

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Salaries (Assembly Ombudsman and Commissioner for Complaints) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

SR No. 55

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under Article 5(1) and (2) of the Ombudsman (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 and Article 4(1) and (2) of the Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The report of the Senior Salaries Review Body (SSRB) recommended that the salary relating to Judicial Group 6.1 be increased from £128,296 to £129,579 from 1st April 2013.

3. Background

- 3.1. The salary arrangements for the Ombudsman, which came into effect on 1 April 2005, are based on Judicial Salaries and Fees in respect of Group 6.1

4. Consultation

- 4.1. No consultation was considered necessary as this was considered fully at the primary legislation stage.

5. Equality Impact

- 5.1. No assessment necessary as this was considered fully at the primary legislation stage.

6. Regulatory Impact

- 6.1. No assessment necessary as proposals increase fees by a predetermined formula (Judicial Salaries and Fees Group 6.1).

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. No financial implications.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

- 8.1. Not applicable.

9. EU Implications

- 9.1. Not applicable.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

- 10.1. Not applicable.

11. Additional Information

11.1. Not applicable.