



# Northern Ireland Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 17

### **2 Selection of persons to be Ministers on restoration of devolved government**

- (1) Schedule 2 shall have effect if (and only if) the Secretary of State—
  - (a) is satisfied that each of the following conditions is met, and
  - (b) being so satisfied, notifies the presiding officer or any deputy presiding officer of the Assembly, before 25th November 2006, that he intends to make a restoration order in accordance with Schedule 2 on the date specified in the notification.
- (2) Condition 1 is that the Assembly has elected from among its members—
  - (a) a person to hold the office of First Minister, and
  - (b) a person to hold the office of deputy First Minister,on the coming into force of a restoration order.
- (3) Condition 2 is that persons have been nominated from among the members of the Assembly to hold each of the Ministerial offices on the coming into force of a restoration order.
- (4) Condition 3 is that each of the persons elected or nominated under this section has affirmed the terms of the pledge of office in respect of the office for which he has been elected or nominated.
- (5) Schedule 3 shall have effect if (and only if) the Secretary of State does not give the notification mentioned in subsection (1) before 25th November 2006.
- (6) In this section “the Ministerial offices” means the Ministerial offices provided for by the determination under section 17(1) of the 1998 Act (Northern Ireland Ministers) having effect immediately before the most recent suspension of the Northern Ireland Assembly by virtue of section 1 of the 2000 Act.
- (7) The following provisions of the 2000 Act are subject to this section—
  - (a) section 1(4), and
  - (b) paragraph 5 of the Schedule.