

Statutory Document No. 2022/0350

*Government Departments Act 1987 and Statutory Boards Act 1987*

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE DIRECTION 2022¹

Made: 23 December 2022
Coming into operation in accordance with paragraph 2

The Council of Ministers, having consulted with the Departments¹ and Statutory Boards², gives the following Direction under section 6 of the Government Departments Act 1987 and under paragraph 12 of Schedule 2 to the Statutory Boards Act 1987.

1 Title

This Direction is the Council of Ministers Information and Assistance Direction 2022.

2 Commencement

This Direction comes into operation on the day after the day it is made.

3 Interpretation

In this Direction —

“**appointed person**” means the person appointed by the Council of Ministers as the Chair of the Independent Review;

“**Independent Review**” means the Independent Review into the Isle of Man Government’s handling of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

¹ Section 6 of the Government Departments Act 1987 makes provision for the Council of Ministers, after consultation with the Department, to give to any Department directions as to the exercise of its functions in relation to any matter which appears to the Council of Ministers to affect the public interest, and the Department shall comply with any such directions.

² Paragraph 12 of Schedule 2 to the Statutory Boards Act 1987 makes provision for the Council of Ministers, after consultation with the Board, to give to any Statutory Board such directions as to the exercise of its functions in relation to any matter which appears to the Council of Ministers to affect the public interest, and the Board shall comply with any such directions.

4 General Direction

- (1) The Council of Ministers, on considering that the Independent Review affects the public interest, directs Departments and Statutory Boards to exercise their respective functions so as to assist the appointed person to gather and analyse evidence for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the Terms of Reference³ of the Independent Review.
- (2) Departments and Statutory Boards shall –
 - (a) supply such information and render such other assistance as the Council of Ministers or the appointed person may from time to time require;
 - (b) permit the appointed person to inspect and make copies of its accounts, books, documents and papers; and
 - (c) afford such explanation as the appointed person may reasonably require.

5 Expiry

This Direction shall expire on the earliest of –

- (1) the conclusion of the Independent Review;
- (2) if superseded or revoked by a further Direction or Statutory Document for the provision of information and other assistance to be rendered to the extent necessary for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the Terms of Reference of the Independent Review.

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³ GD2022/0033, as amended by GD2022/0087 and as may be amended from time to time.

ENDNOTES

Table of Endnote References

¹ The format of this legislation has been changed as provided for under section 75 of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to, the Legislation Act 2015. The changes have been approved by the Attorney General after consultation with the Clerk of Tynwald as required by section 76 of the Legislation Act 2015.