



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Legal Complaints and Regulation Bill
Annotated Marshalled List of Amendments
Consideration Stage
Monday 18 January 2016

Amendments tabled up to 9.30am Wednesday, 13 January 2016 and selected for debate

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses, Schedules and Long Title

Amendment 1 [Made]

Clause 2, Page 1, Line 17

At end insert -

‘(aa) require a professional body to provide the Commissioner with such information in relation to the number of complaints made against the members of that body as the Commissioner may specify;’

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 2 [Made]

Clause 8, Page 5, Line 4

After ‘privileged’ insert ‘unless the publication is proved to be made with malice’

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 3 [Made]

Clause 17, Page 8, Line 12

Leave out ‘, without consideration of its merits’

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 4 [Made]

Clause 19, Page 10, Line 18

After ‘apology’ insert ‘(which shall not, of itself, amount to an admission of negligence for the purpose of any civil proceedings)’

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 5 [Made]

Clause 29, Page 15, Line 26

At end insert -

‘(1A) The Law Society must make regulations requiring every solicitor to provide the Law Society with such information about the number of relevant complaints made in relation to that solicitor as may be specified in the regulations.’

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 6 [Made]

Clause 29, Page 15, Line 28

After ‘(1)’ insert ‘and (1A)’

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 7 [Made]

Clause 29, Page 15, Line 29

After ‘(1)’ insert ‘and (1A)’

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Amendment 8 [Made]

Clause 36, Page 18, Line 12

Leave out ‘, without consideration of its merits’

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Amendment 9 [Made]

Clause 38, Page 20, Line 18

After ‘apology’ insert ‘(which shall not, of itself, amount to an admission of negligence for the purpose of any civil proceedings)’

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 10 [Made on division]

New Clause

After clause 50 insert -

‘Review

50A.—(1) The Department must not later than 3 years after the commencement of this Act appoint an independent person to review and publish a report on the implementation of this Act.

(2) Regulations under this section shall set out the terms of the review.’

Chair, Committee for Finance and Personnel

Amendment 11 [Made]

Clause 51, Page 26, Line 32

Leave out ‘and’ and insert ‘but’

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 12 [Made]

Clause 51, Page 26, Line 33

Leave out ‘does so’ and insert ‘modifies an Act of Parliament or Northern Ireland legislation’

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 13 **[Made]**

Schedule 1, Page 31, Line 29

After ‘report’ insert ‘, in such form as the Department may require,’

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 14 **[Made]**

Schedule 1, Page 31, Line 30

At end insert -

‘(1A) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (1), a report sent to the Department under that sub-paragraph must contain information about the number of complaints made in relation to the members of each professional body during the year to which the report relates.’

Minister of Finance and Personnel