

LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Part 6 – Data Matching

Paragraph 6: Fees for data matching

119. This paragraph requires a relevant minister to prescribe a scale (or scales) of fees in respect of the data matching exercises he or she conducts. Sub-paragraph (2) provides that a person required to provide data in accordance with paragraph 2 must pay the minister according to the fee scales provided for in sub-paragraph (1). Sub-paragraph (3) provides for circumstances where the work involved in a data matching exercise is substantially more or less than originally envisaged. The minister can charge the body a fee which can be larger or smaller than that referred to in sub-paragraph (2). Sub-paragraph (4) requires the minister to consult those persons required to provide data in accordance with paragraph 2 or other persons as he thinks appropriate before he prescribes a scale of fees. Sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) provide that the minister may charge a fee to other bodies providing information or receiving results for data matching and the terms under which such a fee is payable.