



## **CABINET OFFICE**

# **CROWN PROCEEDINGS ACT 1947**

List of Authorised Government Departments and the names and addresses for service of the person who is, or is acting for the purposes of the Act as, Solicitor for such Departments, published by the Minister for the Civil Service in pursuance of Section 17 of the Crown Proceedings Act 1947.

This list supersedes the list published on 23 November 2001

**AUTHORISED GOVERNMENT  
DEPARTMENTS**

**SOLICITOR AND  
ADDRESSES FOR SERVICE**

Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service  
Assets Recovery Agency  
Board of Trade  
Cabinet Office  
Central Office of Information  
Crown Prosecution Service  
Ministry of Defence  
Department for Education and Skills  
Director General of Electricity Supply for  
Northern Ireland  
Department for Transport  
Export Credits Guarantee Department  
Director General of Fair Trading  
Department for International Development  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
Director General of Gas for Northern Ireland  
Government Actuary's Department  
Health and Safety Executive  
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of  
Schools in England  
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of  
Schools in Wales  
Home Office  
Lord Chancellor's Department  
Department for Culture, Media and Sport  
National Savings and Investments  
Northern Ireland Office  
Office for National Statistics  
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister  
Office of HM Paymaster General  
Ordnance Survey  
Privy Council Office  
Public Record Office  
Public Works Loan Board  
The Rail Regulator  
The International Rail Regulator  
Royal Mint  
Serious Fraud Office  
Director General of Telecommunications  
Department of Trade and Industry  
Her Majesty's Treasury  
Wales Office (Office of the Secretary of  
State for Wales) (see Note (3))

The Treasury Solicitor  
Queen Anne's Chambers  
28 Broadway  
Westminster  
London SW1H 9JS

(see Notes (1) and (2))

**AUTHORISED GOVERNMENT  
DEPARTMENTS**

Department for Environment, Food and  
Rural Affairs  
(see Note (3))  
Forestry Commissioners

Commissioners of Customs and Excise

Commissioners of Inland Revenue

Crown Estate Commissioners

Department of Health  
Department for Work and Pensions  
Food Standards Agency

Director General of Water Services

National Assembly for Wales

Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

Postal Services Commission

**SOLICITOR AND  
ADDRESSES FOR SERVICE**

The Solicitor to the Department for  
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
Nobel House  
17 Smith Square  
London SW1P 3JR

The Solicitor for the Customs and Excise  
New King's Beam House  
22 Upper Ground  
London SE1 9PJ

The Solicitor of Inland Revenue  
Somerset House  
The Strand  
London WC2R 1LB

The Solicitor to the Crown Estate  
Commissioners  
Crown Estate Office  
16 Carlton House Terrace  
London SW1Y 5AH

The Solicitor to the Department for Work and  
Pensions and the Department of Health  
New Court  
48 Carey Street  
London WC2A 2LS

Head of Legal Services  
The Office of Water Services  
Centre City Tower  
7 Hill Street  
Birmingham B5 4UA

The Counsel General to the  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff CF10 3NQ

General Counsel  
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets  
9 Millbank  
London SW1P 3GE

The Chief Legal Adviser  
Postal Services Commission  
Hercules House  
6 Hercules Road  
London SE1 7DB

## NOTES

(1) Section 17(3) and section 18 of the Crown Proceedings Act 1947 provide as follows:

17(3) Civil proceedings against the Crown shall be instituted against the appropriate authorised Government department, or, if none of the authorised Government departments is appropriate or the person instituting the proceedings has any reasonable doubt whether any and if so which of those departments is appropriate, against the Attorney General.

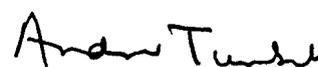
18 All documents required to be served on the Crown for the purpose of or in connection with any civil proceedings by or against the Crown shall, if those proceedings are by or against an authorised Government department, be served on the solicitor, if any, for that department, or the person, if any, acting for the purposes of this Act as solicitor for that department, or if there is no such solicitor and no person so acting, or if the proceedings are brought by or against the Attorney General, on the Solicitor for the affairs of His Majesty's Treasury.

(2) The above-mentioned provisions do not apply to Scotland, where in accordance with the Crown Suits (Scotland) Act 1857, as amended by the Scotland Act 1998, civil proceedings against the Crown (other than the Scottish Administration) or any Government Department (other than the Scottish Executive) may be directed against the Advocate General for Scotland. The Advocate General's address for service is the Office of the Solicitor to the Advocate General for Scotland, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ. Civil proceedings against the Scottish Administration may be directed against the Scottish Ministers at St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DG, or against the Lord Advocate for and on behalf of the Scottish Executive. The Lord Advocate's address for service is 25 Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LA.

(3) The Solicitor and address for service for the purposes of or in connection with civil proceedings brought by or against the Crown which relate to those matters for which the Secretary of State is responsible in Wales and for which the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is responsible is the Solicitor to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR.

The Treasury Solicitor is the Solicitor acting for the Wales Office (Office of the Secretary of State for Wales) in all other civil proceedings affecting that Office.

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