



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

Functioning of Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill  
Notice of Amendments tabled on  
16 November 2020 for Consideration Stage

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**New Clause**

After clause 12 insert -

**‘Review of financial assistance for Assembly Opposition parties**

**12A.**—(1) The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission shall, within three months of this Act coming into operation, initiate a review of the adequacy and effectiveness of the additional payments to be made to political parties in the Assembly Opposition (within the meaning of the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016), as provided for under section 1(2) of the Financial Assistance for Political Parties Act (Northern Ireland) 2000.

(2) The Assembly Commission must lay before the Assembly a report on the outcome of the review provided for under subsection (1) as soon as reasonably practicable and not later than the period of 1 year from the day after the day on which this Act receives Royal Assent.

(3) The Assembly Commission must, not later than 12 months before the end of each mandate, review and publish a report on the adequacy and effectiveness of the additional payments to be made to political parties in the Assembly Opposition.

(4) Subsection (3) does not have effect until the first election under section 31 or 32 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 which takes place after the Act comes into force.’

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