



2022 CHAPTER 15

Planning and strategy

Reporting

10.—(1) The Department of Education must prepare or commission and publish a report on integrated education—

- (a) during the period of 2 years beginning with the date on which this Act receives Royal Assent; and
- (b) at subsequent intervals in line with the budget framing timetable but not more frequently than every three years.

(2) A report must include, in particular, an assessment of performance of functions relating to integrated education under—

- (a) this Act;
- (b) the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989;
- (c) section 2(3A) of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (inserted by section 4 of this Act); and
- (d) any other provision of Northern Ireland legislation.

(3) A report must include, in particular, an assessment in relation to the reporting period of—

- (a) the manner in which, and the extent to which, the Department of Education has performed its functions in respect of integrated education;
- (b) the manner in which, and the extent to which, other education bodies have performed their functions in respect of integrated education;
- (c) the levels of demand for and supply of integrated education;

- (d) increase or decrease in levels of demand for and supply of integrated education since the previous reporting period;
 - (e) successes and failures in respect of the provision of integrated education; and
 - (f) the extent to which the purpose of integrated education has been achieved.
- (4) Wherever possible, the assessments in the report must operate by reference to benchmarks identified in the action plan in the integrated education strategy.
- (5) The Department of Education must—
- (a) lay each report before the Assembly; and
 - (b) cooperate with any post-legislative scrutiny exercise carried out by the Assembly or any Committee of the Assembly in relation to the report.
- (6) As soon as is reasonably practicable after the publication of a report the Department of Education must review and where necessary revise the integrated education strategy.