

*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

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 10: Privileged information, etc.***

*Subsection (1)* ensures that witnesses before the inquiry have the same privileges, in relation to requests for information, as witnesses in civil proceedings. This means that a witness will be able to refuse to provide evidence if it is covered by legal professional privilege, or because it might incriminate them, or their spouse or civil partner.