

These notes refer to the Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.14) which received Royal Assent on 11th April 2016

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 3: Duty of certain bodies to consult Commissioner

Subsection (1) places a requirement on the various organs of the Bar responsible for the regulation of barristers to consult the Commissioner before making any rules or regulations. Rules or regulations that relate to the representation of barristers are exempt from this requirement.

Subsection (2) lists the various organs of the Bar.

Subsections (3) to (6) place the same requirement of consultation with the Commissioner upon the Law Society. The Solicitors (NI) Order 1976 sets out the main regulatory functions of the Law Society, and the requirement to consult the Commissioner is written in to the Order at its relevant parts.