

*These notes refer to the Justice Act (Northern Ireland)  
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# Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2016

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 2**

#### **The Prison Ombudsman for Northern Ireland**

##### ***Section 41: Own-initiative investigations***

The Section provides that the Ombudsman may carry out an investigation on his own initiative into matters in defined circumstances (Section 41(1)). The Ombudsman must first consult with the Department (Section 41(2)). The Ombudsman will determine the procedures for the investigation (Section 41(3)).