



# Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 26

### PART 2

#### LAW OFFICERS AND PUBLIC PROSECUTION SERVICE

##### *Attorney General*

#### **25 Participation by Attorney General in Assembly proceedings**

- (1) The Attorney General for Northern Ireland may participate in the proceedings of the Assembly to the extent permitted by its standing orders but he may not vote in the Assembly.
- (2) The Assembly's standing orders may in other respects provide that they are to apply to the Attorney General of Northern Ireland as if he were a member of the Assembly.
- (3) The Attorney General for Northern Ireland may, in any proceedings of the Assembly, decline to answer any question or produce any document relating to the operation of the system of prosecution of offences in any particular case if he considers that answering the question or producing the document—
  - (a) might prejudice criminal proceedings in that case, or
  - (b) would be otherwise against the public interest.
- (4) Section 43 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47) (interests of members of Assembly) applies to the Attorney General for Northern Ireland as if he were a member of the Assembly.