



# Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953

## 1953 CHAPTER 18

### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

#### **1 Functions of the Ministry in relation to prisons and prisoners.**

- (1) The [<sup>F1</sup> Department of Justice (in this Act referred to as “the Department”)] shall be the authority responsible for providing and maintaining prisons and for the general regulation, direction and superintendence of prisons and prisoners.
- (2) Without prejudice to the foregoing sub-section, the [<sup>F2</sup>Department] shall continue to exercise and perform, subject to the provisions of this Act, all such powers, jurisdiction and duties as were heretofore exercised and performed by the [<sup>F3</sup>Ministry of Home Affairs] in relation to prisons and prisoners.

**F1** Words in s. 1(1) substituted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 6(1), **Sch. 4 para. 2(1)** (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, **art. 1(2)**

**F2** Word in s. 1(2) substituted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 6(1), **Sch. 4 para. 2(2)** (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, **art. 1(2)**

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**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953, Section 1.