

## Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Act 2019

## **2019 CHAPTER 27**

The Sponsor Body and the Delivery Authority

## 4 Relationship between the Sponsor Body and the Delivery Authority

- (1) The Sponsor Body and the Delivery Authority must enter into an agreement ("the programme delivery agreement") containing—
  - (a) a statement of the strategic objectives of the Parliamentary building works, as determined by the Sponsor Body under section 2(2)(a);
  - (b) provision about the review of the Delivery Authority's activities by the Sponsor Body;
  - (c) provision about how, and in what circumstances, the Sponsor Body may intervene in relation to the performance by the Delivery Authority of its duties under section 3(4) where the Sponsor Body considers that the Delivery Authority is not performing those duties effectively and efficiently.
- (2) The provision referred to in subsection (1)(b) includes provision for the Sponsor Body or any person authorised by it—
  - (a) to inspect documents in the Delivery Authority's possession, and
  - (b) to interview any member of the Delivery Authority's staff.
- (3) The programme delivery agreement may contain provision about such other matters relating to the Parliamentary building works as the Sponsor Body and the Delivery Authority consider appropriate.
- (4) If the Delivery Authority and the Sponsor Body fail to reach agreement in relation to a relevant matter, the Delivery Authority or the Sponsor Body (or both) may refer the difference between them to the House Commissions.
- (5) "Relevant matter" means—
  - (a) a matter required by subsection (1)(b) or (c) to be included in the programme delivery agreement, or

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- (b) a matter to be included in that agreement by virtue of subsection (3).
- (6) Where the House Commissions settle a difference referred to them under subsection (4)—
  - (a) their decision is binding on the Sponsor Body and the Delivery Authority, and
  - (b) the programme delivery agreement is to be treated as reflecting that decision.
- (7) The programme delivery agreement may be varied by agreement between the Sponsor Body and the Delivery Authority (and subsections (4) to (6) also apply in relation to any failure to agree a variation of a relevant matter).