



Historical Institutional Abuse (Northern Ireland) Act 2019

2019 CHAPTER 31

PART 2

THE COMMISSIONER FOR SURVIVORS OF INSTITUTIONAL CHILDHOOD ABUSE

Miscellaneous

29 Independent review

- (1) The First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly must, every five years, commission an independent person—
 - (a) to review the operation of the Commissioner, and
 - (b) to send a report to the First Minister and deputy First Minister on the findings of the review.
- (2) The First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly may commission an independent person to act as mentioned in subsection (1) at such other times as they determine; and, if they do so, the period of five years referred to in subsection (1) accordingly runs from the date on which they do so.
- (3) The report must include an assessment of whether there continues to be a need for the Commissioner; and the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly must, in light of that assessment, determine whether the office of the Commissioner should continue.

30 Defamation: privilege

For the purposes of the law of defamation, publication of anything under this Part by the Commissioner is absolutely privileged.