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An Act to make provision for proceedings by and against the Government.

[25 February 1965]

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act is the Government Proceedings Act 1956.

Interpretation

2.—(1) Any reference in this Act to the provisions of this Act shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include a reference to Rules of Court made for the purposes of this Act.

(2) In this Act, except insofar as the context otherwise requires or it is otherwise expressly provided —

“civil proceedings” means proceedings of whatever kind of a civil nature before a court and includes proceedings for judicial review and recovery of fines and penalties and an application at any stage of a proceeding;

“law officer” means the Attorney-General, a Deputy Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General;

“legal officer” includes a law officer and a legally qualified member of the Attorney-General’s Chambers;

“officer”, in relation to the Government, includes a person in the permanent or temporary employment of the Government and accordingly (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) includes a Minister of the Government;

“order” includes a judgment, decree, rule, award or declaration;

“prescribed” means prescribed by or under Rules of Court made for the purposes of this Act;

“proceedings against the Government” includes a claim by way of set-off or counterclaim in proceedings by the Government;