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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 DEPARTMENTS	SOLICITOR AND ADDRESS FOR SERVICE
Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (see Note (3))	<p data-bbox="738 1234 1177 1435"> The Treasury Solicitor  Government Legal Department  102 Petty France, Westminster,  London SW1H 9GL  (see Notes (1) and (2)) </p>
Cabinet Office	
Commissioners for the Reduction of National Debt (see Note (4))	
Crown Prosecution Service	
Department for Business and Trade	
Department for Culture, Media and Sport	
Department for Education	
Department for Energy, Security and Net Zero	
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	
Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	
Department for Transport	
Department for Work and Pensions	
Department of Health and Social Care	
Exports Credit Guarantee Department (UK Export Finance)	
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	
Government Actuary's Department	
Health and Safety Executive (see Note (5))	
His Majesty's Treasury	
Home Office	
Ministry of Defence	

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	
Statistics Board (UK Statistics Authority)	
The National Archives	
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Competition and Markets Authority	Senior Litigation Director Competition and Markets Authority 25 Cabot Square Canary Wharf London E14 4QZ
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Welsh Revenue Authority	Head of Legal Welsh Revenue Authority Welsh Government Offices Rhydycar Business Park Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1UZ

#### 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, Queen Elizabeth House, Edinburgh EH8 8FT.

(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 and the Crown Suits (Scotland) Act 1857 applies to it as if it were a public department within the meaning of that Act.

(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.

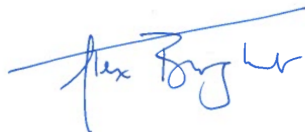
(5) Under section 10 of Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, the Crown Proceedings Act 1947 applies to the Health and Safety Executive as if it were a Government department for the purposes of civil proceedings arising out of its functions in England and Wales and Northern Ireland. Section 10 also 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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