

These notes refer to the Adoption and Children Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c.18) which received Royal Assent on 27 April 2022

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 3 – Miscellaneous and Supplementary

Section 145: Use of an organisation to establish the register

Section 145 deals with arrangements for the discharge of any of the functions under section 144. *Subsection (1)* enables the Department to discharge the function of establishing and maintaining the Register by making arrangements with an organisation, defined by section 151(1) as including a public body and a private or voluntary organisation, to do so. It also enables that organisation to disclose information entered in, or compiled from information entered in, the Register on behalf of the Department.

Where the Department enters into an arrangement with an organisation under subsection (1), it may issue directions in respect of the way in which the organisation operates the Register (*subsection (3)*). *Subsection (2)* enables the Department to make payments to the organisation in respect of this arrangement. *Subsection (4)* provides that, where the Department discharges the function under subsection (1) by making arrangements with an organisation, the references to the registration organisation are to that organisation.