



Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007

2007 CHAPTER 6

Human Rights Commission

17 **Investigations: terms of reference**

- (1) After section 69C of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (inserted by section 16 above) insert—

“69D Investigations: terms of reference

- (1) A power under section 69A(1) or 69C(1) may be used in relation to an investigation only if the Commission has—
- (a) prepared terms of reference for the investigation in advance, and
 - (b) sent a copy of the terms of reference to—
 - (i) any person identified in them,
 - (ii) a person responsible for any place of detention specified in them, and
 - (iii) any other person whom the Commission thinks may be affected by the investigation.
- (2) Terms of reference must specify a period within which the investigation must be concluded.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not prevent the Commission from commencing (in accordance with this Part) a new investigation of matters arising out of, or incompletely considered in, an earlier investigation.”