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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

## Section 12: Strategy on offences under sections 1 and 2

Section 12 requires the Department of Justice to publish an annual strategy to tackle human trafficking and slavery-like offences. Subsection (2) requires the Department, in drawing up the strategy to consult with other relevant organisations and have regard to the views that they express. Subsection (3) sets out the purpose of the strategy as being to raise awareness of relevant offences in Northern Ireland and to contribute to a reduction in the number of such offences. Subsection (4) requires the strategy to cover arrangements for multiagency cooperation; the training and equipment of investigators or prosecutors; and provisions aimed at raising awareness of the rights and entitlements of the victims of these offences.