

*These notes refer to the Civil Registration Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c.20) which received Royal Assent on 3 May 2011*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **CONSULTATION**

4. Two previous Consultation Papers, the latest issued in 2006, and entitled 'Civil Registration in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Modernising a Vital Service', sought views from the public on the system for registering births and deaths in Northern Ireland and explained why change is necessary if the expectations of the citizen, government and society are to be met. It also provided a vision for a more flexible and efficient service underpinned by modern technology.
5. Respondents to the consultation paper supported a more responsive service with more choice in ways to register vital events, the provision of additional services and increased availability and use of electronic information.