

*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 5: End of inquiry***

*Subsection (1)(a)* provides that the inquiry ends when its report has been submitted and its terms of reference fulfilled. However, circumstances could arise (as yet unforeseen) in which it would be impossible for the inquiry to continue. Therefore, as a safeguard, *Subsection (1)(b)* provides for the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly, after consulting the chairperson, to end the inquiry.