



Race Relations Act 1976

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PART VII

THE COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

General

43 Establishment and duties of Commission

- (1) There shall be a body of Commissioners named the Commission for Racial Equality 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, and good relations, between persons of different racial groups generally; and
 - (c) to keep under review the working of this Act 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 it.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall appoint—
 - (a) one of the Commissioners to be chairman of the Commission ; and
 - (b) either one or more 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 1 shall have effect with respect to the Commission.
- (5) The Race Relations Board and the Community Relations Commission are hereby abolished.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

44 Assistance to organisations

- (1) The Commission may give financial or other assistance to any organisation appearing to the Commission to be concerned with the promotion of equality of opportunity, and good relations, between persons of different racial groups, but shall not give any such financial assistance out of money provided (through the Secretary of State) by Parliament except with the approval of the Secretary of State given with the consent of the Treasury.
- (2) Except in so far as other arrangements for their discharge are made and approved under paragraph 13 of Schedule 1—
 - (a) the Commission's functions under subsection (1); and
 - (b) other functions of the Commission in relation to matters connected with the giving of such financial or other assistance as is mentioned in that subsection,shall be discharged under the general direction of the Commission by a committee of the Commission consisting of at least three but not more than five Commissioners, of whom one shall be the deputy chairman or one of the deputy chairmen of the Commission.

45 Research and education

- (1) The Commission may undertake or assist (financially or otherwise) the undertaking by other persons of any research, and any educational activities, which appear to the Commission necessary or expedient for the purposes of section 43(1).
- (2) The Commission may make charges for educational or other facilities or services made available by them.

46 Annual reports

- (1) As soon as practicable after the end of each calendar year the Commission shall make to the Secretary of State a report on their activities during the year (an "annual report").
- (2) Each annual report shall include a general survey of developments, during the period to which it relates, in respect of matters falling within the scope of the Commission's functions.
- (3) The Secretary of State shall lay a copy of every annual report before each House of Parliament, and shall cause the report to be published.