

*These notes refer to the Children Act 2004 (c.31)
which received Royal Assent on 15th November 2004*

CHILDREN ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 - Children's Commissioner

Section 7: Functions of Commissioner in Northern Ireland

51. *Subsection (1)* gives the Commissioner the function of promoting awareness of the views and interests of children in Northern Ireland in relation to excepted matters. *Subsection (2)* gives the Commissioner the same powers and duties in relation to this function as he has for his function under section 2.
52. *Subsection (3)* places a duty on the Commissioner to take account of the views of, and any work undertaken by, the Commissioner for Children and Young People for Northern Ireland when he is carrying out his function outlined in subsection (1).
53. *Subsections (4) and (7)* give to the Commissioner the power to undertake inquiries, at his own initiation and at the direction of the Secretary of State respectively, in relation to the case of an individual child in Northern Ireland so long as the issues raised by it relate to an excepted matter.