

These notes refer to the Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.14) which received Royal Assent on 11th April 2016

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Schedule 1: The Legal Services Oversight Commissioner for Northern Ireland

Schedule 1 provides for the status, general powers, tenure of office and general staffing and procedural arrangements of the Commissioner. It provides for a Commissioner to have tenure for 3 years with eligibility for one further term of 3 years and provides for accountability to the Department of Finance and Personnel and the Assembly in relation to Accounts and in relation to an Annual Report. It also permits the Department to appoint an acting Commissioner where the Commissioner's office becomes vacant or if the Commissioner becomes incapable of exercising the functions of the office, or where it would be inappropriate to do so.