



Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

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- 9 (1) A regulated participant must prepare a report under this...

Transaction reports: transactions with unauthorised participants

- 10 (1) A regulated participant must— (a) prepare a report under...

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Transaction reports: changes to recorded transactions

- 11 (1) A regulated participant must— (a) prepare a report under...

Offence of failing to deliver transaction report

- 12 (1) Where a report required to be delivered to the...

Declaration in transaction report

- 13 (1) Each report under paragraph 9 or 10 must, when...

Existing transactions

- 14 (1) Paragraphs 9 to 11 have effect in relation to...

Register of recordable transactions

- 15 (1) Section 71V applies in relation to transactions reported to...

Proceedings under paragraphs 5 and 12

- 17 (1) This paragraph has effect in relation to proceedings on...

Compliance officers

- 18 (1) This paragraph applies where a regulated participant who is...

SCHEDULE 8 — Campaign expenditure: qualifying expenses

Part I — QUALIFYING EXPENSES

Expenses qualifying where incurred for election purposes

- 1 For the purposes of section 72(2) the expenses falling within...

Exclusions

- 2 (1) Nothing in paragraph 1 shall be taken as extending...

Part II — SUPPLEMENTAL

Guidance by Commission

- 3 (1) The Commission may prepare, and from time to time...

Power to amend Part I

- 4 (1) The Secretary of State may by order make such...

SCHEDULE 8A — Controlled expenditure: qualifying expenses

Part 1 — QUALIFYING EXPENSES

- 1 For the purposes of section 85(2) the expenses falling within...

- 2 (1) Nothing in paragraph 1 extends to—

Part 2 — SUPPLEMENTAL

Guidance by the Commission

- 3 (1) The Commission may prepare, and from time to time...

Power to amend Part 1

- 4 (1) The Secretary of State may by order make such...

SCHEDULE 9 — Limits on campaign expenditure

Part I — INTRODUCTORY

Interpretation

- 1 (1) In this Schedule— (a) “an ordinary general election to...

Attribution of expenditure to different parts of the United Kingdom

- 2 (1) For the purposes of this Schedule—

Part II — GENERAL LIMITS

Parliamentary general elections

- 3 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to campaign expenditure...

General elections to European Parliament

- 4 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to campaign expenditure...

General elections to Scottish Parliament

- 5 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to campaign expenditure...

General elections to the National Assembly for Wales

- 6 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to campaign expenditure...

General elections to Northern Ireland Assembly

- 7 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to campaign expenditure...

Part III — LIMITS APPLYING IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Combination of elections to European Parliament and to devolved legislature

- 8 (1) This paragraph applies where (apart from this paragraph)—

Combined limits where parliamentary election pending

- 9 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) separate limits would (apart...

Combination of limit under paragraph 9 and other limit

- 10 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) a limit under paragraph...

Combination of parliamentary general election and other election, or elections, falling within paragraphs 5 to 7

- 11 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) a limit under paragraph...

SCHEDULE 10 — Limits on controlled expenditure

Part I — INTRODUCTORY

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Interpretation

- 1 (1) In this Schedule— (a) “an ordinary general election to...

Attribution of expenditure to different parts of the United Kingdom

- 2 (1) For the purposes of this Schedule controlled expenditure incurred...

Attribution of expenditure to different parliamentary constituencies

- 2A (1) For the purposes of this Schedule controlled expenditure incurred...

Part II — GENERAL LIMITS

Parliamentary general elections

- 3 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to a parliamentary...

General elections to European Parliament

- 4 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to a general...

General elections to Scottish Parliament

- 5 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to an ordinary...

General elections to the National Assembly for Wales

- 6 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to an ordinary...

General elections to Northern Ireland Assembly

- 7 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to an ordinary...

Part III — LIMITS APPLYING IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Combination of elections to European Parliament and to devolved legislature

- 8 (1) This paragraph imposes, in the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph...

Combined limits where parliamentary election pending

- 9 (1) This paragraph imposes— (a) in the circumstances mentioned in...

Combination of limit under paragraph 9 and other limit

- 10 (1) This paragraph imposes limits where— (a) paragraph 9 would...

Combination of parliamentary general election and other election, or elections, falling within paragraphs 5 to 7

- 11 (1) This paragraph imposes limits where— (a) any period (“the...

SCHEDULE 11 — Control of donations to recognised third parties

Part I — INTRODUCTORY

Operation and interpretation of Schedule

- 1 (1) This Schedule has effect for controlling donations to recognised...

Donations: general rules

- 2 (1) “Donation”, in relation to a recognised third party, means...

Sponsorship

- 3 (1) For the purposes of this Schedule sponsorship is provided...

Payments etc not to be regarded as donations

- 4 (1) None of the following shall be regarded as a...

Value of donations

- 5 (1) The value of any donation falling within paragraph 2(1)(a)...

Part II — CONTROLS ON DONATIONS

Prohibition on accepting donations from impermissible donors

- 6 (1) A relevant donation received by a recognised third party...

Declaration as to source of donation

- 6A (1) Where a person (P) causes an amount exceeding £7,500...

Declaration as to whether residence etc condition satisfied

- 6B (1) An individual making to a recognised third party a...

Acceptance or return of donations

- 7 (1) Sections 56 to 60 shall apply for the purposes...

Evasion of restrictions on donations

- 8 Section 61 shall apply for the purposes of this Schedule...

Part III — REPORTING OF DONATIONS IN SECTION 96 RETURN

Statement of relevant donations

- 9 The recognised third party must include in any return required...

Declarations under paragraph 6A or 6B

- 9A (1) In relation to each relevant donation falling within paragraph...

Donations from permissible donors

- 10 (1) The statement must record, in relation to each relevant...

Donations from impermissible donors

- 11 (1) This paragraph applies to relevant donations falling within paragraph...

SCHEDULE 11A — Requirements of quarterly and weekly donation reports

Part 1 — PRELIMINARY

- 1 (1) In this Schedule— (a) “quarterly report” means...

Part 2 — QUARTERLY REPORTS

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Requirements of quarterly reports

- 2 (1) A quarterly report in respect of a reporting period—...

Statement relating to reportable donations accepted during reporting period

- 3 (1) The statement required by paragraph 2(1)(a) to be contained...
4 (1) For the purposes of paragraph 3(1)(a), a reportable donation...

Statement of reportable donations dealt with during reporting period

- 5 (1) The statement required by paragraph 2(1)(b) to be contained...

Supplementary

- 6 Where reference is made in this Part to a donation...

Part 3 — WEEKLY REPORTS

- 7 (1) A weekly report in respect of a reporting period...

SCHEDULE 12 — Assistance available to designated organisations

Right to send referendum address post free

- 1 (1) A designated organisation is, subject to such reasonable terms...

Right to use rooms for holding public meetings

- 2 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, persons authorised...

Supplementary provisions about use of rooms for public meetings

- 3 (1) This paragraph has effect with respect to the rights...

Referendum campaign broadcasts

- 4 Assistance available to designated organisations

SCHEDULE 13 — Referendum expenses: qualifying expenses

Part I — QUALIFYING EXPENSES

Expenses qualifying where incurred for referendum purposes

- 1 For the purposes of section 111(2) the expenses falling within...

Exclusions

- 2 Nothing in paragraph 1 shall be taken as extending to—...

Part II — SUPPLEMENTAL

Guidance by Commission

- 3 (1) The Commission may prepare, and from time to time...

Power to amend Part I

- 4 (1) The Secretary of State may by order make such...

SCHEDULE 14 —

Limits on referendum expenses by permitted participants

Limits in relation to referendums held throughout United Kingdom

- 1 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to a referendum...

Limits in relation to referendums held in particular parts of United Kingdom

- 2 (1) This paragraph imposes limits in relation to a referendum...

SCHEDULE 15 — Control of donations to permitted participants

Part I — INTRODUCTORY

Operation and interpretation of Schedule

- 1 (1) This Schedule has effect for controlling donations to permitted...

Donations: general rules

- 2 (1) “Donation”, in relation to a permitted participant, means (subject...

Sponsorship

- 3 (1) For the purposes of this Schedule sponsorship is provided...

Payments etc. not to be regarded as donations

- 4 (1) None of the following shall be regarded as a...

Value of donations

- 5 (1) The value of any donation falling within paragraph 2(1)(a)...

Part II — CONTROLS ON DONATIONS

Prohibition on accepting donations from impermissible donors

- 6 (1) A relevant donation received by a permitted participant must...

Declaration as to source of donation

- 6A (1) Where a person (P) causes an amount exceeding £7,500...

Declaration as to whether residence etc condition satisfied

- 6B (1) An individual making to a permitted participant a donation...

Acceptance or return of donations

- 7 (1) Sections 56 to 60 shall apply for the purposes...

Evasion of restrictions on donations

- 8 Section 61 shall apply for the purposes of this Schedule...

Part III — REPORTING OF DONATIONS

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Statement of relevant donations

- 9 The responsible person in relation to a permitted participant must...

Declarations under paragraph 6A or 6B

- 9A (1) In relation to each relevant donation falling within paragraph...

Donations from permissible donors

- 10 (1) The statement must record, in relation to each relevant...

Donations from impermissible or unidentifiable donors

- 11 (1) This paragraph applies to relevant donations falling within paragraph...

SCHEDULE 16 — Control of donations to candidates: New Schedule 2A to the Representation of the People Act 1983

SCHEDULE 17 — Amendments relating to election petitions

Preliminary

- 1 The Representation of the People Act 1983 shall be amended...

Local election petitions

- 2 In section 130 (election court for election in England and...

Procedure on all election petitions

- 3 (1) For section 137 there shall be substituted— Petition at...
 4 In section 138(1) (list of petitions) the words from “,...
 5 (1) Sections 148 to 153 (withdrawal or abatement of petition)...
 6 In section 157 (appeals and jurisdiction), subsection (5) (additional remuneration...

Consequences of finding by election court of corrupt or illegal practice

- 7 In section 159 (candidate reported guilty of corrupt or illegal...
 8 In section 160 (candidate or other person reported personally guilty...
 9 In section 166 (votes to be struck off for corrupt...
 10 In section 185(1) (interpretation of Part III of the Act)—...

SCHEDULE 18 — Election campaigns and proceedings: miscellaneous amendments

Preliminary

- 1 The Representation of the People Act 1983 shall be amended...

Contracts about election expenses

- 2 Section 72 (contracts through election agent) shall be omitted.

Payment of election expenses

- 3 (1) Section 73 (payment of expenses through election agent) shall...

- 4 (1) Section 74 (candidate’s personal expenses, and petty expenses) shall...
- 5 After section 74 there shall be inserted— Expenses incurred otherwise...
- 6 (1) Section 78 (time for sending in and paying claims)...

Returns of election expenses

- 7 (1) Section 81 (return as to election expenses) shall be...
- 8 Section 82(4) (person before whom declaration as to elections expenses...
- 9 After section 87 there shall be inserted— Duty of appropriate...
- 10 For section 89(1) (inspection of returns and declarations) there shall...
- 11 In section 90 (election expenses at elections where election agent...

Conveyance of voters to and from the poll

- 12 Sections 101 to 105 (conveyance of voters to and from...

Illegal practices, payments, employments and hirings

- 13 Section 108 (premises not to be used as committee rooms)...
- 14 For section 110 there shall be substituted— Details to appear...

Election expenses

- 15 In section 118 (interpretation of Part II)—
- 16 In Schedule 3— (a) the form of return, and
- 17 In Schedule 4 (election expenses in connection with certain local...

Jurisdiction and procedure

- 18 (1) The following provisions shall be omitted—

References to documents used in legal proceedings

- 19 (1) In section 69 (office of election agent and sub-agent)—...

SCHEDULE 19 —
.....

SCHEDULE 19A — Reports of gifts received by unincorporated associations making political contributions

Requirement to notify Commission of political contributions over £37,270

- 1 (1) Where in any calendar year an unincorporated association falling...

Requirement to report gifts received to Commission

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies where the making of a political...

Information to be included in reports under paragraph 2

- 3 (1) A report under paragraph 2 must give the following...

Declaration by authorised individual

- 4 A notification under paragraph 1 or a report under paragraph...

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Additional matters to be included in notifications and reports

- 5 A notification under paragraph 1 or a report under paragraph...

Offences

- 6 (1) An unincorporated association commits an offence if it—

Register of recordable gifts to unincorporated associations

- 7 (1) The Commission shall maintain a register of all notifications...
8 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) an unincorporated association receives...

Meaning of “gift”, etc

- 9 (1) In this Schedule “ gift ” includes bequest.

SCHEDULE 19B — Investigatory powers of Commission

Power to require disclosure

- 1 (1) This paragraph applies to the following organisations and individuals—...

Inspection warrants

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies to the following organisations and individuals—...

Powers in relation to suspected offences or contraventions

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies where the Commission have reasonable grounds...

Court order for delivery of documents or provision of information etc

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies where the Commission have given a...
5 (1) This paragraph applies where the Commission have given a...

Retention of documents delivered under paragraph 4

- 6 (1) The Commission may retain any documents delivered to them...

Power to make copies and records

- 7 The Commission or a person authorised by the Commission—

Authorisation to be in writing

- 8 An authorisation of a person by the Commission under this...

Meaning of “documents”

- 9 In this Schedule “ documents ” includes any books or...

Documents in electronic form

- 10 (1) In the case of documents kept in electronic form—...

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Legal professional privilege

- 11 Nothing in this Schedule requires a person to produce or...

Admissibility of statements

- 12 (1) A statement made by a person (“P”) in compliance...

Offences

- 13 (1) A person who fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply...

Guidance by Commission

- 14 (1) The Commission shall prepare and publish guidance as to—...

Information about use of investigatory powers in Commission's annual report

- 15 (1) Each report by the Commission under paragraph 20 of...

SCHEDULE 19C — Civil sanctions

Part 1 — FIXED MONETARY PENALTIES

Imposition of fixed monetary penalties

- 1 (1) The Commission may by notice impose a fixed monetary...

Representations and appeals etc

- 2 (1) Where the Commission propose to impose a fixed monetary...

Information to be included in notices under paragraph 2

- 3 (1) A notice under paragraph 2(1) must include information as...

Fixed monetary penalties: criminal proceedings and conviction

- 4 (1) Where a notice under paragraph 2(1) is served on...

Part 2 — DISCRETIONARY REQUIREMENTS

Imposition of discretionary requirements

- 5 (1) The Commission may impose one or more discretionary requirements...

Representations and appeals etc

- 6 (1) Where the Commission propose to impose a discretionary requirement...

Information to be included in notices under paragraph 6

- 7 (1) A notice under paragraph 6(1) must include information as...

Discretionary requirements: criminal conviction

- 8 (1) A person on whom a discretionary requirement is imposed...

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Failure to comply with discretionary requirements

- 9 (1) The Commission may by notice impose a monetary penalty...
Part 3 — STOP NOTICES

Imposition of stop notices

- 10 (1) Where sub-paragraph (2) or (3) applies, the Commission may...

Information to be included in stop notices

- 11 A stop notice must include information as to—

Completion certificates

- 12 (1) Where, after the service of a stop notice on...

Appeals etc

- 13 (1) A person served with a stop notice may appeal...

Failure to comply with stop notice

- 14 A person served with a stop notice who does not...

Part 4 — ENFORCEMENT UNDERTAKINGS

- 15 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) the Commission have reasonable...

Part 5 — POWER TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION ETC BY ORDER

Supplementary orders: general

- 16 (1) The Secretary of State may by order (a “supplementary...

Consultation

- 17 (1) Before making a supplementary order the Secretary of State...

Monetary penalties

- 18 (1) A supplementary order may make any of the following...

Enforcement undertakings

- 19 A supplementary order may make any of the following provision...

Extension of time for taking criminal proceedings

- 20 For the purposes of enabling criminal proceedings to be instituted...

Appeals

- 21 (1) A supplementary order may make any of the following...

Part 6 — GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL

Combination of sanctions

- 22 (1) The Commission may not serve on a person a...

Use of statements made compulsorily

- 23 (1) The Commission must not take into account a statement...

Unincorporated associations

- 24 Any amount that is payable under this Schedule by an...

Guidance as to enforcement

- 25 (1) The Commission shall prepare and publish guidance as to—...

Payment of penalties etc into Consolidated Fund

- 26 Where, in pursuance of any provision contained in or made...

Reports on use of civil sanctions

- 27 (1) Each report by the Commission under paragraph 20 of...

Disclosure of information

- 28 (1) Information held by or on behalf of—

Part 7 — INTERPRETATION

Interpretation of Schedule

- 29 In this Schedule— “ completion certificate ” has the meaning...

SCHEDULE 20 — Penalties

SCHEDULE 21 — Minor and consequential amendments

Public Records Act 1958 (c.51)

- 1 In Part II of the Table at the end of...

Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (c.13)

- 2 In Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (departments...

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c.24)

- 3 In Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act...

Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c.25)

- 4 In Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act...

European Parliamentary Elections Act 1978 (c.10)

- 5 Minor and consequential amendments

Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2)

- 6 (1) The Representation of the People Act 1983 is amended...

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*Representation of the People Regulations 1986 (S.I. 1986/1081) and
Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 1986 (S.I. 1986/1111)*

7 (1) In regulation 99 of the Representation of the People...

Broadcasting Act 1990 (c.42)

8 Minor and consequential amendments

Local Government Act 1992 (c.19)

9 (1) Section 13 of the Local Government Act 1992 (duty...

10 In section 14(8) of that Act (changes that may be...

Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (c.33)

11 In section 170 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order...

Government of Wales Act 1998 (c.38)

12 Minor and consequential amendments

Scotland Act 1998 (c.46)

13 (1) The Scotland Act 1998 is amended as follows.

Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c.47)

14 (1) The Northern Ireland Act 1998 is amended as follows....

Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29)

15 In section 4(11) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999...

Representation of the People Act 2000 (c.2)

16 (1) Section 10 of the Representation of the People Act...

17 (1) Section 11 of that Act (revision of procedures in...

Local Government Act 2000 (c.22)

18 (1) The Local Government Act 2000 is amended as follows....

SCHEDULE 22 — Repeals

SCHEDULE 23 — Transitional provisions

Part I — TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION OF EXISTING REGISTERED PARTIES

Interpretation of Part I

1 In this Part of this Schedule— “the 1998 Act” means...

Declaration for purposes of section 28

2 (1) This paragraph applies to any party registered under the...

Draft scheme for purposes of section 26

3 (1) This paragraph applies to any party registered under the...

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Registration under Part II of this Act as from appointed day

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies where a party registered under the...

Failure to comply with paragraph 2 or 3

- 5 (1) This paragraph applies where a party registered under the...

Exercise of functions by person appointed as Commission's chief executive

- 6 In relation to any time when the functions of the...

Termination of registration functions of registrar of companies

- 7 (1) The registration functions of the registrar under the 1998...
Part II — OTHER TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Appointment of Electoral Commissioners

- 8 For the purposes of section 3(2)— (a) any agreement to...

Orders specifying organisations which are not to count as accounting units

- 9 The requirement in section 26(8)(c) for any order under that...

Orders prohibiting use of certain words in parties' registered names

- 10 The requirement in section 28(4)(f) for any order under that...

Confirmation of registered particulars

- 11 (1) This paragraph applies to a party which is registered...

Control of political donations by companies

- 12 Transitional provisions

Disclosure of political donations and expenditure in directors' report

- 13 Transitional provisions

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- s. 34(8)(c)(i) word inserted by [2006 c. 22 Sch. 1 para. 143\(3\)](#)
- s. 54(1)(a) word repealed by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 7](#)
- s. 54(1)(b) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 12](#)
- s. 54(2)(a) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(2\)](#)
- s. 54A inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 54B inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(4\)](#)
- s. 55(2) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 13\(1\)](#)
- s. 55(2) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 13\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 55(2) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 13\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 56(2)(a) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 56(2)(b) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 56(5)(a) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 14\(a\)](#)
- s. 56(5)(b)(i) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 14\(b\)](#)
- s. 58(1)(a) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 15](#)
- s. 62(9) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 16](#)
- s. 65(4) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 17](#)
- s. 67(1)(c) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 18](#)
- s. 71U(1)(c) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 20](#)
- s. 71HZA inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 1A(1) Sch. 6 para. 1A renumbered as Sch. 6 para. 1A(1) by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 1A inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 1A(2) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 6(a) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 6 words substituted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 6(b) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(6\)\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 6 heading words inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 1A heading words inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 6A para. 1A inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6A inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 1\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6B inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 1\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(a) word repealed by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 7](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(1)(b) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 11(3)(a) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 3\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(b) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 28\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 8(2) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 28\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(1) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 2\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(4)(a) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 2\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 2\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 11(1)(a) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 11(1)(b) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 3\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 11(3) words substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 3\(5\)](#)
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- Sch. 7 para. 10 heading word inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 2\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 11 heading words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7A para. 4A inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(4\)](#)

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- Sch. 11 para. 6B inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 4(2)
- Sch. 11 para. 9A inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 5(2)
- Sch. 11 para. 9A(2) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 6(b)
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(a) word repealed by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 7
- Sch. 11 para. 11(2)(a) words inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 6(5)
- Sch. 11 para. 7(2)(b) words substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29(4)
- Sch. 11 para. 9 words substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 5(1)
- Sch. 11 para. 11(1) words substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 6(3)
- Sch. 11 para. 11(2) words substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 6(4)
- Sch. 11 para. 11(2)(c) words substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 6(6)
- Sch. 11 para. 9A heading words inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 6(a)
- Sch. 11 para. 11 heading words substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 6(2)
- Sch. 15 para. 9A(1) Sch. 15 para. 9A renumbered as Sch. 11 para. 9A(1) by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 9(b)
- Sch. 15 para. 6A inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 7(2)
- Sch. 15 para. 6B inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 7(2)
- Sch. 15 para. 9A inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 8(2)
- Sch. 15 para. 9A(2) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 9(b)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(1)(a) repealed by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30(2)(a) Sch. 7
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(a) word repealed by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 7
- Sch. 15 para. 11(2)(a) words inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 9(5)
- Sch. 15 para. 7(2)(b) words substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30(4)
- Sch. 15 para. 9 words substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 8(1)
- Sch. 15 para. 11(1) words substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 9(3)
- Sch. 15 para. 11(2) words substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 9(4)
- Sch. 15 para. 11(2)(c) words substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 9(6)
- Sch. 15 para. 9A heading words inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 9(a)
- Sch. 15 para. 11 heading words inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 9(2)
- Sch. 20 words inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 9(7)
- Sch. 20 words inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 10(7)
- Sch. 20 words inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 11(7)
- Sch. 20 words inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 10
- Sch. 20 words inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 10
- Sch. 20 words substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 31

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:
Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 2(2A) inserted by 2022 c. 37 s. 18(1)
- s. 4A-4E and cross-heading inserted by 2022 c. 37 s. 16
- s. 8(3)(d) inserted by 2011 c. 13 Sch. 10 para. 12
- s. 13ZA and cross-heading inserted by 2022 c. 37 s. 17(1)
- s. 54(1)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 9(1)
- s. 54(1)(aa) substituted by 2009 c. 12 s. 10(1)
- s. 54(2ZA)-(2ZC) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 10(3)
- s. 56(1A) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 10(5)
- s. 56(2)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 9(3)(b)
- s. 56(3B) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 9(4)
- s. 71H(3ZA) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 19
- s. 71L(9A) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 11(2)

- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) Sch. 1 para. 2 renumbered as Sch. 1 para. 2(1) by 2022 c. 37 s. 19(2)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(2) inserted by 2022 c. 37 s. 19(4)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 s. 19(3)(a)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) words omitted by 2022 c. 37 s. 19(3)(b)
- Sch. 2 para. 2(1A) inserted by 2022 c. 37 s. 18(2)
- Sch. 2 para. 4 and cross-heading inserted by 2022 c. 37 s. 17(2)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 1(1)
- Sch. 7 para. 8(1A) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 2
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 2(5)(b)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 1(1)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5)(aa) words inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 3(3)
- Sch. 7A para. 8(9A) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 11(5)
- Sch. 7A para. 9(10)(ba) inserted by 2009 c. 12 s. 11(6)(b)
- Sch. 11 para. 4(3) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29(2)
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 4(1)
- Sch. 11 para. 7(2)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 5
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 4(1)
- Sch. 11 para. 4(3) words inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29(3)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(3)(4) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30(2)(b)
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 7(1)
- Sch. 15 para. 7(2)(aa) inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 8
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 7(1)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(3) words inserted by 2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30(3)