

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1

#### THE NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN

##### *Eligibility*

5.—(1) A person is disqualified from being appointed as the Ombudsman if the person—

- (a) holds any other office,
- (b) holds employment, or
- (c) is a member of a body,

in respect of which remuneration or expenses are payable.

(2) A person who is the Ombudsman must not—

- (a) be appointed to any other office,
- (b) take employment, or
- (c) become a member of a body,

in respect of which remuneration or expenses are payable.

(3) This paragraph has no effect in relation to a particular office, employment or membership if—

- (a) the person gives notice of it to the Assembly Commission—
  - (i) before becoming Ombudsman, or
  - (ii) before being appointed to the office, taking the employment, or becoming the member, as the case may be, and
- (b) the Assembly Commission is of the opinion that the office, employment or membership would not compromise—
  - (i) the ability of the Ombudsman to discharge functions under this Act, and
  - (ii) the independence of the Ombudsman.

(4) But—

- (a) a person is not disqualified from being appointed as Ombudsman by virtue of being the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Ombudsman,

- (b) the Ombudsman is not prevented from being the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Ombudsman.