

These notes refer to the Public Service Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 11 March 2014

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

New schemes: supplementary

Section 26: Non-scheme benefits

This section allows scheme managers and employers to make payments towards the provision of pensions and other benefits that are not delivered through a scheme made under section 1 for persons who could have access to such schemes (specifically, both the class of persons described under section 1(2) and persons to whom a scheme has been extended under section 25). This will enable employers to contribute to private occupational pension schemes where: members of public service schemes wish to take out or retain private occupational pensions in addition to (or instead of) being members of public service schemes (such as the Northern Ireland Civil Service Partnership Scheme).

Subsection (2) makes the use of powers in section 26 subject to any provisions contained in the scheme regulations. This would allow each scheme to limit or modify how the power to make payments outside the scheme for pensions or other benefits may be used.