



# Historical Institutional Abuse (Northern Ireland) Act 2019

## 2019 CHAPTER 31

### PART 2

#### THE COMMISSIONER FOR SURVIVORS OF INSTITUTIONAL CHILDHOOD ABUSE

##### *Miscellaneous*

#### **29 Independent review**

- (1) The First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly must, every five years, commission an independent person—
  - (a) to review the operation of the Commissioner, and
  - (b) to send a report to the First Minister and deputy First Minister on the findings of the review.
- (2) The First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly may commission an independent person to act as mentioned in subsection (1) at such other times as they determine; and, if they do so, the period of five years referred to in subsection (1) accordingly runs from the date on which they do so.
- (3) The report must include an assessment of whether there continues to be a need for the Commissioner; and the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly must, in light of that assessment, determine whether the office of the Commissioner should continue.