



# Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 26

### PART 3

#### OTHER NEW INSTITUTIONS

##### *Law Commission*

#### **50 Law Commission**

- (1) There is to be a body corporate known as the Northern Ireland Law Commission.
- (2) The Commission is to consist of—
  - (a) a chairman, and
  - (b) four other Commissioners, appointed by the [<sup>F1</sup>Department of Justice].
- (3) The chairman is to be a person who holds the office of judge of the High Court.
- (4) Of the other Commissioners—
  - (a) one is to be a person appearing to the [<sup>F2</sup>Department of Justice] to be suitably qualified to be a Commissioner by experience as a barrister,
  - (b) one is to be a person appearing to the [<sup>F3</sup>Department of Justice] to be suitably qualified to be a Commissioner by experience as a solicitor,
  - (c) one is to be a person appearing to the [<sup>F4</sup>Department of Justice] to be suitably qualified to be a Commissioner by experience as a teacher of law in a university, and
  - (d) the other is to be a person who does not hold (and has never held) judicial office and is not (and has never been) a barrister, solicitor or teacher of law in a university.
- (5) Before appointing a person to be a Commissioner the [<sup>F5</sup>Department of Justice] must consult—
  - <sup>F6</sup>(a) .....

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- (b) the First Minister and deputy First Minister, and
  - (c) the Attorney General for Northern Ireland.
- (6) In appointing persons to be Commissioners, the [<sup>F7</sup>Department of Justice] must so far as possible secure that the Commissioners (taken together) are representative of the community in Northern Ireland.
- (7) Schedule 9 makes further provision about the Commission.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 50(2) substituted (12.4.2010) by The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), art. 1(2), **Sch. 13 para. 8(2)** (with arts. 28-31)
- F2** Words in s. 50(4)(a) substituted (12.4.2010) by The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), art. 1(2), **Sch. 13 para. 8(2)** (with arts. 28-31)
- F3** Words in s. 50(4)(b) substituted (12.4.2010) by The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), art. 1(2), **Sch. 13 para. 8(2)** (with arts. 28-31)
- F4** Words in s. 50(4)(c) substituted (12.4.2010) by The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), art. 1(2), **Sch. 13 para. 8(2)** (with arts. 28-31)
- F5** Words in s. 50(5) substituted (12.4.2010) by The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), art. 1(2), **Sch. 13 para. 8(2)** (with arts. 28-31)
- F6** S. 50(5)(a) omitted (12.4.2010) by virtue of The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), art. 1(2), **Sch. 18 para. 65** (with arts. 28-31)
- F7** Words in s. 50(6) substituted (12.4.2010) by The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), art. 1(2), **Sch. 13 para. 8(2)** (with arts. 28-31)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 31(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 5\(2\)](#)
- s. 31(7) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 5\(4\)](#)