



# Northern Ireland Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 47

### PART VII

#### HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

##### *Equality of opportunity*

#### **78 Removal of restrictions on investigation into maladministration**

- (1) The provisions mentioned in subsection (2) (which preclude an investigation when the person aggrieved has or had a remedy by way of proceedings in a court of law) shall not apply to an investigation of a complaint alleging maladministration involving—
  - (a) discrimination, or aiding or inciting any person to discriminate, on the ground of religious belief or political opinion; or
  - (b) a requirement in contravention of section 77 to take an oath or make a declaration (within the meaning of that section).
- (2) The provisions are—
  - (a) section 5(2)(b) of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967;
  - (b) Article 9(3)(b) of the Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996; and
  - (c) Article 10(3)(b) of the Ombudsman (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.