

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 13

#### MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

##### *Northern Ireland (Elections) Act 1998 (c. 12)*

20 In Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland (Elections) Act 1998 (the Assembly), for paragraph 8 substitute—

- “8 (1) For the purposes of the law of defamation, absolute privilege shall attach to—
- (a) the making of a statement in proceedings of the Assembly; and
  - (b) the publication of a statement under the Assembly’s authority.
- (2) In this paragraph “statement” has the same meaning as in the Defamation Act 1996.”