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# **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.

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AUTHORISED GOVERNMENT  
SOLICITOR AND  
DEPARTMENTS

ADDRESSES FOR SERVICE

Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service  
(see Note (3))  
Cabinet Office  
Commissioners for the Reduction of  
National Debt (see Note (4))  
Crown Prosecution Service  
Department for Business,  
Energy and Industrial Strategy  
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport  
Department for Education  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural  
Affairs  
Department for Exiting the European Union  
Department for Health and Social Care  
Department for International Development  
Department for International Trade  
Department for Transport  
Export Credits Guarantee Department (UK Export  
Finance)  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
Forestry Commission  
Government Actuary's Department  
Health and Safety Executive (see Note (5))  
Her Majesty's Treasury  
Home Office  
Ministry of Defence  
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local  
Government  
Ministry of Justice  
National Savings and Investments (NS&I)  
Northern Ireland Office  
Office for Budget Responsibility (see Note (6))  
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales (Wales  
Office)  
Privy Council Office (see Note (7))  
Public Works Loan Board (see Note (4))  
Serious Fraud Office  
The National Archives  
UK Statistics Authority (Statistics Board)

The Treasury Solicitor  
Government Legal Department  
102 Petty France, Westminster  
London SW1H 9GL  
(see Notes (1) and (2))

Competition and Markets Authority	Director of Litigation Competition and Markets Authority 25 Cabot Square Canary Wharf London E14 4QA
Department for Work and Pensions	Legal Director's Office Department for Work and Pensions Caxton House Tothill Street London SW1H 9NA
Food Standards Agency	Director of Strategy, Legal and Governance Food Standards Agency Floors 6 and 7 Clive House 70 Petty France London SW1H 9EX
Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs	General Counsel and Solicitor to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs HM Revenue and Customs South West Wing Bush House, Strand London WC2B 4RD
National Crime Agency	Legal Adviser National Crime Agency Units 1-6 Citadel Place Tinworth Street London SE11 5EF
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted)	Deputy Director, Legal Services Ofsted Clive House 70 Petty France Westminster London SW1H 9EX
Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (Ofgem)	General Counsel Office of Gas and Electricity Markets

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Office of Rail and Road (ORR)	Director of Legal Services ORR 25 Cabot Square Canary Wharf London E14 4QA
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Welsh Revenue Authority	Chief Legal and Policy Officer Welsh Revenue Authority QED Centre Main Avenue Treforest Industrial Estate Pontypridd Wales CF37 5YR

**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.*

Proceedings brought against the Attorney General should be served on the Treasury Solicitor.

- (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 Scottish Government may be directed against the Scottish Ministers or against the Lord Advocate for and on behalf of the Scottish Government and the address for service is the Office of the Solicitor to the Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ. Civil proceedings against any other office holder in the Scottish Administration or body which is part of the Scottish Administration may be directed against the Lord Advocate or the relevant body or office holder in the Scottish Administration. Civil proceedings against the Crown (other than the Scottish Administration) or any Government Department (other than the Scottish Government) may be directed against the Advocate General for Scotland. The Advocate General's address for service is the Office of the Advocate General for Scotland, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ.
- (3) Under section 247 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, the Crown Proceedings Act 1947 applies to the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service as if it were a Government department for the purposes of civil proceedings arising out of its statutory functions.
- (4) The functions of the Commissioners for the Reduction of National Debt and the Public Works Loan Board are carried out within the UK Debt Management Office.
- (5) Under section 10 of Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, the Crown Proceedings Act 1947 applies to the Health and Safety Executive as if it were a Government department for the purposes of civil proceedings arising out of its functions in England and Wales and Northern Ireland. Section 10 also provides that in Scotland the Crown Suits (Scotland) Act 1857 shall apply to the Executive as if it were a public department within the meaning of that Act, with the effect that civil proceedings against it may be directed against the Advocate General for Scotland as explained above.
- (6) Under paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the Budget Responsibility and National Audit Act 2011, the Crown Proceedings Act 1947 applies to the Office for Budget Responsibility as if it were a Government department for the purposes of civil proceedings arising out of its functions. Paragraph 7 also provides that the Crown Suits (Scotland) Act 1857 applies to it as if it were a public department within the meaning of that Act.
- (7) The Privy Council Office supports the Privy Council and the Lord President of the Council in exercising their functions as an advisory council of state, independent of government, which

can be the subject of civil proceedings.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oliver Dowden', written in a cursive style.

**(Signed)**

**OLIVER DOWDEN  
MINISTER FOR THE CABINET  
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11 September 2019**

