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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 9

#### EQUALITY: ENFORCEMENT OF DUTIES

##### *Investigations*

- 11 (1) This paragraph applies to—
- (a) investigations required by paragraph 10; and
  - (b) any other investigation carried out by the Commission where it believes that a public authority may have failed to comply with a scheme approved or made under paragraph 6 or 7.
- (2) The Commission shall send a report of the investigation to—
- (a) the public authority concerned;
  - (b) the Secretary of State; and
  - (c) the complainant (if any).
- (3) If a report recommends action by the public authority concerned and the Commission considers that the action is not taken within a reasonable time—
- (a) the Commission may refer the matter to the Secretary of State; and
  - (b) the Secretary of State may give directions to the public authority in respect of any matter referred to him.
- (4) Where the Commission—
- (a) sends a report to the Secretary of State under sub-paragraph (2)(b); or
  - (b) refers a matter to the Secretary of State under sub-paragraph (3)(a),
- it shall notify the Assembly in writing that it has done so and, in a case falling within paragraph (a), send the Assembly a copy of the report.
- (5) Where the Secretary of State gives directions to a public authority under sub-paragraph (3)(b), he shall notify the Assembly in writing that he has done so.

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