



Police Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 50

PART I U.K.

THE NATIONAL CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

The Service Authority

F¹1 The Service Authority for the National Criminal Intelligence Service. U.K.

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F¹2 General functions of the NCIS Service Authority and NCIS. U.K.

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F¹3 Objectives. U.K.

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F14 Service plans. U.K.

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F15 Annual reports. U.K.

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F16 Appointment of Director General. U.K.

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F17 Removal of Director General by the Authority. U.K.

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F18 Deputy Director General. U.K.

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F¹9 Members of NCIS. U.K.

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F¹9A Removal of certain members appointed under section 9 U.K.

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F¹11 Reports by Director General to the Authority. U.K.

Textual Amendments

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F¹12 Responsibility for co-ordination of police and Security Service activities. U.K.

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F13 Officers and employees. U.K.

Textual Amendments

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F14 Appointment of clerk. U.K.

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F15 Appointment of persons not employed by the NCIS Service Authority. U.K.

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F16 NCIS service fund. U.K.

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F¹16A Budget statement U.K.

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F¹17 Grants from the Secretary of State U.K.

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F¹17A Provision supplemental to section 17 U.K.

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F¹18A Financing by the Scottish Ministers U.K.

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F¹19 Charges. U.K.

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F120 Acceptance of gifts and loans. U.K.

Textual Amendments

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F121 Pensions and gratuities. U.K.

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F121A Accounts U.K.

Textual Amendments

- F1 Ss. 1-87 repealed (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), s. 178(8), Sch. 4 para. 95, Sch. 17 Pt. 2; S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), Sch. paras. 10, 13(dd) (with art. 4(2)(7))

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F123 Aid by and for NCIS. U.K.

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F¹24 Provision of special services. U.K.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 1-87 repealed (1.4.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\), s. 178\(8\), Sch. 4 para. 95, Sch. 17 Pt. 2; S.I. 2006/378, art. 4\(1\), Sch. paras. 10, 13\(dd\)](#) (with [art. 4\(2\)\(7\)](#))

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F¹25 General duty of the Secretary of State and the Scottish Ministers U.K.

Textual Amendments

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F¹26 Setting of objectives. U.K.

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F¹27 Setting of performance targets. U.K.

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F¹28 Codes of practice. U.K.

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F¹28A Codes of practice for Director General of NCIS U.K.

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F¹29 Removal of Director General etc. U.K.

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F¹30 Power to give directions to NCIS Service Authority U.K.

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F¹31 Reports from NCIS Service Authority. U.K.

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F¹31A Power to give directions as to action plans U.K.

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F¹31B Procedure for giving directions by the Secretary of State U.K.

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F¹31C Procedure for giving directions by the Scottish Ministers U.K.

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F¹32 Reports from Director General. U.K.

Textual Amendments

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F¹33 Criminal statistics. U.K.

Textual Amendments

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F¹34 Inquiries. U.K.

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F¹34A Regulations for NCIS U.K.

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F¹35 Regulations as to standard of equipment. U.K.

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F¹36 Common services. U.K.

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Discipline and complaints

F¹37 Discipline regulations. U.K.

Textual Amendments

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F¹38 Appeals. U.K.

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F¹39 Complaints. U.K.

Textual Amendments

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F¹40 Information as to the manner of dealing with complaints etc. U.K.

Textual Amendments

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F¹41 Arrangements for consultation. U.K.

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F¹42 Liability for wrongful acts of constables etc. U.K.

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F¹43 Causing disaffection. U.K.

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F¹44 Orders governing NCIS Service Authority. U.K.**Textual Amendments**

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F¹46 Interpretation of Part I. U.K.**Textual Amendments**

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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. 112(2A) inserted by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) s. 101](#)
- s. 112(2A) inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 93](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 93 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, ss. 79(1), 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 6; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(cc))
- s. 113(3)(e) words inserted by [S.S.I. 2006/50 art. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 113(3G) inserted by [2002 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 14](#)
- s. 113(3G) inserted by 2002 c. 32, Sch. 12 para. 14 (as extended) by [2003 asp 5 s. 12\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 113(3EA)(3EB) inserted by [S.I. 2003/417 \(N.I.\) art. 17\(4\)](#)
- s. 113(3EC)(3ED) inserted by [S.I. 2003/417 \(N.I.\) art. 47\(3\)](#)
- s. 113(4A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 35 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 113(4A) insertion by 2003 c. 44, Sch. 35 para. 3(3) extended to N.I. by [2005 c. 15 s. 167\(a\)](#)
- s. 113A(6A)-(6C) inserted by [2011 asp 1 s. 188\(b\)](#)
- s. 115(5)(ec) inserted by [2002 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 15\(2\)](#)
- s. 115(5)(ec) inserted by 2002 c. 32, Sch. 12 para. 15(2) (as extended) by [2003 asp 5 s. 12\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 115(5)(ga) inserted by [2001 c. 12 s. 21](#) (Amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 21 repealed (6.4.2006 for E.W.) by 2003 c. 44, Sch. 37 Pt. 11; S.I. 2006/751, art. 2(d))
- s. 115(6BB) inserted by [2002 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 15\(3\)](#)
- s. 115(6BB) inserted by 2002 c. 32, Sch. 12 para. 15(3) (as extended) by [2003 asp 5 s. 12\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 115(6EA) inserted by [S.I. 2003/417 \(N.I.\) art. 17\(5\)](#)
- s. 115(6EB) inserted by [S.I. 2003/417 \(N.I.\) art. 47\(4\)](#)
- s. 115(9A)(9B) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 35 para. 4\(5\)](#)
- s. 115(9A)(9B) insertion by 2003 c. 44, Sch. 35 para. 4(5) extended to N.I. by [2005 c. 15 s. 167\(a\)](#)
- s. 118(2ZA) inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 95](#)
- s. 118(2ZA) words substituted by [S.I. 2012/3006 art. 37\(j\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 118(2ZA) by 2009 c. 26, s. 95 is still prospective)
- s. 121(a) inserted by [2006 asp 10 s. 3\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 8A para. 34G inserted by [S.I. 2024/374 Sch. 5 para. 3](#)
- Sch. 8B para. 102(ea) inserted by [2023 c. 47 s. 3\(2\)](#)