

These notes refer to the Child Maintenance Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c.10) which received Royal Assent on 2 July 2008

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1: Additional functions of the Department

Section 4: Agency arrangements and provision of services

This section enables the Department to make arrangements with another Government Department or prescribed body (defined as a “relevant authority” in *subsection (4)*), for the functions of one of them to be exercised on their behalf by the other, or for one to provide administrative, professional or technical services to the other.

Subsection (2) makes clear that this does not include functions in relation to making, confirming or approving secondary legislation.

Subsection (3) enables the Department to agree the terms and conditions that it considers appropriate for any arrangements under this section.

Subsection (5) clarifies that the functions of the Department which are referred to in the section, are those specifically relating to child support.