



# Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 41

### PART I

#### THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

##### *Commission's general functions*

#### **10 Giving of advice and assistance.**

- (1) The Commission may, at the request of any relevant body, provide the body with advice and assistance as respects any matter in which the Commission have skill and experience.
- (2) The assistance which may be so provided includes (in particular) the secondment of members of the Commission's staff.
- (3) The Commission may also—
  - (a) provide advice and assistance to—
    - (i) registration officers,
    - (ii) returning officers at relevant elections,
    - (iii) registered parties,
    - (iv) recognised third parties within the meaning of Part VI, <sup>F1</sup>...
    - (v) permitted participants within the meaning of Part VII;
    - [<sup>F2</sup>(vi) petition officers in relation to recall petitions, and
    - (vii) accredited campaigners within the meaning of Schedule 3 to the Recall of MPs Act 2015 (see Part 5 of that Schedule);]
  - (b) provide advice and assistance to other persons which is incidental to, or otherwise connected with, the discharge by the Commission of their functions.
- (4) The Commission—

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- (a) may make charges for advice or assistance provided by them under subsection (1); but
  - (b) may not make charges for advice and assistance provided under subsection (3).
- (5) Nothing in this section authorises the Commission to provide any form of financial assistance.
- (6) In this section “relevant body” means—
- (a) the Scottish Parliament;
  - (b) the Scottish Executive;
  - (c) the National Assembly for Wales;
  - [<sup>F3</sup>(caa) the Welsh Ministers;]
  - [<sup>F4</sup>(ca) the National Assembly for Wales Commission;]
  - (d) the Northern Ireland Assembly;
  - (e) the Executive Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly;
  - (f) any of the following local authorities—
    - (i) in England, the council of a county, district or London borough,
    - (ii) in Wales, the council of a county or county borough, and
    - (iii) in Scotland, a council constituted under section 2 of the <sup>M1</sup>Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994;
  - (g) a national or regional parliament or government in a country other than the United Kingdom;
  - (h) a body in any such other country having functions corresponding to any of the functions of the Commission;
  - (i) an organisation of which two or more countries (or their governments) are members or a subordinate body of such an organisation.
- (7) In this section “relevant election” means any election falling within section 22(5) <sup>F5</sup>....
- <sup>F6</sup>(8) .....
- <sup>F6</sup>(9) .....
- <sup>F6</sup>(10) .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Word in s. 10(3)(a)(iv) omitted (4.3.2016) by virtue of [Recall of MPs Act 2015 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 24(3), [Sch. 6 para. 3\(7\)](#); [S.I. 2016/290](#), reg. 2

**F2** S. 10(3)(a)(vi)(vii) inserted (4.3.2016) by [Recall of MPs Act 2015 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 24(3), [Sch. 6 para. 3\(7\)](#); [S.I. 2016/290](#), reg. 2

**F3** S. 10(6)(caa) inserted after paragraph (c) by [The Government of Wales Act 2006 \(Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1388\)](#), art. 3, [Sch. 1 para. 95](#), the amending provision coming into force immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) -- see [ss. 46, 161\(5\)](#) of the [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\)](#) and art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.

**F4** S. 10(6)(ca) inserted by [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 160, [Sch. 10 para. 60](#) (with [Sch. 11 para. 22](#)), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to s. 161(4)(5) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended

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with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) -- see ss. 46, 161(1)(4)(5) of the amending Act.

- F5** Words in s. 10(7) repealed (S.) (29.6.2011) by [Local Electoral Administration \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(asp 10\)](#), [ss. 14\(2\), 21\(1\)](#); [S.S.I. 2011/277](#), art. 2(b)
- F6** S. 10(8)-(10) repealed (S.) (29.6.2011) by [Local Electoral Administration \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(asp 10\)](#), [ss. 14\(3\), 21\(1\)](#); [S.S.I. 2011/277](#), art. 2(b)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 10 applied (with modifications) (16.12.2010) by [The National Assembly for Wales Referendum \(Assembly Act Provisions\) \(Referendum Question, Date of Referendum Etc.\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/2837\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 5](#) Table

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**Commencement Information**

- II** S. 10 wholly in force at 16.2.2001; s. 10 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 163(2); s. 10 in force at 16.2.2001 by [S.I. 2001/222](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#))

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**Marginal Citations**

- M1** [1994 c. 39](#).

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 2(2A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 18\(1\)](#)
- s. 4A-4E and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 16](#)
- s. 4A(8)(b)(ii) omitted by [2024 asc 4 s. 10\(10\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 8(3)(d) inserted by [2011 c. 13 Sch. 10 para. 12](#)
- s. 13ZA and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 17\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(2ZA)-(2ZC) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 56(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(5\)](#)
- s. 56(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 56(3B) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 71H(3ZA) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 19](#)
- s. 71L(9A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) Sch. 1 para. 2 renumbered as Sch. 1 para. 2(1) by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(2) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) words inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) words omitted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 18\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 4 and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 17\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 8(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 2](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 2\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5)(aa) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7A para. 8(9A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 7A para. 9(10)(ba) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 4(3) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 7(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 4(3) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(3)(4) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 7\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 7(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 8](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 7\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(3) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30\(3\)](#)