

## Public Authorities (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009

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The Public Authorities (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 received Royal Assent on 16 February 2009. The 2009 Act makes provision for the abolition of certain public authorities.

The 2009 Act will affect The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland, the Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board for Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Pig Production Development Committee, Enterprise Ulster and the Laganside Corporation.

The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland was responsible for the conservation and protection of the salmon and inland fisheries of Northern Ireland other than the Fisheries of the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission. The 2009 Act provides for the functions of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland to be transferred to the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure.

The Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board for Northern Ireland was set up to advise the Department for Social Development and the Social Security Agency on matters relating directly to Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance.

The primary functions of the Northern Ireland Pig Production Development Committee were to provide services and facilities intended to benefit persons engaged in the production of pigs in Northern Ireland. Any assets held by or on behalf of the Committee shall be transferred to Pig ReGen for the benefit of persons engaged in the production of pigs.

Enterprise Ulster was established for the purpose of creating, or providing training for, employment in Northern Ireland. The 2009 Act provides for the transfer of rights and liabilities of the Corporation to the Department for Employment and Learning upon the dissolution of the Enterprise Ulster.

Laganside Corporation was tasked with the social and economic regeneration of over 200 hectares of inner city land, straddling both banks of the river Lagan. All of Laganside Corporation's assets and liabilities will be transferred to the Department for Social Development.

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