
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Public Libraries (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1992

Service of statement of case, etc

5.—(1) The Secretary of State shall not later than 4 weeks after the relevant date, serve a statement of case on the library authority and on each person on whom the relevant notice was served and shall send to the appointed person a copy of such statement.

(2) Any person may serve on the Secretary of State and on the library authority and send to the appointed person a statement of case not later than 8 weeks after the relevant date and the Secretary of State shall not later than 7 days after receipt of the statement of case send a copy of such statement to each other person on whom the relevant notice was served. Where the person serving the statement of case is not a person on whom the relevant notice was served, the Secretary of State shall also send a copy of his statement of case to such person within 7 days of receipt of that person's statement of case or if he thinks fit give notice in writing to such person within such period stating the times and places at which he may inspect the statement of case and where practicable take copies of it.

(3) The appointed person may require any person who has served a statement of case in accordance with this rule to provide such further information about the matters concerned in the statement as he may specify.

(4) Any person serving a statement of case shall serve with it a copy of any document, or of the relevant part of any document, referred to in the written statement.

(5) The library authority shall afford to any person who so requests a reasonable opportunity to inspect and, when practicable, take copies of any statement of case or other document which, or a copy of which, has been served on them in accordance with any of the preceding paragraphs of this rule, and of their statement of case together with a copy of any document, or of the relevant part of any document, referred to in the list comprised in that statement or otherwise served by them pursuant to this rule; and shall specify in their statement of case the time and place at which the opportunity will be afforded.