

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 2

#### IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT: NORTHERN IRELAND

##### PART 1

###### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

###### *Annual reports on environmental improvement plans*

- 2 (1) The Department must prepare annual reports on the implementation of the current environmental improvement plan.
- (2) An annual report must—
- (a) describe what has been done, in the period to which the report relates, to implement the environmental improvement plan, and
  - (b) consider, having regard to any data obtained under paragraph 5, whether the natural environment has, or particular aspects of it have, improved during that period.
- (3) Annual reports on an environmental improvement plan must relate to—
- (a) the 12 month period beginning with the day on which the plan is published, and
  - (b) each subsequent 12 month period.
- (4) An annual report must be laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly before the end of the 4 month period beginning immediately after the last day of the period to which the report relates.
- (5) The Department must publish annual reports laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly under this paragraph.