

These notes refer to the Budget Responsibility and National Audit Act 2011 (c.4) which received Royal Assent on 22 March 2011

BUDGET RESPONSIBILITY AND NATIONAL AUDIT ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS AND SCHEDULES

Schedule 1: Office for Budget Responsibility

Paragraphs 22 to 28

135. These paragraphs insert the “Office for Budget Responsibility” into lists of institutions in various Acts.

Public Records

136. *Paragraph 22* amends Schedule 1 to the Public Records Act 1958 to include the Office.

Parliamentary Commissioner

137. *Paragraph 23* amends Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 to include the Office.

Disqualification

138. *Paragraph 24* amends Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975. Members of the Office are disqualified from becoming members of the House of Commons.
139. *Paragraph 25* amends Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act to disqualify members of the Office from becoming members of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Race Relations

140. *Paragraph 26* provides for the Office to be subject to the general statutory duty under section 71 of the Race Relations Act 1976. It also provides that the amendment made by *sub-paragraph (1)* ceases to have effect when the repeal of the Race Relations Act 1976 by Schedule 27 to the Equality Act 2010 has effect for all purposes.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

141. *Paragraph 27* amends Part 6 of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to make the Office responsible for dealing with requests under that Act.

Equality

142. *Paragraph 28* provides for the inclusion of the Office in Part 1 of Schedule 19 to the Equality Act 2010. As a public authority specified in Schedule 19, the Office will be subject to the public sector equality duty.