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Assembly

Public Services Ombudsperson Bill  
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**Clause 4**, Page 2, Line 28

After ‘transitional’ insert ‘and savings’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 8**, Page 4, Line 11

Leave out ‘clinical or’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 12**, Page 5, Line 5

Leave out ‘First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly’ and insert ‘Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 12**, Page 5, Line 11

Leave out paragraph (a)

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 16, Page 6, Line 36**

Leave out ‘general medical’ and insert ‘primary medical’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 16, Page 7, Line 1**

Leave out ‘personal medical’ and insert ‘primary medical’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 18, Page 7, Line 27**

Leave out ‘the’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 18, Page 7, Line 30**

After ‘courses’ insert ‘provided or’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 19, Page 8, Line 13**

Leave out ‘First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly’ and insert ‘Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister’

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**Clause 19, Page 8, Line 16**

At end insert -

‘(c) Before making an order under this section, the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister must consult the Ombudsman and any other person it thinks appropriate.’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 22, Page 9, Line 11**

Leave out ‘Assembly Commission’ and insert ‘Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 22**, Page 9, Line 13

At end insert -

‘(3) Before making an order under this section, the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister must consult the Ombudsman and any other person it thinks appropriate.’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 33**, Page 13, Line 3

Leave out ‘or any member of staff of the Ombudsperson’ and insert ‘, any member of staff of the Ombudsman or any person authorised in accordance with paragraph 14(2) of Schedule 1’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 34**, Page 13, Line 25

Leave out paragraph (b)

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 34**, Page 13, Line 27

Leave out subsection (2)

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 38**, Page 15, Line 7

Leave out ‘subsection (1) applies’ and insert ‘a listed authority has been notified in accordance with subsection (1)’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 48**, Page 18, Line 17

Leave out paragraph (c) and insert -

‘(c) publication by a person aggrieved, in the course of communication with the Ombudsman, of any statement made by the person aggrieved in connection with an investigation,’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 49**, Page 18, Line 31

After ‘information’ insert ‘obtained by the Ombudsman which is’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 49**, Page 18, Line 32

After ‘information’ insert ‘obtained by the Ombudsman which is’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 54**, Page 22, Line 21

Leave out ‘clinical or’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 55**, Page 22, Line 37

Leave out ‘clinical or’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 64**, Page 25, Line 11

At end insert -

- ‘(a) section 1 (including Schedule 1),
- (b) section 3,’

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**Clause 64**, Page 25, Line 17

At end insert -

- ‘(g) in Schedule 2, paragraphs 5, 11 and 12.’

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**Clause 64**, Page 25, Line 18

Leave out subsection (3)

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 64**, Page 25, Line 38

After ‘to’ insert ‘the board of governors of’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 64**, Page 25, Line 41

After ‘Schedule 1 (’ insert ‘the board of governors of’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 1**, Page 29, Line 3

Leave out ‘appointed as’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 1**, Page 31, Line 1

Leave out ‘appointment of’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 2**, Page 33, Line 7

Leave out ‘appointed’ and insert ‘transfer’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 2**, Page 36, Line 2

After ‘where the’ insert ‘relevant’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 2**, Page 36, Line 8

Leave out ‘the’ and insert ‘an’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 2**, Page 36, Line 10

Leave out sub-paragraph (2) and insert -

‘(2) On and after the transfer day, the complaint may be made or referred under this Act, and the provisions of this Act apply for the purposes of making, referring, investigating and dealing with that complaint, save that if the complaint is made or referred within the time period required under—

- (a) the Ombudsman (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, where the complaint could have been made or referred to the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland,
- (b) the Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, where the complaint could have been made or referred to the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints,

the complaint will be deemed to comply with the time period required under this Act.’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 2**, Page 36, Line 15

At end insert -

*‘Commissioner for Public Appointments*

12.—(1) The repeal by this Act of the Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 does not affect the definition of “public appointment” in the Commissioner for Public Appointments (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not affect the exercise of prerogative powers in respect of the Commissioner for Public Appointments referred to in section 23(3) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 3**, Page 36, Line 29

Leave out from ‘, a joint committee’ to end of line 31

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 3**, Page 38, Line 39

Leave out ‘and any committee or sub-committee of a new town commission’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 5**, Page 40, Line 13

Leave out ‘56,’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 5**, Page 40, Line 31

After ‘maladministration’ insert ‘and that such injustice has not been remedied, and’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 5**, Page 40, Line 32

Leave out head (b)

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 6**, Page 43, Line 30

Leave out heads (b) and (c)

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 6, Page 43, Line 37**

Leave out ‘sub-paragraph’ and insert ‘sub-paragraphs (2) to’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 6, Page 43, Line 39**

At end insert -

‘(f) in sub-paragraph (6) leave out ‘(4)’ and insert ‘(1)’.’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 7, Page 45, Line 6**

At end insert -

‘and

(c) as if in section 31(5) the references to section 32(1) and (2) had no effect.’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 7, Page 45, Line 40**

At end insert -

‘(b) paragraph 16 (advisers) applies in relation to the functions of the Commissioner under this Part as it applies in relation to the functions of the Ombudsman under the 2015 Act,’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 8, Page 46, Line 35**

After ‘Equality Commission,’ insert ‘the board of governors of’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 8, Page 47, Line 1**

After ‘Northern Ireland department,’ insert ‘the board of governors of’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 8, Page 47, Line 7**

After ‘Northern Ireland department,’ insert ‘the board of governors of’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 8**, Page 47, Line 29

After ‘the Commissioner,’ insert ‘the board of governors of’

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 9**, Page 49, Line 26

Leave out ‘paragraph 14’ and insert -

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| paragraphs 13 and 14

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*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Schedule 9**, Page 49

Leave out from line 35 to the end of line 1 on page 50

*Chair, Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister*

**Clause 30**, Page 11, Line 29

Leave out from ‘, and’ to end of line 31 and insert -

‘(8) The Ombudsman shall, on receipt of a request from any person, ensure that that person shall be represented in the investigation by counsel, solicitor or otherwise.’

*Mr Alban Maginness*

*Mr Trevor Lunn*

**Clause 46**, Page 17, Line 34

Leave out subsection (2)

*Mr Trevor Lunn*

*Mr Alban Maginness*

**Clause 13**, Page 6, Line 2

At end insert -

‘(d) any person appointed by a Northern Ireland Minister to a position in the Northern Ireland Civil Service as a special adviser if the listed authority is a Northern Ireland department,’

*Mr Roy Beggs*



**Schedule 3, Page 36, Line 27**

After 'department' insert '(including any action of a person appointed by a Northern Ireland Minister to a position in the Northern Ireland Civil Service as a special adviser)'

*Mr Roy Beggs*