



Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 26

PART 1

THE JUDICIARY

[^{F1}The Ombudsman

^{F1}[^{F2}9F] **Report procedure**

- (1) This section applies to a report under section 9E.
- (2) The Ombudsman must submit a draft of the report—
 - ^{F3}(a) if the complaint was a Commission complaint, to the First Minister and deputy First Minister and to the Commission;
 - (b) otherwise, to the Lord Chancellor.]
- (3) In finalising the report the Ombudsman—
 - (a) must have regard to any proposal ^{F4}for changes in the draft report which is made—
 - (i) if the complaint was a Commission complaint, by the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly or by the Commission;
 - (ii) otherwise, by the Lord Chancellor;]
 - (b) must include in the report a statement of any such proposal not given effect to.
- (4) The report must be signed by the Ombudsman.
- (5) If the complaint was a Commission complaint the Ombudsman must send the report in duplicate to the ^{F5}First Minister and deputy First Minister and to] the Commission.
- (6) Otherwise the Ombudsman must send the report to the Lord Chancellor.
- (7) The Ombudsman must send a copy of the report to the complainant, but that copy must not include information—

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- (a) which relates to an identified or identifiable individual other than the complainant, and
- (b) whose disclosure by the Ombudsman to the complainant would (apart from this subsection) be contrary to section 9I.]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 9A and preceding cross-heading inserted (25.9.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), [ss. 124\(2\)](#), 148; [S.I. 2006/1537](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#)
- F2** S. 9F inserted (25.9.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), [ss. 129](#), 148; [S.I. 2006/1537](#), [art. 3\(c\)](#)
- F3** S. 9F(2)(a)(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. 18 para. 62\(a\)](#) (with arts. 28-31)
- F4** Words in s. 9F(3)(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. 18 para. 62\(b\)](#) (with arts. 28-31)
- F5** Words in s. 9F(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. 18 para. 62\(c\)](#) (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\(4\)](#)