



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

Defamation Bill

Annotated Marshalled List of Amendments  
Further Consideration Stage  
Monday 14 March 2022

Amendments tabled up to 9.30am Wednesday, 9 March 2022 and selected for debate

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**Amendment 1**      [*Not moved*]

Leave out clause 9 and insert -

‘Order to remove statement or cease distribution etc

**9.**—(1) Subsections (2) and (3) apply where a court gives judgment for the claimant in an action for defamation.

(2) If the defendant is the operator of a website on which the defamatory statement is posted, the court may order the defendant to remove the statement.

(3) If the defendant was not the author, editor or publisher of the defamatory statement but has distributed, sold or exhibited material containing the statement, the court may order the defendant to stop distributing, selling or exhibiting the material.

(4) In subsection (3), “author”, “editor” and “publisher” have the same meaning as in section 1 of the Defamation Act 1996.

(5) This section does not affect any power of the court that exists apart from this section.’

*Mr Mike Nesbitt*

**Amendment 2**      *[Made]*

Leave out clause 9 and insert -

**‘Powers of the court**

9. This Act does not affect any power of a court that exists apart from this Act.’

*Mr Mike Nesbitt*

**Amendment 3**      *[Made]*

**Clause 12, Page 7**

Leave out line 11

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**Amendment 4**      *[Made]*

**Clause 14, Page 7**

Leave out Clause 14

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**Amendment 5**      *[Made]*

**Clause 15, Page 7, Line 38**

Leave out ‘The provisions of this Act (including this section) come’ and insert ‘This Act comes’

*Mr Mike Nesbitt*