SCHEDULE 2

PART 2

Modification of Schedule 1 of the 1982 Act

Fees

15. For paragraph 15 (fees), substitute—

"15.—(1) A licensing authority may, subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), charge such reasonable fees as they may determine in respect of—

- (a) applications made to them under this schedule,
- (b) the issue of certified duplicate licences under paragraph 5(7),
- (c) their consideration of a material change of circumstances or in premises under paragraph 9 and their disposal of the matter,
- (d) the issue under paragraph 14 of certified true copies,
- (e) an inspection of premises following-
 - (i) a failure to comply with a licence condition, or
 - (ii) a complaint relating to the premises (unless the complaint is frivolous or vexatious).

(2) In determining the amount of the different fees under sub-paragraph (1), the licensing authority—

- (a) must seek to ensure that the total amount of fees receivable by the authority is sufficient to meet the expenses of the authority in exercising their functions under Parts I and II of this Act and this schedule,
- (b) may determine different fees for different purposes,
- (c) may take into account the following criteria—
 - (i) the size of the premises,
 - (ii) the number of bedrooms at the premises,
 - (iii) the number of guests who can reside at the premises,
 - (iv) the type of short-term let,
 - (v) the duration of the period for which the premises are made available for use as a short-term let, and
 - (vi) the extent to which the licence holder has complied with the conditions of the licence.
- (3) A licensing authority may provide for annual or other recurring fees.

(4) Where a local authority charges a fee in respect of an inspection, the licensing authority must—

- (a) produce a report of its finding to the licence holder within 28 days of the inspection, or
- (b) where a report is not provided within 28 days of the inspection, refund the fee charged to the licence holder.".