

These notes refer to the Water and Sewerage Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.7) which received Royal Assent on 23 March 2016

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 1: Extension of period for which grants to water and sewerage undertakers can be paid

Section 1 amends Article 213 (grants by the Department to relevant undertakers) of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (“the 2006 Order”) to allow the Department to continue to pay subsidy to NI Water on behalf of domestic customers up to 31 March 2017. This aligns with the Executive’s commitment not to introduce household charges during the current mandate. The Section also enables the 2006 Order to be further amended by order, with the approval of the Assembly, so that the subsidy can be paid until such other date as the Department decides.