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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1991 No. 1247**

**The Family Proceedings Rules 1991**

**PART II**

**MATRIMONIAL CAUSES**

*Decrees and orders*

**Application under section 10(2) of Act of 1973**

**2.45.**—(1) An application by a respondent to a petition for divorce for the court to consider the financial position of the respondent after the divorce shall be made by notice in Form M12.

(2) Where a petitioner is served with a notice in Form M 1 2, then unless he has already filed an affidavit under rule 2.58(2) he shall, within 14 days after service of the notice upon him, file an affidavit in answer to the application containing full particulars of his property and income and, in default, the court may order him to do so.

(3) Within 14 days after service upon him of any affidavit under paragraph (2) or within such other time as the court may fix, the respondent shall file an affidavit in reply containing full particulars of his property and income, unless already given in an affidavit filed by him under rule 2.58(3).

(4) The powers of the court on hearing the application may be exercised by the district judge.

(5) Where the petitioner has relied on the fact of two or five years' separation and the court has granted a decree nisi without making any finding as to any other fact mentioned in section 1(2) of the Act of 1973, the proper officer shall fix an appointment for the hearing; and rules 2.62(3) to (7) and 10.10 shall apply as if the application were an application for ancillary relief.

(6) A statement of any of the matters mentioned in section 10(3) of the Act of 1973 with respect to which the court is satisfied, or, where the court has proceeded under section 10(4), a statement that the conditions for which that subsection provides have been fulfilled, shall be entered in the records of the court.