

*These notes refer to the Inquiry Into Historical Institutional Abuse Act  
(Northern Ireland) 2013 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 18 January 2013*

# Inquiry Into Historical Institutional Abuse Act (Northern Ireland) 2013

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 18: Immunity from suit***

This section provides immunity for the inquiry panel, the inquiry's legal advisers, assessors, staff and anyone else engaged to assist it from any civil action for anything done or said in the course of carrying out their duty to the inquiry. For the purposes of defamation law, witness statements and inquiry reports are covered by the same privilege as proceedings before a court.