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PART 2

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY  
COMMISSIONER FOR STANDARDS

*Investigatory powers of the Commissioner*

**Protection from defamation actions**

**32.—(1)** For the purposes of the law of defamation, any statement made in pursuance of the purposes of this Part—

- (a) by the Commissioner shall have absolute privilege; and
- (b) to the Commissioner shall have qualified privilege.

(2) In subsection (1), “statement” has the same meaning as in the Defamation Act 1996 (c. 31).