These notes refer to the Inquiry Into Historical Institutional Abuse Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 18 January 2013

## Inquiry Into Historical Institutional Abuse Act (Northern Ireland) 2013

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

## Section 1: The inquiry

This section authorises the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly to set up an inquiry into historical institutional abuse between 1922 and 1995, the terms of reference for which were announced to the Assembly on 18 October 2012 and which the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly after consulting the chairperson may amend, only following affirmative resolution of the Assembly.