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Remuneration and pensions of members

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Disqualification of members of Corporation for House of Commons and Northern Ireland Assembly

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9 (1) The Authority shall appoint a secretary and may appoint...

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4 (1) The BCC may pay to each member such remuneration...

Proceedings

5 (1) Subject to paragraph 6 and to the provisions of...

6 (1) A member who is in any way directly or...

7 The validity of any proceedings of the BCC shall not...

Employees of the BCC

8 (1) The BCC may appoint such number of employees as...

Financial provisions

9 (1) The Secretary of State shall pay to the BCC—...
Authentication of BCC’s seal

10 The application of the seal of the BCC shall be...

Presumption of authenticity of documents issued by BCC

11 Any document purporting to be an instrument issued by the...

Accounts and audit

12 (1) The BCC shall keep proper accounts and proper records...

SCHEDULE 14 —

Status and capacity

1 (1) The Council shall not be treated for the purposes...

Appointment of members

2 (1) A person shall be disqualified for being a member...

Tenure of office

3 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, each...

Remuneration and pensions of members

4 (1) The Council may pay to each member such remuneration...

Disqualification of members of Council for House of Commons and Northern Ireland Assembly

5 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

Proceedings

6 (1) Subject to paragraph 7 and to the provisions of...

7 (1) A member who is in any way directly or...

8 The validity of any proceedings of the Council shall not...

Employees of the Council

9 (1) The Council may appoint such number of employees as...

Financial provisions

10 (1) The Secretary of State shall pay to the Council—...

Authentication of Council’s seal

11 The application of the seal of the Council shall be...

Presumption of authenticity of documents issued by Council

12 Any document purporting to be an instrument issued by the...

Accounts and audit

13 (1) It shall be the duty of the Council—
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1 In this Schedule— “the 1959 Act” means the Obscene Publications...

Liability of person providing live programme material
2 Where— (a) any matter is included by any person in...

Obscene articles kept for inclusion in programmes
3 It is hereby declared that where a person has an...

Requirement for consent of Director of Public Prosecutions
4 (1) Proceedings for an offence under section 2 of the...

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5 (1) A person shall not be convicted of an offence...

Exclusion of proceedings under common law
6 Without prejudice to section 2(4) of the 1959 Act, a...

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1 (1) Section 2 (prohibition of broadcasting from marine structures) shall...
2 After section 2 insert the following section— Unlawful broadcasting from...
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4 After section 3 insert the following section— Prohibition of management...
5 (1) Section 4 (prohibition of acts facilitating broadcasting from ships,...
6 (1) Section 5 (prohibition of acts relating to matter broadcast...
7 (1) Section 6 (penalties and legal proceedings) shall be amended...
8 After section 7 insert the following section— Powers of enforcement...

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Circumstances in which right available
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Notice of intention to exercise right
3 (1) A publisher intending to avail himself of the right...

Conditions for exercise of right
4 (1) Where the publisher, on or after the date specified...
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5 (1) On an application to settle the terms of payment,...

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7 (1) This Schedule and the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act...

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1 (1) Section 1 (licensing of wireless telegraphy) shall be amended...

2 (1) Section 2 (fees and charges for wireless telegraphy licences)... 

3 In section 15(1) (entry and search of premises etc.), for...

4 In section 19 (interpretation), insert the following subsection after subsection...

Part II — AMENDMENTS OF PART I OF WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY ACT 1967

1 In the following provisions, namely— (a) . . . . .

2 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

3 In section 2(3)— (a) for “him” substitute “ them ”;...

4 In section 3(1), for “him” (where first occurring) substitute “...

5 In section 4(2), for “him” (wherever occurring) substitute “ them...

6 In section 5— (a) in subsection (3), for “his” substitute...

7 In section 6(1)— (a) insert the following definition after the...

SCHEDULE 19 — The Gaelic Television Service : Supplementary Provisions

Status and capacity

1 (1) The Service shall be a body corporate.

Tenure of office and remuneration

2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (1A) and (2), each member of...

Disqualification of members of Service for House of Commons

3 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Proceedings

4 (1) Subject to paragraph 5, the quorum of the Service...

5 (1) A member who is in any way directly or...

6 The validity of any proceedings of the Service shall not...

Employees of the Service

7 (1) The Service may appoint such employees as they may...

Financial provision

8 There shall be defrayed out of the Gaelic Broadcasting Fund—...

8A (1) The Service must pay all their receipts to OFCOM....
Authentication of Service's seal

9 The application of the seal of the Service shall be...

Presumption of authenticity of documents issued by the Service

10 Any document purporting to be an instrument issued by the...

Accounts and audit

11 (1) The Service shall keep proper accounts and proper records...

Annual reports

12 (1) As soon as possible after the end of each...

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3 (1) In section 28 (powers of entry)—

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Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (c. 67)

5 In section 1(7) (admission of public to meetings of local...

Children and Young Persons Act 1963 (c. 37)

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7 In section 182(1) (relaxation, with respect to licensed premises, of...

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