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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2006 No. 439**

**The Equality Act (Sexual Orientation)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006**

**Power to conduct formal investigations**

**30.**—(1) Without prejudice to its general power to do anything requisite for the performance of its duties under regulation 27, the Commission may if it thinks fit, and shall if required by the Department, conduct a formal investigation for any purpose connected with the carrying out of those duties.

(2) The Commission may, with the approval of the Department, appoint, on a full time or part-time basis, one or more individuals as additional Commissioners for the purpose of a formal investigation.

(3) The Commission may nominate one or more Commissioners, with or without one or more additional Commissioners, to conduct a formal investigation on its behalf, and may delegate any of its functions in relation to the investigation to the persons so nominated.