## Defamation Act (Northern Ireland) 2022

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## HANSARD REPORTS

6. The following table sets out the dates of the Hansard reports for each stage of the Act's passage through the Assembly and the date Royal Assent was received.

STAGE	DATE
First Stage	7 June 2021
Second Stage	14 September 2021
Committee Stage - Dr Andrew Scott, London School of Economics and Political Science	3 November 2021
Committee Stage - Department of Finance	10 November 2021
Committee Stage - Dr Mark Hanna, Queen's University Belfast	24 November 2021
Committee Stage - Mr Paul Tweed, and Mr David Attfield and Mr Sam McBride	1 December 2021
Committee Stage - National Union of Journalists, Index on Censorship; English PEN and Mr Peter Girvan	8 December 2021
Committee Stage – Department of Finance	15 December 2021
Committee Stage – Mr Mike Nesbitt, MLA	5 January 2022
Committee Stage – Clause-by-clause consideration	12 January 2022
Committee Stage – Clause-by-clause consideration	19 January 2022
Committee Stage - Clause-by-clause Consideration; Committee Report	26 January 2022
Consideration Stage	2 March 2022
Further Consideration Stage	14 March 2022

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

STAGE	DATE
Final Stage	22 March 2022
Royal Assent	6 June 2022