



# Deregulation Act 2015

## 2015 CHAPTER 20

### *Other measures to reduce burdens on public authorities*

#### **94 Electoral Commission: changes to facilitate efficient administration**

- (1) Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (the Electoral Commission) is amended as follows.
- (2) Paragraph 15 (five-year plan) is amended as set out in subsections (3) and (4).
- (3) In sub-paragraph (1), after “paragraph 14” insert “in respect of the first financial year to begin after the day on which Parliament meets for the first time following a parliamentary general election.”.
- (4) After that sub-paragraph insert—

“(1A) The Speaker’s Committee may require the Commission to submit a plan under sub-paragraph (1) when the Commission submit such an estimate as is mentioned in paragraph 14 in respect of a financial year other than one mentioned in that sub-paragraph.”
- (5) In paragraph 16 (annual examination of Commission by Comptroller and Auditor General), in sub-paragraph (1)—
  - (a) after “paragraphs 14 and 15” insert “in respect of any year when both an estimate under paragraph 14 and a five-year plan under paragraph 15 are submitted to them.”;
  - (b) for “in each year” substitute “before the Committee consider the estimate and plan”.
- (6) In the cross-heading preceding paragraph 16, for “Annual examination” substitute “Examination”.