



Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 25

Exclusion from Ministerial office

6 Secretary of State's powers in exceptional circumstances

After section 30A of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47) there is inserted—

“30B Secretary of State's powers in exceptional circumstances

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 30A, under exceptional circumstances the Secretary of State may by direction temporarily exclude a Minister or junior Minister.
- (2) An exclusion under subsection (1) shall only remain in effect until either—
 - (a) a report from the Commission has been made; or
 - (b) the Assembly has considered a resolution under section 30(1) or (2); or
 - (c) a period of two weeks has elapsed.
- (3) In subsection (1) “exceptional circumstances” include where—
 - (a) there is insufficient time for the Commission to make a report; and
 - (b) there is insufficient time for the Assembly to consider a resolution under section 30(1) or (2).
- (4) A direction made under this section shall be in writing and shall be laid before Parliament after the direction is given.”

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Act 2003, Section 6.