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PRISONS

**The Prison Service (Pay Review Body) Regulations (Northern
Ireland) 2012**

Made - - - - *9th May 2012*

Coming into operation - *15th June 2012*

The Department of Justice makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 128A of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994^(a). The Department of Justice has consulted with such organisations appearing to it to be representative of persons working in the prison service and such other persons as it thinks fit.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Prison Service (Pay Review Body) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 and shall come into operation on 15th June 2012.

(2) The “Pay Review Body” means the body established by the Prison Service (Pay Review Body) Regulations 2001^(b).

Pay and allowances procedure

2. The Pay Review Body shall examine and report on such matters relating to the rates of pay and allowances to be applied to the prison service as may from time to time be referred to them by the Department of Justice.

Directions

3. With respect to matters referred to the Pay Review Body by it, the Department of Justice may give directions to the Pay Review Body as to the considerations to which they are to have regard and as to the time within which they are to report; and any such directions may be varied or revoked by further directions under these Regulations.

Notice

4. Where a matter has been referred to the Pay Review Body, they shall give notice of the matter and of any relevant direction to such organisations appearing to them to be representative of persons working in the prison service, and shall afford every such organisation a reasonable opportunity of submitting evidence and representations on the issues arising.

(a) 1994 c.33. Section 128A was inserted by article 6(4) of and paragraph 6 of Schedule 7 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976).

(b) S.I. 2001/1161.

Report

5. Where a matter has been referred to the Pay Review Body, their report shall contain their recommendations on that matter and such other advice relating to that matter as they think fit.

Publication of report

6. The Pay Review Body shall send any report made by them under this section to the Department of Justice and, upon receiving a report, the Department of Justice shall arrange for it to be published.

Determination of rates of pay and allowances

7. Where, following the reference of any matter to them the Pay Review Body have made a report, the Department of Justice may determine the rates of pay and allowances to be applied to the prison service, in accordance with the recommendations of the Pay Review Body, or make such other determination with respect to the matters in that report as it thinks fit.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 9th May 2012.

David Ford
Minister of Justice

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provides for the Pay Review Body established by the Prison Service (Pay Review Body) Regulations 2001 to examine and report on the rates of pay and allowances of prison officers in response to matters referred to them by the Department of Justice.

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