



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Administrative and Financial Provisions Bill
Notice of Amendment tabled on
26 February 2026 for Consideration Stage

New Clause

After clause 14 insert—

‘Conditions for suspension of public appointees

14A.—(1) Where a person holding a public appointment is subject to investigation for an offence, the Minister responsible for that appointment may suspend that person from holding that appointment until the conclusion of the proceedings.

(2) A Minister responsible for a public appointment may only suspend a person if they are satisfied that such action is necessary to promote public confidence in the body which the public appointment relates to.

(3) It shall be a requirement of the terms of appointment for a person holding a public appointment to notify the Minister responsible for their appointment, if they become aware that they are the subject of an investigation for an offence.

(4) Any notification under paragraph (3) shall include such details of the investigation that the person holds.

(5) Any notification under paragraph (4) must be used for the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) and for no other purpose.

(6) The Commissioner for Public Appointments may provide guidance in relation to this section.

(7) In this section—

(a) ‘public appointment’ is defined as any appointment which is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments,

(b) ‘Minister’ includes the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly.’

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