.

23. The Rules made by the Minister of Home Affairs on the 20th July, 1923, are hereby revoked.

Dated this 25th day of July, 1951.

*Brian Maginess,*  
Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

#### Reward Fund

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH DECEMBER, 1951, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTABULARY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922.

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The Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sub-section (5) of section 4 of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1922 (as amended by section 4 of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1928), and by section 20 of the Exchequer and Audit Act, 1921, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund Regulations, 1951.

2. The Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund Regulations, 1935, are hereby revoked.

3. There shall be established a fund, to be called "the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund" (in these Regulations referred to as "the Fund") and the Fund shall be deemed to be in continuation of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund existing immediately before these Regulations came into force.

4. The Fund shall be deemed to be a public account and, in so far as not invested in accordance with Regulation 5 hereof, shall be kept in the books of the Belfast Banking Company Limited in the name of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

5. The Ministry of Home Affairs may, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, cause any surplus moneys not required for immediate needs to be invested in trustee securities in the name of the Ministry of Home Affairs, and such investments shall form part of the Fund. The income derived therefrom shall be paid into the cash portion of the Fund, and such investments may from time to time with the sanction of the Ministry of Finance, be varied or realised.

6. The Ministry of Home Affairs shall, in respect of each financial year, prepare an account of the Fund and transmit such account to the Comptroller and Auditor-General for examination, and the requirements of section twenty and sections twenty-three to twenty-seven of the Exchequer and Audit Act, 1921, in regard to cash accounts, shall be followed in relation thereto. Such account, together with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon, shall be presented to the House of Commons with the Appropriation Accounts of the Royal Ulster Constabulary for the same financial year.

7. The expenditure from the Fund shall not, without the consent of the Ministry of Finance, exceed in any financial year the income of the Fund for that year.

8. There shall be paid to the Fund :—

- (a) any fines imposed under the Disciplinary Regulations of the Royal Ulster Constabulary on any member of that Force ; and
- (b) any gifts of cash or securities received by way of donation to the Fund.

9. Fines imposed under the Disciplinary Regulations of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, as mentioned in Regulation 8 (a) hereof, shall be

paid to the District Inspector and shall be credited by him to his public account, from which they shall be transferred by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the credit of the Fund.

10. If any member of the said Constabulary is reported by his officers to have shown exceptional zeal, intelligence, or ability in the discharge of his police duties or has shown exceptional courage involving the risk of his life in the cause of humanity or in the interests of the public, an award may be made to him out of the Fund.

11. For the purpose of considering such cases, there shall be established a Reward Board composed of two officers of the Inspector-General's staff, who shall carefully weigh and consider the merits of each case and submit their opinion for the decision of the Inspector-General. In cases where a grant from the Fund is recommended, either without or in addition to a Favourable Record, the Inspector-General shall submit the recommendation to the Ministry of Home Affairs for approval.

12. The Minister of Home Affairs may grant individual rewards in exceptional cases on the recommendation of the Inspector-General without previous reference to the Reward Board, provided that such grants are reported to the Reward Board as soon as possible after being made.

13. If it appears to the Ministry of Home Affairs that the moneys standing to the credit of the Fund at any time are more than sufficient to provide the sums payable thereout under the foregoing provisions of these Regulations the said Ministry may, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance (which consent may be given generally or in specific cases), direct that the surplus shall be applied for either or both of the following purposes :—

- (a) For providing facilities for competitions, outdoor or indoor sports or recreation for members of the said Constabulary, or providing awards in connection with such activities ;
- (b) in any other manner for the benefit of members of the said Constabulary, their widows, children or dependents.

14. No sum shall be paid out of the Fund, either in respect of a reward to a member of the said Constabulary or otherwise, without the prior approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 28th day of December, 1951, in the presence of

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(Signed) *Thom McCrea,*

Assistant Secretary.