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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **OVERVIEW**

## Part 2

Section 15 creates a new offence of purchasing sexual services to reduce demand for trafficked individuals and combat exploitation. It amends various Articles of the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 and creates a duty in the Act to raise public awareness of the new offence and report to the Assembly on the operation and impact of the new offence.

Section 16 introduces a new offence of forced marriage.