



# **Assembly Members (Independent Financial Review and Standards) Act (Northern Ireland) 2011**

## CHAPTER 17

### ASSEMBLY MEMBERS (INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL REVIEW AND STANDARDS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011

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1. The following persons are disqualified from being appointed or serving...
2. For the purposes of paragraph 1(c), a person becomes a...
3. In this Schedule— “civil partner” has the same meaning as...

SCHEDULE 2 — PANEL: ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

*Terms and conditions*

1. Subject to sections 4 and 6, the Commission shall determine...

*Administrative support and accommodation*

2. (1) The Commission shall provide the Panel, or ensure that...

*Funding*

3. The Commission shall— (a) pay such sums as are payable...

SCHEDULE 3 — DISQUALIFICATION FROM BEING APPOINTED OR SERVING AS THE COMMISSIONER

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2. For the purposes of paragraph 1(c), a person becomes a...
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#### SCHEDULE 4 — COMMISSIONER: FURTHER PROVISION

##### *Terms and conditions*

1. The terms and conditions of appointment applicable to the Commissioner...

##### *Documents*

2. (1) The application of the seal of the Commissioner is...

##### *Support and accommodation*

3. (1) The Commission shall provide the Commissioner with such administrative...

##### *Goods and services*

4. (1) The Commissioner may, on such terms as the Commissioner...

##### *General Powers*

5. The Commissioner may do anything (except borrow money or employ...

##### *Financial Prudence*

6. (1) The Commissioner shall, in relation to any liability which...

##### *Annual Report*

7. The Commissioner shall, as soon as practicable after the end...

##### *Financial Information*

8. The Commissioner shall provide the Commission with such information about...

##### *Funding*

9. The Commission shall— (a) pay such sums as are payable...

##### *Validity of actions*

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## SCHEDULE 5 — CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

### *The Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (NI 12)*

1. In Part 1 of Schedule 1 to that Order, after...

### *The Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 7)*

2. In Schedule 2 to the Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland)...

### *The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36)*

3. In Part 7 of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of...

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