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PART 1

POLICE REFORM

CHAPTER 6

ANNUAL REPORTS, ACCOUNTS, AUDIT AND EXAMINATION

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- (1) The Auditor General may initiate examinations into—
 - (a) the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the Police Service, and
 - (b) the arrangements made by the chief constable under section 37(2).
- (2) In determining whether to initiate an examination, the Auditor General must take into account any proposals made by the Scottish Parliament.
- (3) It is for the Auditor General personally to initiate an examination under this section and to decide who is to carry it out.
- (4) In carrying out the examination that person (“the examiner”)—
 - (a) is not entitled to question the merits of the policy objectives of the chief constable or the Police Service, but
 - (b) may consider the appropriateness of any criteria used to assess the use of resources available to the Police Service.
- (5) The examiner (if not the Auditor General) must report the results to the Auditor General, who may report the results to the Scottish Parliament and the Authority.
- (6) The Auditor General may publish the results of an examination.
- (7) Sections 23A and 24 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 ([asp 1](#)) apply in relation to an examination under this section as they apply in relation to an examination under section 23 of that Act.