

*These notes refer to the Northern Ireland Act 2009
(c.3) which received Royal Assent on 12 March 2009*

NORTHERN IRELAND ACT 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Schedule 1 – Northern Ireland department with policing and justice functions

Part 1

22. This Schedule makes amendments to the 1998 Act in relation to the power of the Northern Ireland Assembly to establish a justice department and the type of ministerial oversight that such a department may have.
23. *Paragraph 2* specifies that this Schedule is to be considered as being contained in Part 3 of the 1998 Act for the purposes of paragraph 22 of Schedule 2 to the 1998 Act. The provisions of the Schedule are an excepted matter under the 1998 Act. This does not affect the ability of the Northern Ireland Assembly to legislate about the department to the extent authorised by those provisions.