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# Public Services Ombudsman Act (Northern Ireland) 2016

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON CLAUSES**

#### Part 1: The Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman

### Section 1: The Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman

This section provides that there is to be a Public Services Ombudsman. Schedule 1 sets out the administrative details about the NIPSO and provides that the NIPSO is to be a corporation sole. The main function of the NIPSO is to investigate alleged maladministration in government, public and quasi-public bodies (these are collectively referred to as listed authorities and the full list of them is contained in Schedule 3).