



Sex Discrimination Act 1975

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PART VI

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

53 Establishment and duties of Commission

- (1) There shall be a body of Commissioners named the Equal Opportunities Commission, consisting of at least eight but not more than fifteen individuals each appointed by the Secretary of State on a full-time or part-time basis, which shall have the following duties—
 - (a) to work towards the elimination of discrimination,
 - (b) to promote equality of opportunity between men and women generally, and
 - (c) to keep under review the working of this Act and the Equal Pay Act 1970 and, when they are so required by the Secretary of State or otherwise think it necessary, draw up and submit to the Secretary of State proposals for amending them.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall appoint—
 - (a) one of the Commissioners to be chairman of the Commission, and
 - (b) either one or two of the Commissioners (as the Secretary of State thinks fit) to be deputy chairman or deputy chairmen of the Commission.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsection (1) so far as it regulates the number of Commissioners.
- (4) Schedule 3 shall have effect with respect to the Commission.