



# Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007

## 2007 CHAPTER 6

*Powers: supplementary*

### 40 Review

- (1) The Secretary of State shall appoint a person (“the reviewer”) to review—
  - (a) the operation of sections 21 to 32, and
  - (b) the procedures adopted by the General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland (“GOC”) for receiving, investigating and responding to complaints.
- (2) The reviewer shall conduct a review as soon as is reasonably practicable after—
  - (a) 31st July 2008, and
  - (b) each subsequent 31st July.
- (3) The reviewer shall comply with any request of the Secretary of State to include in a review specified matters (which need not relate to the matters specified in subsection (1)(a) and (b)).
- (4) The reviewer shall send the Secretary of State a report of each review.
- (5) The Secretary of State shall lay a copy of each report before Parliament.
- (6) The reviewer—
  - (a) shall receive and investigate any representations about the procedures mentioned in subsection (1)(b),
  - (b) may investigate the operation of those procedures in relation to a particular complaint or class of complaints,
  - (c) may require GOC to review a particular case or class of cases in which the reviewer considers that any of those procedures have operated inadequately, and

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- (d) may make recommendations to GOC about inadequacies in those procedures, including inadequacies in the way in which they operate in relation to a particular complaint or class of complaints.
- (7) GOC shall—
- (a) provide such information,
  - (b) disclose such documents, and
  - (c) provide such assistance,
- as the Independent Assessor may reasonably require for the purpose of the performance of his functions.
- (8) The Secretary of State may pay expenses and allowances to the reviewer, out of money provided by Parliament.