

EDUCATION AND INSPECTIONS ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Part 8 – Inspections

Chapter 1 – The Office and the Chief Inspector

Schedule 11: The Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills

532. *Schedule 11* sets out in detail how the Office will be constituted: that it will comprise a chairman and between 5 and 10 members (all to be appointed by the Secretary of State) and the Chief Inspector. The Schedule contains further detail about the terms of appointment of the chairman and members other than the Chief Inspector, including provision for their remuneration and the payment of pensions, allowances and gratuities – all to be determined by the Secretary of State. See *Schedule 12* for further provision about the Chief Inspector.
533. *Paragraph 6* enables the Office to employ staff, with this power to be exercisable only by the Chief Inspector on behalf of the Office. The Chief Inspector will be responsible for the management of staff, and will set conditions of service subject to approval of the Minister for the Civil Service. *Paragraph 12* enables the Office to enter into contracts and acquire property but again these powers are to be exercisable only by the Chief Inspector on behalf of the Office, and he will be responsible for the management of any property and accommodation.
534. The Schedule also contains provisions for the procedural operation of the Office and the exercise of its functions. These include powers to establish committees and sub-committees and to regulate its proceedings.