



2011 CHAPTER 17

PART 2

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY  
COMMISSIONER FOR STANDARDS

*Investigations*

**Investigations by the Commissioner**

25. The Commissioner shall determine the procedure for and timing of—
- (a) any specific investigation; and
  - (b) the report to the Assembly on the outcome of that investigation.

**Further investigations**

26. Following receipt of a report from the Commissioner the Assembly may request the Commissioner to carry out such further investigation as may be specified in the request, and the Commissioner shall report to the Assembly—
- (a) on the outcome of the further investigation; or
  - (b) that on considering the request the Commissioner has concluded that the further investigation would be unnecessary and the reasons for that conclusion.

**Reports**

- 27.—(1) A report made by the Commissioner under this Part may not include any specific recommendation for the imposition of a sanction on a member of the

Assembly but may otherwise make such recommendations as the Commissioner thinks fit.

(2) A report made by the Commissioner under this Part shall be in writing.

(3) The Assembly shall publish a report made by the Commissioner under this Part as soon as reasonably practicable after—

(a) receipt of the report; or

(b) if later, receipt of a report under section 26 which relates to the same matter under investigation and which is not followed by a further request under that section.

(4) The Assembly is not bound by the facts found, nor the conclusions reached, by the Commissioner in any report.