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SCHEDULES

[^{F1}SCHEDULE 19B

INVESTIGATORY POWERS OF COMMISSION

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 19B inserted (1.12.2010) by [Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 \(c. 12\)](#), ss. 2(2), 43(1), [Sch. 1](#); [S.I. 2010/2866](#), art. 3(b)(e) (with art. 5)

Powers in relation to suspected offences or contraventions

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies where the Commission have reasonable grounds to suspect that—
- (a) a person has committed an offence under this Act, or
 - (b) a person has contravened (otherwise than by committing an offence) any restriction or other requirement imposed by or by virtue of this Act.
- In this paragraph “the suspected offence or contravention” means the offence or contravention referred to above.
- (2) The Commission may by notice require any person (including an organisation to which, or an individual to whom, paragraph 1 applies)—
- (a) to produce, for inspection by the Commission or a person authorised by the Commission, any documents that they reasonably require for the purposes of investigating the suspected offence or contravention;
 - (b) to provide the Commission, or a person authorised by the Commission, with any information or explanation that they reasonably require for those purposes.
- (3) A person to whom a notice is given under sub-paragraph (2) shall comply with it within such reasonable time as is specified in the notice.
- (4) A person authorised by the Commission (“the investigator”) may require—
- (a) the person mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), if that person is an individual, or
 - (b) an individual who the investigator reasonably believes has relevant information,
- to attend before the investigator at a specified time and place and answer any questions that the investigator reasonably considers to be relevant.
- (5) In sub-paragraph (4) “relevant” means relevant to an investigation by the Commission of the suspected offence or contravention.]

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 19B paras. 3-5 modified (1.2.2016) by European Union Referendum Act 2015 (c. 36), s. 13(2), **Sch. 2 para. 9(4)** (with Sch. 9 para. 9(6)); S.I. 2016/69, reg. 2
- C2** Sch. 19B paras. 3-5 modified (1.2.2016) by European Union Referendum Act 2015 (c. 36), s. 13(2), **Sch. 1 para. 44(4)** (with Sch. 1 para. 44(6)); S.I. 2016/69, reg. 2
- C3** Sch. 19B paras. 3-13 applied (1.11.2023) by Elections Act 2022 (c. 37), **ss. 53**, 67(1); S.I. 2023/1145, reg. 3(f) (with Sch. para. 10)

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