



Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007

2007 CHAPTER 6

Human Rights Commission

14 Legal proceedings

- (1) In section 71(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47) (Human Rights Commission: Convention rights proceedings: restrictions) for “section 6(2)(c), 24(1)(a) or 69(5)(b)” substitute “ section 6(2)(c) or 24(1)(a) ”.
- (2) After section 71(2) of that Act insert—
 - “(2A) Subsection (1) does not apply to the Commission.
 - (2B) In relation to the Commission's instituting, or intervening in, human rights proceedings—
 - (a) the Commission need not be a victim or potential victim of the unlawful act to which the proceedings relate,
 - (b) section 7(3) and (4) of the Human Rights Act 1998 (c. 42) (breach of Convention rights: sufficient interest, &c.) shall not apply,
 - (c) the Commission may act only if there is or would be one or more victims of the unlawful act, and
 - (d) no award of damages may be made to the Commission (whether or not the exception in section 8(3) of that Act applies).
 - (2C) For the purposes of subsection (2B)—
 - (a) “human rights proceedings” means proceedings which rely (wholly or partly) on—
 - (i) section 7(1)(b) of the Human Rights Act 1998, or
 - (ii) section 69(5)(b) of this Act, and
 - (b) an expression used in subsection (2B) and in section 7 of the Human Rights Act 1998 has the same meaning in subsection (2B) as in section 7.”

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007, Section 14.