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# SCHEDULES

## SCHEDULE 10

### DEVOLUTION ISSUES

#### PART I

##### PRELIMINARY

- 1 In this Schedule “devolution issue” means—
- (a) a question whether any provision of an Act of the Assembly is within the legislative competence of the Assembly;
  - (b) a question whether a purported or proposed exercise of a function by a Minister or Northern Ireland department is, or would be, invalid by reason of section 24;
  - (c) a question whether a Minister or Northern Ireland department has failed to comply with any of the Convention rights<sup>F1</sup> ...; or
  - (d) any question arising under this Act about excepted or reserved matters.

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#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words in Sch. 10 para. 1(c) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018 \(c. 16\), s. 25\(4\)](#), [Sch. 3 para. 62](#) (with s. 19, Sch. 8 para. 37); S.I. 2020/1622, reg. 3(1) (with regs. 10, 22)

- 2 A devolution issue shall not be taken to arise in any proceedings merely because of any contention of a party to the proceedings which appears to the court or tribunal before which the proceedings take place to be frivolous or vexatious.

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