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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Schedule 14: the Judicial Appointments Commission: relevant functions and offices

Section 96: Effect of acceptance of selection

305. Section 96 allows the Commission to perform health checks on successful candidates for appointment, if the Lord Chancellor requires, and to report the results to the Lord Chancellor. If the checks are satisfactory the Lord Chancellor will appoint or recommend for appointment the person selected. If for any reason the Lord Chancellor rejects the candidate on health grounds he must consult the Lord Chief Justice. Selections can also be disregarded where the candidate does not accept an appointment when it is offered or is not available within a reasonable time to take up post.