EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE LOCAL PROBATION BOARDS (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2007

2007 No. 1335

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Home Office and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Description

2.1 These regulations amend the Local Probation Boards (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/786) ("the 2001 Regulations") to clarify the number of members of a local probation board's audit committee. The audit committee may have a maximum of six members and a minimum of four members. At least four of the members of the audit committee shall also be members of the local probation board.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 The Regulations correct a drafting error in the Local Probation Boards (Appointment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/786) reported in the 14th Report of the 2000-01 Parliamentary session.

4. Legislative Background

4.1 The Regulations are made under paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000.

5. Extent

5.1 This instrument applies to England and Wales.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

7.1 All local probation boards are required to establish an audit committee, responsible for reviewing the financial management and policy of the board. The changes clarify the maximum and minimum numbers needed for audit committees and provide that at least four members of the audit committee must be members of the local probation board.

8. Impact

8.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for these Regulations as they have no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

8.2 The Regulations have no impact on the public sector.

9. Contact

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