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## SCHEDULE 1

### PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES: APPOINTMENT ETC

#### *Audit*

- 18 (1) The accounts prepared by the Ombudsman for a financial year must be submitted by the Ombudsman to the Auditor General for Wales no later than 30 November in the following financial year.
- (2) The Auditor General for Wales must—
- (a) examine, certify and report on each set of accounts submitted to the Auditor General for Wales under this paragraph, and
  - (b) subject to sub-paragraph (3), no later than four months after the accounts are so submitted, lay before the Assembly a copy of them as certified by the Auditor General for Wales together with the Auditor General for Wales's report on them (“a copy of the certified accounts and report”).
- (3) The Auditor General for Wales may lay a copy of the certified accounts and report before the Assembly after the four-month deadline mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) (b) where it is not reasonably practicable for the Auditor General for Wales to meet that deadline.
- (4) Where sub-paragraph (3) applies, the Auditor General for Wales must—
- (a) before the four-month deadline mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(b), lay before the Assembly a statement explaining why it is not reasonably practicable for the Auditor General for Wales to lay a copy of the certified accounts and report before the Assembly before that deadline, and
  - (b) lay a copy of the certified accounts and report before the Assembly as soon as reasonably practicable after that deadline.
- (5) In examining accounts submitted to the Auditor General for Wales under this paragraph the Auditor General for Wales must, in particular, be satisfied that—
- (a) the expenditure to which the accounts relate has been incurred lawfully and in accordance with the authority which governs it, and
  - (b) the Ombudsman has made appropriate arrangements for the economic, efficient and effective use of the Ombudsman's resources.

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#### **Commencement Information**

**II** Sch. 1 para. 18 in force at 23.7.2019 by S.I. 2019/1096, reg. 2

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

- Act modified by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 2 para. 6](#)
- Act modified by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 12 para. 7\(2\)](#)

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

- s. 65(7)(f) inserted by [2022 c. 30 Sch. 10 para. 6\(2\)\(a\)](#) (Welsh language text)
- s. 65(7)(f) inserted by [2022 c. 30 Sch. 10 para. 6\(2\)\(b\)](#) (English language text)