



2016 CHAPTER 4

PART 1

THE NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN

Appointment

3.—(1) The Ombudsman is to be appointed by Her Majesty, on the nomination of the Assembly.

(2) Appointment is for a term of 7 years.

(3) A person appointed as the Ombudsman is not eligible for re-appointment.

(4) The Assembly Commission is to make arrangements for—

(a) determining the criteria for appointment, and

(b) ensuring that the person to be appointed has been identified by fair and open competition.

(5) The validity of the exercise of any function of the Ombudsman is not affected by any defect in appointment.