

*These notes refer to the Defamation Act (Northern Ireland)  
2022 (c.30) which received Royal Assent on 6 June 2022*

# Defamation Act (Northern Ireland) 2022

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### *Section 11: Review of Defamation Law*

This section recognises that the laws of defamation in other jurisdictions change continually; examples include the introduction of the Defamation and Malicious Publications (Scotland) Act 2021, and recent advice to the Cabinet of the Government of Ireland from their Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee TD, regarding defamation law reform in their jurisdiction.

*Subsection (1)* places a duty on the Department of Finance to keep under review developments in other jurisdictions.

*Subsection (2)* requires the Department of Finance to publish a review with recommendations of both their assessment of developments in other jurisdictions and on the operation of this Act.

*Subsection (3)* defines the timescale for laying the review report before the Assembly.