



Environment Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 30

PART 1

ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

CHAPTER 2

THE OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Office for Environmental Protection

27 Co-operation duties of public authorities and the OEP

- (1) A person whose functions include functions of a public nature must co-operate with the OEP, and give it such reasonable assistance as it requests (including the provision of information), in connection with the exercise of its functions under this Act.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to—
 - (a) a court or tribunal,
 - (b) either House of Parliament,
 - (c) a devolved legislature,
 - (d) the Scottish Ministers [^{F1}or the Welsh Ministers],
 - (e) a person exercising a parliamentary function, or
 - (f) a person whose only public functions are [^{F2}Scottish devolved functions or Welsh devolved functions].
- (3) A person whose public functions include [^{F3}Scottish devolved functions or Welsh devolved functions] is only required to co-operate with the OEP by virtue of subsection (1) to the extent that co-operation is in relation to functions that are not [^{F3}Scottish devolved functions or Welsh devolved functions].

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[^{F4}(3A) An implementation body is only required to co-operate with the OEP by virtue of subsection (1) to the extent that co-operation is in relation to functions of that body exercisable in or as regards Northern Ireland.

In this subsection “implementation body” has the meaning it has in section 55 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (see subsection (3) of that section).]

(4) If the OEP considers that a particular exercise of its functions may be relevant to the exercise of a devolved environmental governance function by a devolved environmental governance body, the OEP must consult that body.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 27(2)(d) substituted (28.2.2022) by [Environment Act 2021 \(c. 30\)](#), s. 147(6)(7), [Sch. 3 para. 25\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 144); S.R. 2022/54, art. 2(1)(a)
- F2** Words in s. 27(2)(f) substituted (28.2.2022) by [Environment Act 2021 \(c. 30\)](#), s. 147(6)(7), [Sch. 3 para. 25\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 144); S.R. 2022/54, art. 2(1)(a)
- F3** Words in s. 27(3) substituted (28.2.2022) by [Environment Act 2021 \(c. 30\)](#), s. 147(6)(7), [Sch. 3 para. 25\(3\)](#) (with s. 144); S.R. 2022/54, art. 2(1)(a)
- F4** S. 27(3A) inserted (28.2.2022) by [Environment Act 2021 \(c. 30\)](#), s. 147(6)(7), [Sch. 3 para. 25\(4\)](#) (with s. 144); S.R. 2022/54, art. 2(1)(a)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 27 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 147\(3\)](#)
- I2** S. 27 in force at 24.1.2022 by [S.I. 2022/48](#), [reg. 2\(e\)](#)

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