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### SCHEDULES



Article 5(4).

### PENSIONS AND OTHER BENEFITS

#### Interpretation

- 1. In this Schedule—
  - "the 1993 Act" means the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993;
  - "the 1993 scheme" means the scheme of pensions and other benefits constituted by Part I of the 1993 Act;
  - "the civil service scheme" means the scheme of pensions and other benefits applicable under Article 3 of the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 to the civil service of Northern Ireland:
  - "judicial pension scheme" means any public service pension scheme, as defined in-
  - (a) section 1 of the Pensions Schemes Act 1993; or
  - (b) section 1 of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993,
  - under which pensions and other benefits are payable in respect of service in one or more qualifying judicial offices, within the meaning of the 1993 Act, but does not include the civil service scheme;

#### Persons holding office before 31 March 1995

**2.** Notwithstanding any provision in this Order, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Commissioner for Complaints (Pension) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 shall continue to apply in relation to a person who held office as Northern Ireland Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration at any time before 31 March 1995.

### Persons taking office on or after 31 March 1995

- **3.** A person who first holds office as Ombudsman on or after 31 March 1995 shall be entitled, if he was a member of a judicial pension scheme immediately before he first holds that office, to elect between—
  - (a) the scheme of pensions and other benefits under that judicial pension scheme (his "former scheme");
  - (b) (if different from his former scheme) the 1993 scheme; and
  - (c) the civil service scheme,

and, if he is not entitled to make an election under this paragraph, or if he is so entitled but fails to make such an election, he shall be treated as if he had been so entitled and had elected for the civil service scheme.

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#### Effect of election to continue in former scheme

**4.** Where a person elects under this Schedule for his former scheme, that scheme shall, subject to regulations made under this Schedule, apply as if his service as Ombudsman were service which was subject, in his case, to that scheme.

#### Effect of election for the civil service scheme

**5.** Where a person elects under this Schedule for the civil service scheme, the principal civil service pension scheme within the meaning of Article 4 of the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and for the time being in force shall apply as if his service as Ombudsman were service in employment in the civil service of Northern Ireland.

#### Effect of election for the 1993 scheme

- **6.**—(1) A person who elects under paragraph 3(b) for the 1993 scheme, shall be entitled, when he ceases to hold office as Ombudsman, to a pension under Part I of the 1993 Act at the appropriate annual rate (within the meaning of that Act) if he has held that office for at least 5 years and either—
  - (a) he has attained the age of 65; or
  - (b) he is disabled by permanent infirmity for the performance of the duties of the office.
- (2) Subject to the following provisions of, and regulations made under, this Schedule, the provisions of Part I of the 1993 Act (other than sections 1(1) to (4) and 2) and of sections 19, 20 and 23 of, and Schedule 2 to, that Act (which provide for benefits in respect of earnings in excess of pension-capped salary, appeals and transfer of accrued rights) shall apply in relation to him and his service in the office of Ombudsman as they apply in relation to a person to whom Part I of that Act applies.
- (3) Subject to regulations made under this Schedule, in the application of provisions of the 1993 Act by virtue of sub-paragraph (2) a person who elects for the 1993 scheme shall be treated—
  - (a) as if the office of Ombudsman were a qualifying judicial office (within the meaning of that Act) by virtue of inclusion among the offices specified in Part I of Schedule 1 to that Act;
  - (b) as if his election under this Schedule were an election such as is mentioned in paragraph (d) of section 1(1) of that Act (so that, in particular, section 12 of that Act, which provides for the transfer of accrued rights into the scheme, applies);
  - (c) as if his pension by virtue of this Schedule were a pension under section 2 of that Act (and, accordingly, a judicial pension, within the meaning of that Act); and
  - (d) for the purpose of determining, in the event of his death, the rate of any surviving spouse's or children's pension payable under sections 5 to 8 of that Act in respect of his service as Ombudsman, as if references in those sections to the annual rate of the deceased's judicial pension were references—
    - (i) where a pension had commenced to be paid to him by virtue of sub-paragraph (1), to the appropriate annual rate of that pension; or
    - (ii) where no such pension had commenced to be paid to him, to the rate that would have been the appropriate annual rate of the pension payable to him by virtue of subparagraph (1)(b), had he not died, but been disabled by permanent infirmity for the performance of the duties of his office on and after the date of death.
- (4) In the application of the 1993 Act to the Ombudsman (whether by virtue of paragraph 3(a) or (b)) the references to the appropriate Minister in sections 13 (election for personal 'pension), 19 (benefits in respect of earnings in excess of pension-capped salary) and 20 (appeals) of, and Schedule 2 (transfer of accrued rights) to, that Act shall be taken as references to the Minister for

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the Civil Service and the power conferred by paragraph 2 of that Schedule to make regulations shall be exercisable by the Minister for the Civil Service.

### Time for, and manner of, election

7. Any power to make an election under this Schedule shall be exercisable within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed in regulations under this Schedule.

#### Regulations

- **8.**—(1) The Minister for the Civil Service may make regulations for purposes supplementary to the other provisions of this Schedule.
- (2) Any such regulations may, without prejudice to section 38 of the Superannuation Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 or section 39A of the Superannuation Act 1965 (employment in more than one public office), make special provision with respect to the pensions and other benefits payable to or in respect of a person to whom—
  - (a) his former scheme,
  - (b) the 1993 scheme, or
  - (c) the civil service scheme,

applies, or has applied, in respect of any service other than service as Ombudsman.

- (3) The provision that may be made by virtue of sub-paragraph (2) includes provision—
  - (a) for aggregating—
    - (i) other service falling within his former scheme or the 1993 scheme with service as Ombudsman, or
    - (ii) service as Ombudsman with such other service,
    - for the purpose of determining qualification for, or entitlement to, or the amount of, benefit under the scheme in question;
  - (b) for increasing the amount of the benefit payable under any of the schemes mentioned in head (a)(i), in the case of a person to whom that scheme applied in respect of an office held by him before appointment as Ombudsman, up to the amount that would have been payable under that scheme if he had retired from that office on the ground of permanent infirmity immediately before his appointment.
- (4) Regulations made under this Schedule shall be subject to annulment in like manner as a statutory instrument and section 5 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 shall apply accordingly.

Pensions and benefits to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom

**9.** Any pension or other benefit granted by virtue of this Schedule (except a pension or other benefit under the civil service scheme) shall be charged on, and issued out of, the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

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# SCHEDULE 2 N.I.

Article 8(1).

### DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION

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[ <sup>F1</sup> An i (Northe	implementation body to which the North/South Co#operation (Implementation Bodie ern Ireland) Order 1999 applies]
F1	SI 1999/859
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N.I. Civil Se	ervice Commissioners for Northern Ireland
<b>N.I.</b> F2	
F2	1999 NI 1
F2	1999 NI 1
N.I.	artment of Agriculture and Rural Development]
F3	1999 NI 1
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N.I.	artment of Culture, Arts and Leisure]
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F6	1999 NI 1
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F7	1999 NI 1
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F8	1999 NI 1
F8	1999 NI 1
N.I.  [F9Depa	urtment of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment]  1999 NI 1

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**F9** 1999 NI 1

### N.I.

# [F10The Department of Justice]

**F10** Words in Sch. 2 inserted (10.4.2010) by Department of Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (c. 3), ss. 1(4), 3(2); S.R. 2010/147, art. 2(1)

**F10** Words in Sch. 2 inserted (10.4.2010) by Department of Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (c. 3), ss. 1(4), 3(2); S.R. 2010/147, art. 2(1)

### N.I.

# [F11Department for Regional Development]

**F11** 1999 NI 1

**F11** 1999 NI 1

### N.I.

# [F12Department for Social Development]

**F12** 1999 NI 1

**F12** 1999 NI 1

### N.I.

# [F13The Northern Ireland Authority for [F14Utility] Regulation]

**F13** 2003 NI 6

F14 Sch. 2: word in entry relating to the Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation substituted (1.4.2007) by Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2), 308(1), Sch. 12 para. 37(1) (with arts. 8(8), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, art. 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. II (with art. 3, Sch. 2)

F13 2003 NI 6

F14 Sch. 2: word in entry relating to the Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation substituted (1.4.2007) by Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2), 308(1), Sch. 12 para. 37(1) (with arts. 8(8), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, art. 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. II (with art. 3, Sch. 2)

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[ <sup>F17</sup> Offi	ce of the First Minister and deputy First Minister]
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	NOTES:
[ <sup>F18</sup> 1 Office.	. The reference to the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure includes the Public Record
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2. The reference to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment includes the Registry

**F18** 1999 NI 1

**3.** The reference to the Department of Finance and Personnel includes the General Register Office, the Land Registry, the Registry of Deeds and the Commissioner of Valuation.

**F18** 1999 NI 1

**4.** In relation to any function exercisable by a department or authority for the time being listed in this Schedule which was previously exercisable on behalf of the Crown by a department or authority not so listed, the reference to the department or authority so listed includes a reference to the other department or authority.]

**F18** 1999 NI 1

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# SCHEDULE 3 N.I.

Article 9(4).

#### TRIBUNALS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 9(4)

# N.I.

The Lands Tribunal for Northern Ireland established under section 1 of the Lands Tribunal and Compensation Act (Northern Ireland) 1964.

# N.I.

A tribunal constituted under Schedule 11 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

### N.I.

The Water Appeals Commission[F19 constituted under Article 292 of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006].

- F19 Sch. 3: words in the entry relating to the Water Appeals Commission substituted (1.4.2007) by Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2), 308(1), Sch. 12 para. 37(2) (with arts. 8(8), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, art. 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. II (with art. 3, Sch. 2)
- F19 Sch. 3: words in the entry relating to the Water Appeals Commission substituted (1.4.2007) by Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2), 308(1), Sch. 12 para. 37(2) (with arts. 8(8), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, art. 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. II (with art. 3, Sch. 2)

#### N.I.

[F20]The Northern Ireland Valuation Tribunal established under Article 36A of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 F21.]

- F20 Sch. 3: entry relating to Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 inserted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 16, Sch. 19 para. 6(3) (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, art. 1(2)
- **F21** S.I. 1977/2157 (N.I. 28).
- F20 Sch. 3: entry relating to Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 inserted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 16, Sch. 19 para. 6(3) (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, art. 1(2)
- **F21** S.I. 1977/2157 (N.I. 28).

#### N.I.

[F22]Rent assessment committees constituted under Schedule 1 to the Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.]

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- F22 Sch. 3: entry relating to rent assessment committees substituted (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 74, Sch. 4 para. 12; S.R. 2006/428, art. 3
- F22 Sch. 3: entry relating to rent assessment committees substituted (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 74, Sch. 4 para. 12; S.R. 2006/428, art. 3

### N.I.

F23Tribunals constituted in Northern Ireland under regulations made under section 4 of the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979.

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F23 prosp. in pt. rep. by 1998 NI 10
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**F23** prosp. in pt. rep. by 1998 NI 10

## N.I.

Industrial tribunals established by regulations made under [F24 Article 3 of the Industrial Tribunals (Northern Ireland) Order 1996].

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**F24** 1996 NI 18

# N.I.

The Mental Health Review Tribunal for Northern Ireland constituted under Article 70 of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.

#### N.I.

The Fair Employment Tribunal for Northern Ireland established under regulations under [F25] Article 81 of the Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998].

**F25** 1998 NI 21

**F25** 1998 NI 21

## N.I.

The Planning Appeals Commission constituted under [ $^{F26}$ section 203 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011].

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**F26** Words in Sch. 3 substituted (13.2.2015 for specified purposes, 1.4.2015 in so far as not already in operation) by Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 25), s. 254(1)(2), **Sch. 6 para. 81** (with s. 211); S.R. 2015/49, arts. 2, 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 (as amended (16.3.2016) by S.R. 2016/159, art. 2))

**F26** Words in Sch. 3 substituted (13.2.2015 for specified purposes, 1.4.2015 in so far as not already in operation) by Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 25), s. 254(1)(2), **Sch. 6 para. 81** (with s. 211); S.R. 2015/49, arts. 2, 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 (as amended (16.3.2016) by S.R. 2016/159, art. 2))

#### N.I.

F27

F27 1998 NI 10

**F27** 1998 NI 10

#### N.I.

The Industrial Court constituted under Article 91 of the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

#### N.I.

<sup>F28</sup>Social security appeal tribunals constituted under section 39 of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992.

**F28** prosp. in pt. rep. by 1998 NI 10

**F28** prosp. in pt. rep. by 1998 NI 10

#### N.I.

F29 Disability appeal tribunals constituted under section 41 of that Act.

**F29** prosp. in pt. rep. by 1998 NI 10

**F29** prosp. in pt. rep. by 1998 NI 10

#### N.I.

F30 Medical appeal tribunals constituted under section 48 of that Act.

**F30** prosp. in pt. rep. by 1998 NI 10

**F30** prosp. in pt. rep. by 1998 NI 10

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## N.I.

Registered Homes Tribunals constituted under Part V of the Registered Homes (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

## N.I.

[F31] Appeal tribunals constituted under Chapter I of Part II of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998.]

- **F31** 1998 NI 10
- **F31** 1998 NI 10

## N.I.

[F32] Adjudicators appointed under Article 7(1)(b) of the Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 F33.]

- F32 Sch. 3: entry relating to Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 inserted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 16, Sch. 19 para. 6(3) (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, art. 1(2)
- **F33** S.I. 2002/796 (N.I. 1).
- F32 Sch. 3: entry relating to Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 inserted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 16, Sch. 19 para. 6(3) (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, art. 1(2)
- **F33** S.I. 2002/796 (N.I. 1).

### N.I.

[F34Adjudicators appointed under Article 29(1) of the Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 F35.]

- F34 Sch. 3: entry relating to Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 inserted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 16, Sch. 19 para. 6(3) (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, art. 1(2)
- **F35** S.I. 2005/1964 (N.I. 14).
- F34 Sch. 3: entry relating to Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 inserted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 16, Sch. 19 para. 6(3) (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, art. 1(2)
- **F35** S.I. 2005/1964 (N.I. 14).

#### N.I.

[F36The Charity Tribunal for Northern Ireland established under section 12 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 F37.]

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- F36 Sch. 3: entry relating to Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 inserted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 16, Sch. 19 para. 6(3) (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, art. 1(2)
- **F37** 2008 c. 12 (N.I.).
- F36 Sch. 3: entry relating to Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 inserted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 16, Sch. 19 para. 6(3) (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, art. 1(2)
- **F37** 2008 c. 12 (N.I.).

#### N.I.

The tribunal established to adjudicate on claims under the scheme for compensation for loss of employment through civil unrest.

# SCHEDULE 4 N.I.

Article 10(1).

#### MATTERS NOT SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION

- 1. Action taken in matters certified by the head of a department to affect relations or dealings between the Government of Northern Ireland and any other Government.
- **2.** The commencement or conduct of any civil or criminal proceedings before any court of law in the United Kingdom, or of proceedings before any international court or tribunal.
- [F382A. Action taken by a member of the administrative staff of any court or tribunal who was appointed or assigned to serve as a member of that staff by the Department of Justice, so far as the action is taken at the direction, or on the authority (whether express or implied), of any person acting in a judicial capacity or in his capacity as a member of the tribunal.]
  - F38 Sch. 4 para. 2A inserted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 16, Sch. 19 para. 6(4) (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, art. 1(2)
- **3.** Action taken by any member of the administrative staff of a tribunal listed in Schedule 3, so far as that action is taken at the direction, or on the authority (whether express or implied), of any person acting in his capacity as a member of the tribunal.
  - 4. Action taken on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Services by—
    - (a) a health and social services board;
    - (b) a special health and social services agency;
    - (c) the Northern Ireland Central Services Agency for the Health and Social Services; or
    - (d) a [F39Health and Social Care trust].
  - **F39** Words in Order substituted (1.4.2009) by virtue of Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), ss. 32, 34(3), Sch. 6 para. 1(1)(c) (with Sch. 6 para. 1(3)); S.R. 2009/114, art. 2

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- **5.**—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), action taken in matters relating to contractual or other commercial transactions (whether in Northern Ireland or elsewhere) which are transactions of—
  - (a) a department or authority to which this Order applies; or
  - (b) any such body as is mentioned in Article 11(2).
  - (2) This paragraph does not apply to transactions for or relating to—
    - (a) the acquisition of land compulsorily or in circumstances in which it could be acquired compulsorily;
    - (b) the disposal as surplus of land acquired compulsorily or in circumstances in which it could have been acquired compulsorily.
- **6.**—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), action taken in respect of appointments or removals, pay, discipline, superannuation or other personnel matters in relation to—
  - (a) service in any office or employment under the Crown or under any authority to which this Order applies;
  - (b) service—

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- (i) in any office or employment; or
- (ii) under any contract for services,

in respect of which power to take action, or to determine or approve the action to be taken, in such matters is vested in any department or other authority to which this Order applies.

(2) This paragraph does not apply to service in the civil service of Northern Ireland in any department or other authority to which this Order applies.

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Schedule 5—Amendments

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