

*These notes refer to the Pension Schemes Act (Northern Ireland)  
2016 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 15 January 2016*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 2 – Collective Benefits**

#### *Section 30: Requirement to obtain actuarial advice*

#### *Section 31: Sub-delegation*

#### *Section 32: Publication of documents etc*

#### *Section 33: Enforcement*

Section 30 provides that regulations may require trustees or managers to consult an actuary who has specified qualifications or meets other specified requirements before making a specified decision or taking other specified steps.

Section 31 provides a power for regulations to confer discretion on a person in relation to the provisions in Part 2 of the Act, for example, regulations may make provision for the methods or assumptions to be used by an actuary but leave some discretion about these matters to the actuary.

Section 32 provides that where regulations made under Part 2 of the Act require the trustees or managers to prepare or obtain a document, regulations may also impose requirements about the publication of that document and require copies of that document to be sent to certain persons.

Section 33 provides a power for the regulations made under Part 2 of the Act to provide for civil penalties to apply where a person breaches requirements in those regulations.