



# Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

## 2012 CHAPTER 9

### PART 1

#### REGULATION OF BIOMETRIC DATA

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##### DESTRUCTION, RETENTION AND USE OF FINGERPRINTS ETC.

##### *The Commissioner for the Retention and Use of Biometric Material*

#### **21 Reports by Commissioner**

- (1) The Commissioner must make a report to the Secretary of State about the carrying out of the Commissioner's functions as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of—
  - (a) the period of 9 months beginning when this section comes into force, and
  - (b) every subsequent 12 month period.
- (2) The Commissioner may also, at any time, make such report to the Secretary of State on any matter relating to the Commissioner's functions as the Commissioner considers appropriate.
- (3) The Secretary of State may at any time require the Commissioner to report on any matter relating to the Commissioner's functions.
- (4) On receiving a report from the Commissioner under this section, the Secretary of State must—
  - (a) publish the report, and
  - (b) lay a copy of the published report before Parliament.
- (5) The Secretary of State may, after consultation with the Commissioner, exclude from publication any part of a report under this section if, in the opinion of the Secretary of

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State, the publication of that part would be contrary to the public interest or prejudicial to national security.

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** [S. 21](#) in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

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