

SCHEDULES

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NORTHERN IRELAND LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION

Annual report

15.—(1) The Commission shall provide to the Lord Chancellor, as soon as possible after the end of each financial year, a report on how it has during that year—

- (a) funded civil legal services, and
- (b) funded criminal defence services, and
- (c) exercised its other functions.

(2) The Lord Chancellor may by direction require the Commission to deal with the matters specified in the direction in reports, or a particular report, under this paragraph.

(3) The Lord Chancellor shall lay before each House of Parliament a copy of each report provided to him under this paragraph and the Commission shall publish a report once it has been so laid.

(4) In this paragraph and paragraphs 16 and 17 “financial year” means —

- (a) the period beginning with the day on which the Commission is established and ending with the next 31st March, and
- (b) each subsequent period of twelve months ending with 31st March.