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PART 5

COMPATIBILITY QUESTIONS AND UNCRC COMPATIBILITY ISSUES

PROSPECTIVE

31 Meaning of “compatibility question”

- (1) In sections 33 to 44, a “compatibility question” means—
 - (a) a question whether words in an enactment to which section 29 or 30 applies give rise to an incompatibility with the UNCRC requirements,
 - (b) a question whether a public authority has acted (or proposed to act) in a way which is made unlawful by section 6(1).
- (2) But a question arising in criminal proceedings that would, apart from this subsection, be a compatibility question is not a compatibility question if it is a UNCRC compatibility issue.
- (3) A compatibility question is not to 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.
- (4) Any duty or power conferred by this Act to refer a compatibility question to a court is to be read as a duty or (as the case may be) power to refer the issue to the court for decision.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 31 comes into force in accordance with s. 47(2)

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