



2015 CHAPTER 9

PART 4

VICTIMS AND WITNESSES

Victim statements

Use of victim statement

35.—(1) The Department may by regulations make provision in relation to the provision of a copy of any victim statement made in respect of an offence to the defence and the court.

(2) Where a person is convicted of an offence by or before a court, the court must in determining the sentence in respect of the offence have regard to so much of any victim statement provided to it in accordance with regulations under subsection (1) as it considers to be relevant to that offence.

Commencement Information

II S. 35 in operation at 1.9.2015 by [S.R. 2015/320](#), [art. 2\(g\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, Section 35 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 13(2)(2A) substituted for s. 13(2) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(5\)](#)
- s. 13(4)(5) added by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(6\)](#)
- s. 13A inserted by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(7\)](#)
- s. 13A inserted by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 8(1) Sch. 2 para. 8 renumbered as Sch. 2 para. 8(1) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(f\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 8(2) inserted by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(f\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 8(1) words substituted by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)