

*These notes refer to the Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.14) which received Royal Assent on 11th April 2016*

# Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 1: The Legal Services Oversight Commissioner***

Section 1 sets out the establishment of the post of Legal Services Oversight Commissioner for Northern Ireland, *Subsection (2)* providing that the Commissioner must be appointed by the Department of Finance and Personnel, and that, at *Subsection (3)* the Department must consult the Lord Chief Justice before making the appointment.

*Subsection (4)* provides that the Commissioner must not be a solicitor or barrister, and must never have been so.