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# Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 1: Victims and Witnesses**

**Chapter 1** - The Offender Levy

### Section 6: Amount of the offender levy

This section sets out the amount of offender levy to be paid depending on the sentence or fixed penalty given. Where more than one sentence is given at the same time, the levy will be applied to the sentence which attracts the highest rate.

If the sentence includes a determinate sentence of imprisonment for more than two years or an indeterminate sentence of imprisonment the levy value is £50.

Where the sentence includes a determinate sentence of imprisonment less than two years it is  $\pounds 25$ .

Where a sentence includes a community order or suspended sentence of imprisonment it is  $\pounds 20$ .

Where it includes a fine, it is £15.

For fixed penalties the levy is  $\pounds 5$ .

The Department may make an order by affirmative resolution of the Assembly which amends the list and values of the levy.