

These notes refer to the Housing (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (c.9) which received Royal Assent on 13 April 2010

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 6: Power to obtain information from registered housing associations

Section 6 replaces and strengthens the Department's existing power to monitor registered housing associations contained in Article 21 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992. The Department may now serve a notice requiring information which would assist it in discharging its functions on a wider class of person than was previously the case. The new Articles make provision in connection with the procedural matters for the notice; provide for penalties and other ancillary matters in the case of a failure to comply with the notice; provide a statutory power for specified persons to disclose to the Department information received by them in the course of their duties; make provision for the Department to disclose information which relates to a registered housing association for specified purposes and to specified persons, and also prescribe penalties for disclosure not in accordance with these provisions.