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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1

#### THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

##### *Five-year plan*

- 15 (1) When the Commission submit to the Speaker's Committee such an estimate as is mentioned in paragraph 14 [<sup>F1</sup>in respect of the first financial year to begin after the day on which Parliament meets for the first time following a parliamentary general election,] the Commission shall also submit to the Committee a plan prepared by the Commission setting out the Commission's—
- (a) aims and objectives for the period of five years beginning with the financial year to which the estimate relates, and
  - (b) estimated requirements for resources during that five-year period.
- [<sup>F2</sup>(1A) The Speaker's Committee may require the Commission to submit a plan under subparagraph (1) when the Commission submit such an estimate as is mentioned in paragraph 14 in respect of a financial year other than one mentioned in that subparagraph.]
- (2) The Speaker's Committee shall—
- (a) examine each plan submitted to them;
  - (b) decide whether they are satisfied that the plan is consistent with the economical, efficient and effective discharge by the Commission of their functions; and
  - (c) if they are not so satisfied, shall make such modifications to the plan as they consider appropriate for the purpose of achieving such consistency.
- (3) Before deciding whether they are so satisfied or making any such modifications, the Speaker's Committee shall—
- (a) have regard to the most recent report made to them by the Comptroller and Auditor General under paragraph 16 and to any recommendations contained in that report; and
  - (b) consult the Treasury and have regard to any advice which the Treasury may give.
- (4) The Speaker's Committee shall, after concluding their examination and making their modifications (if any) to the plan, lay the plan before the House of Commons.
- (5) If the Speaker's Committee, in the discharge of their functions under this paragraph—
- (a) do not follow any recommendation contained in the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General,
  - (b) do not follow any advice given to them by the Treasury, or
  - (c) make any modification to the plan,

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they shall include in the next report which they make to the House of Commons under paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 a statement of their reasons for so doing.

[<sup>F3</sup>(6) A plan prepared under this paragraph must not include aims, objectives or estimated requirements for the exercise of the Commission's functions in relation to devolved Welsh elections and devolved Welsh referendums (as to which, see paragraph 16B).]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Sch. 1 para. 15(1) inserted (1.1.2016) by [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\), ss. 94\(3\), 115\(7\); S.I. 2015/1732, art. 3\(b\)](#)
- F2** Sch. 1 para. 15(1A) inserted (1.1.2016) by [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\), ss. 94\(4\), 115\(7\); S.I. 2015/1732, art. 3\(b\)](#)
- F3** Sch. 1 para. 15(6) inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\), s. 42\(3\)\(b\), Sch. 2 para. 14\(3\); S.I. 2020/1052, art. 2\(b\)](#)

#### *Five-year plan: devolved Scottish elections*

[<sup>F4</sup>15A(1) At the same time as the Commission submit to the Speaker's Committee a plan under paragraph 15(1), the Commission must also submit the plan to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (in this paragraph, the “SPCB”).

- (2) The SPCB—
- (a) must examine each plan submitted to it in so far as the plan relates to the Commission's devolved Scottish functions,
  - (b) must decide whether it is satisfied that the plan is consistent with the economical, efficient and effective discharge by the Commission of their devolved Scottish functions, and
  - (c) if it is not so satisfied, may recommend such modifications to the plan as it considers appropriate for the purpose of achieving such consistency.
- (3) The SPCB must, after concluding its examination and making its recommendations (if any) under sub-paragraph (2) in relation to a plan—
- (a) report to the Speaker's Committee on its findings and its recommendations (if any), and
  - (b) as soon as reasonably practicable after the plan is laid by the Speaker's Committee under paragraph 15(4)—
    - (i) lay the plan before the Scottish Parliament, and
    - (ii) if the SPCB made any recommendations for modifications to the plan under sub-paragraph (2), lay before the Scottish Parliament a document describing its reasons for making the recommendations.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F4** Sch. 1 para. 15A inserted (S.) (1.10.2020) by [Scottish Elections \(Reform\) Act 2020 \(asp 12\), ss. 17\(2\), 35; S.S.I. 2020/278, reg. 2, sch.](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 2(2A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 18\(1\)](#)
- s. 4A-4E and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 16](#)
- s. 8(3)(d) inserted by [2011 c. 13 Sch. 10 para. 12](#)
- s. 13ZA and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 17\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(2ZA)-(2ZC) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 56(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(5\)](#)
- s. 56(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 56(3B) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 71H(3ZA) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 19](#)
- s. 71L(9A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) Sch. 1 para. 2 renumbered as Sch. 1 para. 2(1) by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(2) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) words inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) words omitted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 18\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 4 and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 17\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 8(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 2](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 2\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5)(aa) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7A para. 8(9A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 7A para. 9(10)(ba) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 4(3) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 7(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 4(3) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(3)(4) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 7\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 7(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 8](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 7\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(3) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30\(3\)](#)