



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Administrative and Financial Provisions Bill
Notice of Amendments tabled on
18 February 2026 for Consideration Stage

New Clause

After clause 14 insert—

‘Independent environmental protection agency

14A.—(1) The Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs may by regulations establish a body corporate to be known as the “Environmental Protection Agency of Northern Ireland”.

(2) The functions of the agency are to contribute to environmental protection, and the improvement of the natural environment.

(3) Regulations under subsection (1) may provide for—

- (a) the functions of the agency;
- (b) the general powers of the agency;
- (c) the payment of remuneration, allowances and the defraying of expenses of the agency;
- (d) accounting, reporting and record-keeping by the agency;
- (e) the appointment of officers and staff to the agency;
- (f) the acquisition and disposal by the agency of property, rights and liabilities (including land); and
- (g) such further provision in relation to the agency as the Minister considers appropriate.

(4) Regulations under subsection (1) may not be made unless a draft of them has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Assembly.’

Leader of the Opposition