

## SCHEDULE 4

### Decisions and Appeals

9. In regulation 1(2) of the Child Support Departure Direction and Consequential Amendments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(1) (interpretation)—

(a) after the definition of “departure direction application form” there shall be inserted the following definition—

““designated authority” has the meaning it has in regulation 1(2) of the Social Security (Work-focused Interviews) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001;”;

(b) for the definition of “official error”(2) there shall be substituted the following definition—

““official error” means an error made by—

(a) an officer of the Department acting as such which no person outside the Department caused or to which no person outside the Department materially contributed;

(b) a person employed by a designated authority acting on behalf of the authority, which no person outside that authority caused or to which no person outside that authority materially contributed,

but excludes any error of law which is only shown to have been an error by virtue of a subsequent decision of a Child Support Commissioner or the court;”.

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(1) S.R. 1996 No. 541; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1999 No. 167 and S.R. 2000 No. 215

(2) Definition of “official error” was inserted by regulation 3(2)(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 167 and amended by regulation 5(2) of S.R. 2000 No. 215