

*These notes refer to the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
(c.12) which received Royal Assent on 9 September 2008*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland

Part 2 comprises sections 6 to 11 (and Schedule 1) and provides for the establishment of a body corporate to be known as the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (“the Commission”). Sections 7 to 10 deal with the Commission’s objectives, functions, general duties and incidental powers. The Commission will be a non-departmental public body.

Section 11 requires the Commission to appoint an official custodian for charities in Northern Ireland “(the official custodian”) whose principal function will be to act as custodian trustee in respect of certain charities in circumstances provided for in the Act. Section 11 also specifies the duties and responsibilities of the official custodian.