

*These notes refer to the Financial Provisions Act (Northern Ireland)  
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# Financial Provisions Act (Northern Ireland) 2009

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 2: Expenditure for consumer purposes***

This section empowers the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to incur expenditure for activities which the Department considers are of benefit to consumers in Northern Ireland. Expenditure may also be incurred for the provision of -

- Advice or information about consumers matters;
- Educational materials and activities relating to consumer matters;
- Advice or information to that Department in connection with the formulation of policy in respect of consumer matters.

It is intended that section 2 be used to provide statutory power for funding the delivery of specialist advice to consumers on the management of debt.

The powers in section 2 are, however, wide enough to enable the Department to incur expenditure for other activities considered, in the future, to be of benefit to consumers in Northern Ireland or for the other purposes set out in this section.