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Administrative and Financial Provisions Bill
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Leave out subsection (3) and insert—

- ‘(3) The Department is prohibited from introducing a fee to be payable for the issue of—
- (a) a travel concession pass, or
 - (b) a duplicate of a travel concession pass in replacement of a lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed one.’

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Leave out subsection (5) and (6) and insert—

- ‘(5) The Department must by regulations subject to negative resolution extend the concessionary fares scheme to include full-fare concessions for the below persons—
- (a) registered as partially sighted,
 - (b) refused a driving licence on medical grounds,
 - (c) known to have a learning disability,
 - (d) in receipt of the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance, or
 - (e) in receipt of the standard or enhanced mobility component of Personal Independence Payment (PIP).’

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New Clause

‘Update and revision of the PPN 05/21 (Human Rights in Public Procurement (the ‘Note’))

—(1) The Department of Finance, must, within six months of the coming into operation of this Act, review and revise the PPN 05/21.

(2) In applying this PPN, Departments must ensure that all procurement activity is undertaken in a manner consistent with the UNGPs including—

- (a) the State duty to protect human rights;
- (b) the corporate responsibility to respect human rights; and
- (c) access to effective remedy for affected individuals and communities.

(3) A new clause will be inserted, replacing 4.1 of PPN 05/21, stating that ‘All contracts must be subject to a standardised and proportionate human rights risk assessment process. This assessment must be undertaken prior to the commencement of the procurement procedure and continue through the life of the contract, with the frequency and depth of review proportional to the level of identified risk, and in line with the UNGPs and relevant guidance.’

(4) A new clause will be inserted, replacing 4.5 to 4.8 of the PPN 05/21, stating that ‘For all contracts assessed as medium or high risk, Contractors must provide to the relevant department evidence of a commitment to human rights and human rights due diligence (HRDD), which includes, at a minimum—

- (i) integrating human rights and environmental due diligence into policies and management systems, including a human rights policy agreed at board level and published on their website;
- (ii) identifying, assessing and addressing actual or potential human rights and environmental harms, through prevention, mitigation and remediation;
- (iii) establishing or participating in and maintaining effective grievance mechanisms;
- (iv) tracking, verifying, monitoring, and assessing the effectiveness of the measures taken and their outcomes;
- (v) communicating with stakeholders and reporting publicly on findings.’

(5) Replace ‘should’ with ‘must’ in 4.10.

(6) All relevant Departments shall publish annual publicly available reports on PPN 05/21. These reports will detail—

- (i) the number and value of contracts applying PPN 05/21;
- (ii) measures taken to verify UNGP-aligned human rights compliance, including the number of audit and inspections conducted; and
- (iii) any breaches or remedial practices imposed.

(7) The Department of Finance shall provide support through adequately resourced programmes for SMEs to ensure compliance without excluding smaller suppliers, in line with best practice.

(8) The Department of Finance will review, and where necessary revise PPN 05/21, at intervals not exceeding three years.’

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New Clause

‘National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights

—(1) The Executive must prepare, publish and implement a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights (‘the NAP’) for Northern Ireland.

(2) The NAP must—

- (a) set out strategies to promote respect for human rights across business operations carried out in Northern Ireland and across relevant supply chains;
- (b) be expressly aligned with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), including all three pillars, namely—
 - (i) the State duty to protect human rights,
 - (ii) the corporate responsibility to respect human rights, and
 - (iii) access to effective remedy for affected individuals and communities;
- (c) identify measures currently taken by government to support business compliance with international and regional human rights and environmental standards and identify any gaps in those measures;
- (d) assess the extent to which businesses operating in Northern Ireland have committed to respecting human rights, including through human rights due diligence and the provision of effective remedies for abuses;
- (e) include measures to support SMEs and smaller suppliers in meeting human rights standards;
- (f) establish appropriate monitoring, enforcement and remedy mechanisms;
- (g) integrate human rights considerations into procurement, investment and financial assistance policies;
- (h) include a commitment to action points that are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time specific;
- (i) include a periodic review framework of the NAP at intervals of no more than five years;
- (j) allocate adequate human and financial resources to those responsible for the implementation and review of the NAP, including the development of the National Baseline Assessment (NBA); and
- (k) include arrangements for the dissemination of information relating to the governance framework, methodology, consultation process and implementation timeline through appropriate communication channels.

(3) Prior to the preparation of the NAP, the Executive must establish a cross-departmental working group for the purpose of designing, coordinating and delivering the NAP.

(4) The working group established under subsection (2)—

- (a) must include representatives from all Northern Ireland departments whose functions may engage matters relating to business activity, public procurement, financial assistance, economic development, labour rights, equality, human rights, or corporate regulation;
- (b) must include representatives from trade unions with membership in both public and private sectors;
- (c) may include representatives from relevant public bodies and agencies;
- (d) shall be project managed by the Department for the Economy; and
- (e) shall oversee the commissioning, development and completion of a National Baseline Assessment.

(5) Before preparing the NAP, and in line with best practice, the working group must ensure that a National Baseline Assessment (‘NBA’) is undertaken to determine the extent to which Northern Ireland law, policy and practice currently align with the UNGPs.

(6) The NBA under subsection (5)—

- (a) must be undertaken by an independent advisory group with appropriate expertise and competence in business and human rights;
- (b) must be informed by both quantitative and qualitative research;
- (c) may include desk-based, empirical and participatory research methods;
- (d) must include engagement with relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to businesses, government departments, public officials, civil society organisations, academics, trade unions and international organisations;
- (e) shall require all relevant departments to provide such information and assistance as may reasonably be required; and
- (f) must be published and used as the evidential basis for the preparation of the NAP.

(7) The Executive must publish the NAP and any subsequent review reports.

(8) The Executive may issue guidance or make regulations for the purposes of implementing, monitoring and reviewing the NAP.’

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