



**THE SOCIAL SECURITY & CHILD SUPPORT COMMISSIONERS
OF GREAT BRITAIN**

PRACTICE MEMORANDUM No 5

Notification of Public Funding

1. Under new regulations inserted by the Social Security and Child Support Commissioners (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2005, if a party to proceedings before the Commissioners is granted funding of legal services at any time, he is required to send a copy of the funding notice (or, in Scotland, the legal aid certificate) to the appropriate Commissioners' Office and also to "notify every other party that funding has been granted".
2. In every case where the Commissioners' Office receives a copy of a funding notice or legal aid certificate, it will send a copy to all other parties in the case. Therefore, sending a copy of a funding notice or legal aid certificate to the appropriate Office shall be regarded as adequate notification to every other party that funding has been granted for the purposes of Regulation 8A of the Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) Regulations 1999, Regulation 9A of the Child Support Commissioners (Procedure) Regulations 1999 and Regulation 6A of the Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) (Tax Credit Appeals) Regulations 2002.

**His Honour Judge Gary Hickinbottom
Chief Commissioner
1 March 2005**