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PART 2

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY  
COMMISSIONER FOR STANDARDS

*Investigatory powers of the Commissioner*

**Restriction on disclosure of information**

**33.—**(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Commissioner, or any person who has (at any time and in any capacity) assisted the Commissioner in the discharge of functions under this Act, shall not disclose any information contained in any complaint or referral, or any information which is furnished to or obtained by the Commissioner or such person in the course of, or for the purposes of, an investigation under this Part.

- (2) Such information may be disclosed for the purpose of—
- (a) enabling or assisting the Commissioner to discharge any function imposed or conferred on the Commissioner by virtue of any provision of—
    - (i) this Part;
    - (ii) any other statutory provision;
    - (iii) the standing orders of the Assembly; or
    - (iv) any direction or other requirement imposed by the Assembly; or
  - (b) the investigation or prosecution of any offence or suspected offence.