



# Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

## 2005 CHAPTER 15

### PART 1

#### THE SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME AGENCY

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#### SOCA: ESTABLISHMENT AND ACTIVITIES

#### *Central supervision and direction*

VALID FROM 01/04/2006

## **16**      **Inspections**

- (1) Her Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary ("HMIC") must inspect SOCA from time to time.
- (2) HMIC must also inspect SOCA if requested to do so by the Secretary of State either—
  - (a) generally, or
  - (b) in respect of a particular matter.
- (3) Before requesting an inspection that would fall to be carried out wholly or partly in Scotland, the Secretary of State must consult the Scottish Ministers.
- (4) Any inspection under this section must be carried out jointly by HMIC and the Scottish inspectors—
  - (a) if it is carried out wholly in Scotland, or

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- (b) in a case where it is carried out partly in Scotland, to the extent that it is carried out there.
- (5) Following an inspection under this section, HMIC must report to the Secretary of State on the efficiency and effectiveness of SOCA either—
  - (a) generally, or
  - (b) in the case of an inspection under subsection (2)(b), in respect of the matter to which the inspection related.
- (6) A report under subsection (5) must be in such form as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (7) The Secretary of State must arrange for every report which he receives under subsection (5) to be published in such manner as he considers appropriate.
- (8) The Secretary of State may exclude from publication under subsection (7) any part of a report if, in his opinion, the publication of that part—
  - (a) would be against the interests of national security, or
  - (b) could prejudice the prevention or detection of crime or the apprehension or prosecution of offenders, or
  - (c) might jeopardise the safety of any person.
- (9) The Secretary of State must send a copy of the published report—
  - (a) to SOCA, and
  - (b) if subsection (4) applied to the inspection, to the Scottish Ministers.
- (10) SOCA must—
  - (a) prepare comments on the published report, and
  - (b) arrange for its comments to be published in such manner as it considers appropriate.
- (11) SOCA must send a copy of any document published under subsection (10)(b)—
  - (a) to the Secretary of State, and
  - (b) if subsection (4) applied to the inspection, to the Scottish Ministers.
- (12) The inspectors shall carry out such other duties for the purpose of furthering the efficiency and effectiveness of SOCA as the Secretary of State may from time to time direct.
- (13) In this section “the Scottish inspectors” means the inspectors of constabulary appointed under section 33(1) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967 (c. 77).

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