

These notes refer to the Preservation of Documents (Historical Institutions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c.26) which received Royal Assent on 12 May 2022

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 2 (Meaning of “relevant document”)

Stipulates conditions which must be satisfied before a document is considered relevant. Three conditions in total are stipulated, including that the document: must contain “relevant information” [defined]; and that it is likely to be of interest to an inquiry or investigation in relation to the implementation of the recommendations made by the Truth Recovery Design Panel as set out in a statement to the Assembly made by the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly on 15th November 2021. The section also provides that a document is not a “relevant document” if a copy of the document or the information it contains is generally available to the public. It also defines “relevant period” for the purpose of this section as the period between 1922 and 1995 (both inclusive).