



# Official Secrets Act 1989

## CHAPTER 6

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##### SCHEDULE 1 — Consequential Amendments

- 1 In each of the following provisions— (a) section 11(2)(b) of...
- 2 In section 22(6) of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act...
- 3 .....
- 4 Any provision in a public service pension scheme (within the...

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## SCHEDULE 2 — Repeals and Revocation

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 10(2) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 39](#)