



Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 2

The Commission

2 Functions of the Commission

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Commission—
 - (a) to promote greater understanding by the general public of issues concerning public processions;
 - (b) to promote and facilitate mediation as a means of resolving disputes concerning public processions;
 - (c) to keep itself generally informed as to the conduct of public processions and protest meetings;
 - (d) to keep under review, and make such recommendations as it thinks fit to the Secretary of State concerning, the operation of this Act.
- (2) The Commission may in accordance with the following provisions of this Act—
 - (a) facilitate mediation between parties to particular disputes concerning proposed public processions and take such other steps as appear to the Commission to be appropriate for resolving such disputes;
 - (b) issue determinations in respect of particular proposed public processions.
- (3) For the purposes of its functions under this section, the Commission may, with the approval of the Secretary of State—
 - (a) provide financial or other assistance to any person or body on such terms and conditions as the Commission may determine;
 - (b) commission research.