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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1998 No. 1506

## The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

### PART V

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

##### Reports by the Department

76.—<sup>[F1]</sup>(1) The Department shall prepare, either annually or at such times or intervals as may be prescribed, a report on—

- (a) the standards achieved by the Department in the making of decisions against which an appeal lies to an appeal tribunal constituted under Chapter 1 of Part 2;
- (b) the standards of advice and assistance provided under Article 138 of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015; and
- (c) the operation of sanctions.

(1A) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(c) a sanction is—

- (a) the reduction in the amount of an award of universal credit, a jobseeker's allowance, income support or an employment and support allowance on account of a failure by a person to comply with any requirement or any other conduct of a person;
- (b) the loss of, or reduction in the amount of, any sanctionable benefit under the Social Security Fraud Act (Northern Ireland) 2001.

(1B) A report under paragraph (1)(c) must contain details of—

- (a) the number of persons affected by sanctions;
- (b) the periods for which such persons are affected;
- (c) the reasons for which sanctions are imposed;
- (d) the benefits or allowances which are reduced or lost.]

(2) A copy of every such report shall be laid before the Assembly.

**F1** Art. 76(1)-(1B) substituted for art. 76(1) (17.2.2016) by The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006), arts. 2(2), 125; S.R. 2016/46, art. 3(4)(j)

**Changes to legislation:**

The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998, Section 76 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 15 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- power to am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 47 s.87](#)
- art. 76(1A)(a) words repealed by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 12 Pt. 1](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act amended by [1999 c. 10 s.1\(2\)Sch.1 paras.16\(r\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 2 para. 7A and cross-heading inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 41\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 3A inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 42](#)
- art. 38(1A) inserted by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) s. 16\(2\)](#)