



Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

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PART 1

PROTECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT

CHAPTER 2

RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING

River basin management plans

17 River Basin District Advisory Groups

- (1) Each river basin district is to have one or more River Basin District Advisory Groups.
- (2) The function of each Advisory Group is to advise SEPA on any matter which—
 - (a) relates to the preparation of river basin management plans for the district, and
 - (b) is within the remit of the Group.
- (3) SEPA must, in preparing a river basin management plan, have regard to any advice given by an Advisory Group.
- (4) The number of Advisory Groups, and their remits, membership and procedure, are to be such as SEPA may determine.
- (5) SEPA may determine the remit of an Advisory Group for any river basin district by reference to one or more of the following, namely—
 - (a) a particular sub-basin plan,
 - (b) a particular geographical area,
 - (c) any other particular aspect of water management within the district.
- (6) In determining the number of Advisory Groups for any river basin district and their remits and membership, SEPA must seek to ensure appropriate representation of the interests of the persons specified or referred to in section 11(6)(a) to (h).

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(7) SEPA may pay to members of an Advisory Group such expenses and allowances as it may determine.

Commencement Information

I1 S. 17 in force at 1.6.2005 by [S.S.I. 2005/235](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 23(5) inserted by [2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8\(6\)\(b\)](#)