

*These notes refer to the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act
(Northern Ireland) 2021 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 1 March 2021*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1, Chapter 3 – Miscellaneous Provision

Section 33: Independent oversight of this Part

This section requires the Department, within one year of Royal Assent of the Act, to appoint an independent person to report and make recommendations in relation to the operation of Part 1 and to advise and make recommendations on the content and review of the guidance under section 30. The independent person is required to produce their first report within two years of Chapter 1 and 2 coming into operation, for the Department to lay the report at the Assembly and publish it. Annual reports are then required. The Department of Justice may specify by regulations, a date on which the oversight function stops. This must not be before seven years from the day on which Chapter 1 and 2 came into operation.

Section 33 comes into operation the day after Royal Assent.