

*These notes refer to the Department of Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (c.3) which received Royal Assent on 12 February 2010*

# Department of Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2010

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 1 – The Department of Justice***

Section 1 establishes the Department of Justice as a Northern Ireland department, prescribes its intended functions, and makes consequential amendments to insert the Department’s name in Schedule 1 of the Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (which lists the Northern Ireland departments) and also in Schedule 2 of the Ombudsman (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (which lists the bodies subject to investigation).

#### ***Section 2 – Minister in charge of Department of Justice***

Section 2 sets out the arrangements for appointing the Minister of Justice.

#### ***Section 3 – Short title and commencement***

Section 3 sets out the title of the Act and arrangements for its commencement. It comes into operation on such day as the First Minister and deputy First Minister may by order appoint.

#### ***Schedule***

The Schedule to the Act amends references to “justice department” in certain other legislation by substitution of “Department of Justice”, thus ensuring consistency of terminology.