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*Dear John,*

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### UPDATING OF SCHEDULE 1 TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DISQUALIFICATION ACT 1975

Schedule 1 to the above Act lists the offices whose holders are disqualified for membership of the House of Commons. The Schedule was last updated in May 1984. Since then discussions at official level have brought to light 51 amendments. We should like to be in a position to submit the relevant documents to the Privy Council meeting planned for 31 July, and to put a Resolution and amending Order before Parliament later this month, to be debated early in July.

The question of which offices disqualify for membership of the Commons is a matter for the 'sponsor' Minister, but my department is responsible for the maintenance of the Act and Barney Hayhoe, as spokesman on Civil Service matters in the Commons, will be seeing the Order through the House.

An extraordinarily large number of people - some 1.2 million - are currently disqualified by the Act from membership of the Commons. My department was therefore asked, a couple of years ago, to carry out a major review of the Act and the general issue of disqualification. We decided against the publication of the review's report because we saw no need for any substantial changes in the legislation and were concerned that publication could encourage the House to want a major review of the legislation and associated controversial matters like the disqualification of the clergy. (Instead we placed a 'Factual Analysis' of the Act in the House Libraries). But the review did highlight a number of inconsistencies particularly in relation to the 'de minimis'



rule, whereby paid offices in the gift of the Crown or Ministers attracting remuneration of less than £4,000 per annum need not be included in the Schedule and the treatment of members of Boards and Non-Departmental Public Bodies. Officials have paid special attention to these questions this year, hence the large number of amendments - 51 as compared with 20 last year.

In addition to the 'de minimis' rule the other administrative criteria which are normally applied in deciding whether an office should disqualify are:-

- certain positions of control in companies in receipt of Government grants and funds to which Ministers usually, though not necessarily, make nominations;
- offices imposing duties which, with regard to time and place, would prevent their holders from fulfilling Parliamentary duties satisfactorily, ie they would take up too much time or otherwise prevent an MP from attending Parliament;
- offices whose holders are required to be, or to be seen to be, politically impartial.

Where only the last two criteria are relevant it is often possible to cover these in the office holder's terms and conditions of appointment rather than in a statutory disqualification. Since our aim must be to keep the number of people disqualified to a minimum I am keen that we should do this wherever possible.

My purpose in writing to you and other colleagues is:

- (a) to seek your agreement generally to updating the Schedule to the Act before the end of the current Session;
- (b) subject to any comments from colleagues, to agree that we should proceed with the drafting of the necessary Order in Council and resolution, and that I should instruct Parliamentary Counsel for that purpose;
- (c) to seek confirmation from colleagues concerned that the amendments proposed by their Departments - see Annex A - are necessary and will not affect the position of any sitting MP or MEP;
- (d) to seek confirmation from other colleagues that they have no amendments, additions or deletions that they wish to see made.

We undertook during the February 1982 debate to ensure that in future each proposed amendment would be supported by an



explanatory note on the origin and effect of the amendment so that the House knows what it is voting on. I attach at Annex B draft explanatory notes for each amendment and should be grateful for any comments that sponsor Ministers may have. As last year, we propose to draw MPs' attention to the existence of the note by means of a written PQ, making copies available from the Vote Office.

I am copying this letter to all members of the Cabinet.

Yours,  
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## SCHEDULE

### AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE 1 TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DISQUALIFICATION ACT 1975

#### PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 1

##### Additional entry

1. There shall be inserted at the appropriate place:-

"Special Commissioners of Income Tax."

##### Entry omitted

2. The following entry shall be omitted:-

"Umpire or Deputy Umpire appointed for the purposes of section 43 of the National Service Act 1948" .

#### PART II OF SCHEDULE 1

##### Additional entries

3. There shall be inserted at the appropriate places:-

The Dairy Produce Quotas Tribunal

The National Development Team for Mentally Handicapped People

##### Entries omitted

4. The following entries shall be omitted:-

"The Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations

The Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland

The Health and Safety Commission



The Home-Grown Cereals Authority

The Land Authority for Wales

The Manpower Services Commission

The National Dock Labour Board

The Northern Ireland Tourist Board

The Police Complaints Board

The Red Deer Commission

The Welsh Development Agency".

### PART III OF SCHEDULE 1

#### Additional entries

5. There shall be inserted at the appropriate places:-

"Chairman of the Business and Technician Education Council.

Chairman of the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas.

Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of the Crown Agents for  
Oversea Governments and Administrations

Chairman of the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland


Chairman of the Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland

Chairman of the Health and Safety Commission

Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority

Chairman or Director of International Military Services Limited





Chairman of the Land Authority for Wales

Chairman of the Manpower Services Commission

Chairman of the Board of the National Advisory Body for Local Authority  
Higher Education

Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the National Dock Labour Board

Chairman of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board

Chairman of the Northern Ireland Training Authority

Chairman of the Red Deer Commission

Chairman of Social Security Appeal Tribunals and Medical Appeal Tribunals  
for Northern Ireland

Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of the Welsh Development  
Agency

Commons Commissioners

Government Appointed Directors of British Telecommunications plc

Government appointed director of any company receiving financial assistance  
under section 5 of the Films Act 1985.

Member of a panel of persons appointed to act as Chairman of Social  
Security Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland

Any member of the Trinity House Lighthouse Board nominated by the  
Secretary of State

President of Social Security Appeals Tribunals and Medical Appeal Tribunals  
for Northern Ireland."



## Entries omitted

### 6. The following entries shall be omitted:-

"Chairman of an Appeal Tribunal constituted in accordance with Schedule 4 to the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, or Senior Chairman in relation to such a tribunal.

Chairman of a Local Tribunal constituted under section 97(2) of, and Schedule 10 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975.

Constable, Lieutenant or Major of the Tower of London

Director of ICL Public Limited Company nominated or appointed by a Minister of the Crown or government department.

Director of International Military Services Limited."

Levy Exemption Referee for the purposes of the Industrial Training Act 1982.

## Other amendments

7. -
- (1) In the entry "Chairman of a committee constituted under section 90 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960" for "90" there shall be substituted "91", and for "1960" there shall be substituted "1984".
  - (2) In the entry "Chairman or Vice Chairman of the National Seed Development Organisation Limited" the words "or Vice Chairman" shall be omitted.
  - (3) In the entry "Director of Harland and Wolff Limited" for "Limited" there shall be substituted "PLC".
  - (4) In the entry "Director of Short Brothers Limited" for "Limited" there shall be substituted "PLC".



- (5) In the entry "Member of the panel of persons appointed under Schedule 5 to the Rent (Scotland) Act 1971 to act as chairmen and other members of rent assessment committees" for "5" there shall be substituted "4" and for "1971" there shall be substituted "1984".
- (6) In the entry "President", or member of a panel of chairmen, of industrial tribunals established under section 13 of the Industrial Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1964 for "section 13" there shall be substituted "article 30", and for "Act (Northern Ireland) 1964" there shall be substituted "(NI)Order 1984".
- (7) In the entry "Registrar or Assistant Registrar appointed under section 18 or section 19 of the County Courts Act 1959" for "18 or section 19" there shall be substituted "6 or section 7", and for "1959" there shall be substituted "1984".



**PART I - JUDICIAL OFFICERS****Additional entry****1. New entry: Special Commissioners of Income Tax**

Special Commissioners are full-time judicial officers appointed under Schedule 22 to the Finance Act 1984 by the Lord Chancellor. The Presiding Commissioner receives £33,000 per year and the other Commissioners £28,500.

The proposed entry will bring 5 office-holders into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Lord Chancellor's Department.

**Entry omitted****2. Entry to be deleted: Umpire or Deputy Umpire appointed for the purposes of the National Service Act 1948.**

The National Service Act 1948 has been repealed and the relevant Act is now the Reserve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) Act 1985. For the purposes of hearing appeals from Committees under section 9 of that Act, Her Majesty may appoint an umpire and one or more deputy umpires. These offices are salaried; the salaries being paid from public funds.

There have been no appointments to these offices for some years. If it became necessary to make an appointment disqualification could be applied administratively until such time as an entry could again be included in the Schedule.

The deletion nominally removes 1 umpire and at least 1 deputy umpire from the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of Employment.



## **PART II - BODIES OF WHICH ALL MEMBERS ARE DISQUALIFIED**

### **Additional entries**

#### **3. New entry: The Dairy Produce Quotas Tribunal**

The Tribunal was set up by "The Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations 1984".

The Chairman and Members are appointed by Ministers. The Chairman is paid a salary by the VAT Commission, if he received fees to would be entitled to receive between £18,000 and £30,000. Members receive between £6,000 and £18,000 in fees per annum depending on the numbers of days worked.

The proposed new entry will bring 31 office-holders into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

#### **4. New entry: The National Development Team for Mentally Handicapped People**

The Development Team was set up by administrative action in February 1975.

Members are appointed by the Secretary of State. The Director is paid £17,268 per annum and the Associate Directors £13,352-£14,506. The need to disqualify has only recently been recognised.

The proposed new entry will bring 3 office holders into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department Health and Social Security.

### **Entries to be deleted**

#### **5. Entry to be deleted: The Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations**

An entry referring only to the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations is proposed for addition to Part III (See no. 18).



The ordinary members of the Board of Crown Agents are paid less than £4,000 a year.

6 ordinary members of the Board will be released from disqualification.

Sponsored by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Overseas Development Administration).

6. Entry to be deleted: **The Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland**

An entry referring only to the Chairman of Agency is proposed for addition to Part III (See no. 20).

Ordinary members receive less than £4,000 per annum.

10 office-holders will be released from disqualification.

Sponsored by the Department of Economic Development, Northern Ireland.

7. Entry to be deleted: **The Health and Safety Commission.**

An entry referring only to the Chairman of the Commission is proposed for addition to Part III (See no. 21).

Ordinary members receive less than £4,000 per annum.

8 office-holders will be released from disqualification.

Sponsored by the Department of Employment.

8. Entry to be deleted: **The Home Crown Cereals Authority**

An entry referring only to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Authority is proposed for addition to Part III (See no. 22).

Ordinary members receive less than £4,000 per annum.

19 office-holders will be released from disqualification.



Sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

9. Entry to be deleted: **The Land Authority for Wales**

An entry referring only to the Chairman of the Land Authority, who is appointed by the Secretary of State for Wales and receives a salary of £18,265 per annum, is proposed for addition to Part III (See no. 24).

Ordinary members receive less than £4,000 per annum.

8 office-holders will be released from disqualification.

Sponsored by the Welsh Office.

10. Entry to be deleted: **The Manpower Services Commission**

An entry referring only to the Chairman of the Commission is proposed for addition to Part III (See no. 25).

Ordinary members receive less than £4,000 per annum.

The staff of the Commission, who are civil servants are disqualified under Section 1 (1) (b) of the Act.

7 office-holders will be released from disqualification.

Sponsored by the Department of Employment.

11. Entry to be deleted: **The National Dock Labour Board**

An entry referring only to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board is proposed for additional to Part III (See no. 27).

Ordinary members receive less than £4,000 per annum.

12 office-holders will be released from disqualification.

Sponsored by the Department of Employment.



Entry to be deleted: **The Northern Ireland Tourist Board**

An entry referring only to the Chairman of the Tourist Board is proposed for addition to Part III (See no. 28).

Ordinary members receive less than £4,000 per annum.

10 office-holders will be released from disqualification.

Sponsored by the Department of Economic Development, Northern Ireland.

13. Entry to be deleted: **The Police Complaints Board**

The Board has been replaced by the Police Complaints Authority, which was set up under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. Clause 35 of Schedule 6 of that Act proposed that the Authority should be included in Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act.

The deletion will not result in any office-holders being released from disqualification since it is counterbalanced by the insertion of the new Authority in the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Home Office.

14. Entry to be deleted: **The Red Deer Commission**

An entry referring only to the Chairman of the Commission, who is appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Deer (Scotland) Act 1959 (c.40) and is paid a salary of £10,004 per annum, is proposed for addition to Part III (See no. 30).

Ordinary members are unpaid.

12 office-holders will be released from disqualification.

Sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland.



15. Entry to be deleted: **The Welsh Development Agency**

An entry referring only to the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive is proposed for addition to Part III (See no. 32). The Chairman and Deputy Chairman are appointed by the Secretary of State for Wales and receive salaries of £21,985 and £12,970 per annum respectively. The Chief Executive is appointed by the Agency with the approval of the Secretary of State and receives a salary of £38,340 per annum.

Ordinary members receive less than £4,000 per annum.

6 office-holders will be released from disqualification.

Sponsored by the Welsh Office.



### **Part III - OTHER DISQUALIFYING OFFICES**

#### **Additional entries**

**16. New entry: Chairman of the Business and Technician Education Council**

The Chairman is appointed by a Minister and is paid £13,650 per annum from levy.

The body was set up by administrative action under the Companies Act on the 1 October 1983. The need to disqualify has only recently been recognised.

The proposed new entry will bring 1 office-holder into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of Education and Science.

**17. New entry: Chairman of the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas**

COSIRA is a company limited by guarantee which is financed by the Development Commission which receives grant-in-aid. The Commission nominate the COSIRA Chairman. The nomination is referred to Ministers.

The Council is in receipt of substantial Government grants and funds. The Chairman receives a salary of £11,599 financed by funds provided by the Commission from their grant-in-aid.

The practice of submitting nominations for the Chairman to Ministers has only arisen in recent years.

The proposed new entry will bring 1 office-holder into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of the Environment.

**18. New entry: Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations.**

(See no. 5)



19. New entry: **Chairman of the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland**

The Chairman is appointed by a Minister and is paid a salary of £4,300 per annum by the Fire Authority which is funded by the Department of Environment, Northern Ireland.

The office was established by the Fire Services (NI) Order 1984 which re-enacted the provisions of the Fire Services (NI) Order 1973 which established the Authority. The office was not previously included in the Schedule because the Chairman used to be elected by the Authority, not appointed by Ministers and received allowances only.

The proposed new entry will bring 1 office-holder into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of the Environment, Northern Ireland.

20. New entry: **Chairman of the Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland**

(See no. 6).

21. New entry: **Chairman of the Health and Safety Commission**

(See no. 7).

22. New entry: **Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority**

(See no. 8).

23. New entry: **Chairman and Director of International Military Services Limited**

Directors of IMS are already disqualified (see no. 43) but the Chairman's appointment is also approved by the Secretary of State and he is paid a salary of £8,000 per annum (for 1984).

The need to disqualify has only recently been recognised.

The proposed new entry will bring 1 office-holder into the Schedule.



Sponsored by the Ministry of Defence.

24. New entry: **Chairman of the Land Authority for Wales**

(See no. 9).

25. New entry: **Chairman of the Manpower Services Commission**

(See no 10).

26. New entry: **Chairman of the Board of the National Advisory Body for Local Authority Higher Education**

The Chairman is appointed by a Minister and is paid a salary of £20,550 per annum.

The Board was established by administrative action on the 1 February 1982. The need to disqualify has only recently been recognised.

The proposed new entry will bring 1 office-holder into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of Education and Science.

27. New entry: **Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the National Dock Labour Board**

(See no. 11).

28. New entry: **Chairman of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board**

(See no. 12).

29. New entry: **Chairman of the Northern Ireland Training Authority**

The Chairman is appointed by a Minister under the Industrial Training (NI) Order 1984 and is paid a salary of £9950 per annum from grant-in-aid.

The proposed new entry will bring 1 office-holder into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of Economic Development, Northern Ireland.



New entry: **Chairman of the Red Deer Commission**

(See no. 14).

31. New entry: **Chairman of Social Security Appeal Tribunals and Medical Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland**

The Chairman is appointed by the Lord Chancellor under 1A(1)(b) of Schedule 10 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 as amended by the Social Security (Adjudication) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations (NI) 1984. He is paid a salary in excess of £4,000 per annum.

The Chairmen of the English, Scottish and Welsh Tribunals are already disqualified.

The proposed new entry will bring 1 office-holder into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of Health and Social Services, Northern Ireland.

32. New entry: **Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of the Welsh Development Agency**

(See no. 15).

33. New entry: **Commons Commissioners**

The Commissioners are appointed by the Lord Chancellor and are paid in excess of £4,000 per annum from the Department of the Environment and Welsh Office Administrative Votes. They attend hearings related to common land disputes arising out of the Commons Registration Act 1965.

The need to disqualify has only recently been recognised.

The proposed new entry will bring 4 office-holders into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of the Environment and the Welsh Office.



**34. New entry: Government Appointed Directors of British Telecommunications plc**

These Directors are appointed by the Secretary of State by virtue of Article 89A of British Telecom's Articles of Association which permits the appointment of up to 2 Directors by HM Government. The remuneration is determined by the Board of the Company.

The Director General of Telecommunications is already disqualified.

The proposed new entry will bring 2 office-holders into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of Trade and Industry.

**35. New entry: Government appointed director of any company receiving financial assistance under section 5 of the Films Act 1985**

The Films Act 1985 empowers the Minister to appoint a director to a British company established to encourage the production of British Films.

The proposed new entry will bring 1 office-holder into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of Trade and Industry.

**36. New entry: Member of a panel of persons appointed to act as Social Security Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland**

These part-time Chairmen are appointed by the Lord Chancellor under Section 97(2D) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 as amended by the Social Security (Adjudications) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations (NI) 1984.

The Members of the corresponding English, Scottish and Welsh panels are already disqualified.

The proposed new entry will bring 38 office-holders into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of Health and Social Services, Northern Ireland.



37. New entry: Any member of the Trinity House Lighthouse Board nominated by the Secretary of State

4 members of the Board are now nominated by the Secretary of State and receive in excess of £4,000 per annum from the General Lighthouse Fund.

This arrangement took effect on 1 January 1985.

The proposed new entry will bring 4 office-holders into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of Transport.

38. New entry: President of Social Security Appeal Tribunals and Medical Appeal Tribunals for Northern Ireland

The President is appointed by the Lord Chancellor under 1A(1)(a) of Schedule 10 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 as amended by Schedule I of the Social Security Adjudications (NI) Order 1983. He is paid a salary in excess of £4,000 per annum.

The President of the English, Scottish and Welsh Tribunals is already disqualified.

The proposed new entry will bring 1 office holder into the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of Health and Social Services, Northern Ireland.

#### Entries to be deleted

39. Entry to be deleted: Chairman of an Appeal Tribunal constituted in accordance with Schedule 4 to the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, or Senior Chairman in relation to such a tribunal

Schedule 4 to the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 was repealed from 4 June 1984 by Schedule 5 to the Social Security Adjudications (NI) Order 1983.

The deletion removes 2 office-holders from the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of Health and Social Services, Northern Ireland.



40. Entry to be deleted: **Chairman of a Local Tribunal constituted under section 97(2) of, and Schedule 10 to, the Social Security Act 1975**

A new section 97(2) was substituted for the "old" section 97(2) from 4 June 1984. From that date the office ceased to exist.

The deletion removes 1 office-holder from the Schedule.

Sponsored by the Department of Health and Social Services, Northern Ireland.

41. Entry to be deleted: **Constable, Lieutenant or Major of the Tower of London**

These office-holders are appointed by a Minister. The Constable and Lieutenant are paid £200 and £150 per annum respectively. The Major is a full-time civil servant paid by the DOE.

2 office-holders will be released from disqualification - the Major, as a full-time civil servant is disqualified under section 1 (1)(b) of the Act.

Sponsored by the Ministry of Defence.

42. Entry to be deleted: **Director of ICL Public Limited Company nominated or appointed by a Minister of the Crown or government department.**

Following the takeover by Standard Telephones and Cables Plc of the ICL group in 1984 the Secretary of State no longer has authority to nominate individuals or to be consulted about appointments to the ICL board.

Since no Director has been appointed or nominated by a Minister no office-holders are in fact removed from the Schedule by the deletion.

Sponsored by the Department of Trade and Industry.

43. Entry to be deleted: **Director of International Military Services Limited**

(See no. 23).



44. Entry to be deleted: **Levy Exemption Referee** for the purposes of the **Industrial Training Act 1982**.

Referees are appointed by the Secretary of State after consultations with organisations representing employers and workers.

The offices are fee-paid. Office-holders receive less than £4,000 per annum.

6 office-holders will be released from disqualification.

Sponsored by Department of Employment.

#### **Amendments**

45. Amend the entry: **Chairman of a committee constituted under section 90 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960**

to read: **Chairman of a committee constituted under section 91 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984**

The Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984 consolidated the earlier legislation.

There is one such Committee whose Chairman is appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland and who receives £5,639 per annum. Members of the Committee are unpaid.

No additional office-holders are brought into the Schedule by this amendment.

Sponsored by the Scottish Home and Health Department.

46. Amend the entry: **Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the National Seed Development Organisation Limited**

to read: **Chairman of the National Seed Development Organisation Limited**



office-holders are appointed by a Minister. The Vice-Chairman receives a salary less than £4,000 per annum.

1 office-holder will be removed from the Schedule as a result of this proposed amendment.

Sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

47. Amend the entry: **Director of Harland and Wolff Limited**

to read: **Director of Harland and Wolff plc**

The company became a public limited company in 1984.

Directors are appointed by Ministers and receive salaries in excess of £4,000 per annum.

No additional office holders are brought into the Schedule by this amendment.

Sponsored by the Department of Economic Development, Northern Ireland.

48. Amend the entry: **Director of Short Brothers Limited**

to read: **Director of Short Brothers plc**

The company became a public limited company in 1984.

Directors are appointed by Ministers and receive salaries in excess of £4,000 per annum.

No additional office-holders are brought into the Schedule by this amendment.

Sponsored by the Department of Economic Development, Northern Ireland.

49. Amend the entry: **Member of the panel of persons appointed under Schedule 5 to the Rent (Scotland) Act 1971 to act as chairman and other members of rent assessment committees**



to read:

Member of the panel of persons appointed under Schedule 4 to the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 to act as chairmen and other members of rent assessment committees

The Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 consolidated the earlier legislation.

There are 164 Members who are appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland. The President and Vice-President receive £8,533 and £5,380 respectively per annum. Members are fee-paid.

No additional office-holders are brought into the Schedule by this amendment.

Sponsored by the Scottish Development Department.

50. Amend the entry: **President, or member of a panel of chairmen, of industrial tribunals established under Section 13 of the Industrial Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1964**

to read:

**President, or member of a panel of chairman of industrial tribunals established under article 30 of the Industrial Training (NI) Order 1984.**

Article 30 of the Industrial Training (NI) Order 1984 replaced section 13 of the Industrial Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1964.

There are [148] Members who are appointed by a Minister. The Chairman, and 2 of the Deputy Chairman receive salaries in excess of £4,000 per annum. Other Members are fee-paid.

No additional office-holders are brought into the Schedule by this amendment.

Sponsored by the Department of Economic Development, Northern Ireland.

51. Amend the entry: **Registrar or Assistant Registrar appointed under section 18 or section 19 of the County Courts 1959**

to read:

**Registrar or Assistant Registrar appointed under section 6 or section 7 of the County Courts Act 1984**



Full time County Court Registrars are now appointed by the Lord Chancellor under section 6 of the County Courts Act 1984, and Assistant Registrars under section 7 of that Act.

No additional office-holders are brought into the Schedule by this amendment.

Sponsored by the Lord Chancellor's Department.





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Dear Grey,

UPDATING OF SCHEDULE 1 TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DISQUALIFICATION  
ACT 1975

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 5 June  
to John Biffen.

I agree to the updating of the Schedule before the end of  
the current Session and to your proceeding with the drafting  
of the necessary Order in Council and Resolution.

I confirm that the few proposed amendments relating to  
Scotland are necessary and will not affect the position of  
any sitting MP or MEP.

Finally, I have no comments on the draft explanatory notes  
which have already been agreed by our officials.

I am copying this letter to Cabinet colleagues and to Sir  
Robert Armstrong.

Yours ever,  
George.



PARLIAMENT: Legislative Programme: Pt 14.







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*Dear Grey.*

UPDATING OF SCHEDULE 1 TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS  
DISQUALIFICATION ACT 1975

You wrote to me on 5 June about a proposed updating of this schedule.

I am quite content with what you propose and that the drafting of the necessary Order in Council and Resolution should proceed. I agree also about the preparation of explanatory notes on the effect of the various amendments proposed.

I hope it will be possible to find time for a debate before the House rises for the Recess; if not, time will need to be found in the 'overspill'.

I am copying this to Cabinet colleagues, the Chief Whip and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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*From The Secretary of State for Wales*

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**UPDATING OF SCHEDULE 1 TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DISQUALIFICATION ACT 1975**

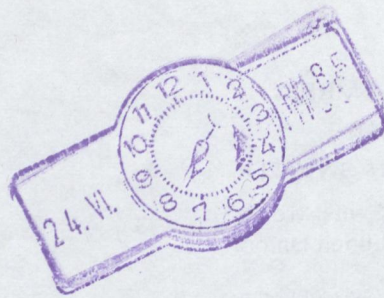
Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 5 June to John Biffen enclosing details of the proposed amendments to the House of Commons Disqualification Act. I fully share your concern about the large number of people that are currently disqualified and I agree that we should seek to press ahead with amending the Schedule this session. I am content for you to proceed with the necessary drafting.

I am satisfied that the transfer of the Land Authority for Wales to Part III of the Schedule is necessary and will not affect any sitting MP or MEP. As far as the Welsh Development Agency is concerned, I understand that my officials originally proposed transfer to Part III in order to bring it into line with the treatment then being proposed by your officials for the Scottish Development Agency. However, I note that the SDA has now been removed from the list of amendments in Annex A to your letter. Given the near-identical terms of reference of the two bodies I feel that there is no justification for different treatment, and I therefore propose that the WDA should be removed from the list of amendments.

/ I am copying this letter to all members of the Cabinet.

Lord Gowrie PC  
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster





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Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 5 June to John Biffen about your proposals for amending Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975.

I have no comments on your proposals for proceeding with an Order in Council and resolution to amend the Schedule. I can confirm that I am content with the entry relating to the Police Complaints Board and that it will not affect the position of any sitting MP or MEP. There are no other amendments which I would wish to see made.

I am copying this letter to John Biffen and the other recipients of your letter of 5 June.

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The Rt Hon The Earl of Gowrie



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CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER

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Updating of Schedule I to the House of Commons Disqualification  
Act 1975

1. Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 5 June to John Biffen.
2. I am content that the Schedule to the Act should be updated before the end of the current Session and that your Department should proceed with the necessary Order in Council and Resolution.
3. The deletion of the Board of the Crown Agents from Part II of the Schedule and the inclusion of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Managing Director in Part III will result in six ordinary Board members being released from disqualification. I therefore confirm that these amendments are necessary, and that they will not affect the position of any sitting MP or MEP.
4. There are no other amendments to the Schedule that I wish to see made.
5. I am copying this minute to the recipients of your letter.

GEOFFREY HOWE

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

17 June 1985



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