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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1

#### NATURAL ENGLAND

##### *Reports, accounts etc.*

- 23 (1) For each financial year, Natural England must—
- (a) prepare an annual report on how it has discharged its functions during the year, and
  - (b) send a copy of the report to the Secretary of State within such period as the Secretary of State directs.
- (2) In this paragraph and paragraph 24, “financial year” means—
- (a) the period beginning with the day on which Natural England is established and ending with the next 31st March, and
  - (b) each subsequent period of 12 months ending with 31st March.

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#### Commencement Information

**11** [Sch. 1 para. 23](#) in force at 2.5.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1176](#), [art. 4](#)

- 24 (1) Natural England must keep proper accounts and proper records in relation to the accounts.
- (2) For each financial year, Natural England must—
- (a) prepare a statement of accounts in respect of that financial year, and
  - (b) send copies of the statement to the Secretary of State and the Comptroller and Auditor General within such period as the Secretary of State directs.
- (3) The statement must be in such form as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (4) The Comptroller and Auditor General must—
- (a) examine, certify and report on the statement, and
  - (b) send a copy of the certified statement and of his report to the Secretary of State as soon as possible.

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#### Commencement Information

**12** [Sch. 1 para. 24](#) in force at 2.5.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1176](#), [art. 4](#)

- 25 The Secretary of State must lay before each House of Parliament a document consisting of—
- (a) a copy of the report sent under paragraph 23(1), and
  - (b) a copy of the statement and report sent under paragraph 24(4).

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**I3** Sch. 1 para. 25 in force at 2.5.2006 by S.I. 2006/1176, art. 4

- 26 (1) Natural England must provide the Secretary of State with such information as he may require relating to Natural England's property or to the discharge or proposed discharge of its functions.
- (2) Natural England must also—
- (a) permit any person authorised by the Secretary of State to inspect and make copies of any accounts or other documents of Natural England, and
  - (b) provide such explanation of them as that person or the Secretary of State may require.

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**I4** Sch. 1 para. 26 in force at 2.5.2006 by S.I. 2006/1176, art. 4

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