



Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953

1953 CHAPTER 18

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

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

- (1) The [^{F1} 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 [^{F2}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 [^{F3}Ministry of Home Affairs] in relation to prisons and prisoners.

Annotations:

- 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)**
- F3** Words 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)**

Changes to legislation:

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