

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 9

#### WELSH ADMINISTRATION OMBUDSMAN

#### PART II

##### INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS

##### *Confidentiality of information*

- 25 (1) Information obtained by the Welsh Administration Ombudsman or a member of his staff in the course of or for the purposes of an investigation shall not be disclosed except—
- (a) for the purposes of the investigation and of any report of it,
  - (b) for the purposes of any proceedings for—
    - (i) an offence under the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989 alleged to have been committed in respect of information obtained by him or a member of his staff, or
    - (ii) an offence of perjury alleged to have been committed in the course of an investigation by him,
  - (c) for the purposes of an inquiry with a view to the taking of proceedings within paragraph (b),
  - (d) for the purposes of any proceedings under paragraph 21, or
  - (e) in accordance with paragraph 26.
- (2) Neither the Welsh Administration Ombudsman nor any members of his staff shall be called upon to give evidence in any proceedings (other than proceedings referred to in sub-paragraph (1)) of matters coming to his or their knowledge in the course of an investigation.
- (3) A Minister of the Crown may give notice in writing to the Welsh Administration Ombudsman with respect to—
- (a) any document or information specified in the notice, or
  - (b) any class of document or information so specified,
- that in the opinion of the Minister the disclosure of that document or information, or of documents or information of that class, would be prejudicial to the safety of the State or otherwise contrary to the public interest.
- (4) Where such a notice is given neither the Welsh Administration Ombudsman nor any member of his staff shall be required or authorised to disclose to any person or for any purpose any document or information specified in the notice or any document or information of a class so specified.