

*These notes refer to the Autism Act (Northern Ireland)  
2011 (c.27) which received Royal Assent on 9th May 2011*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **CONSULTATION**

4. As Chair of the All-Party Assembly Group on Autism and as a consequence of that work and the associated engagement with stakeholders Mr Bradley developed proposals for an Act. He consulted on the policy behind the Act during Spring 2010, receiving 24 written responses, which were broadly supportive of the proposals, although public sector consultees questioned the need for legislation. Evidence-gathering on the proposed measures in the Act was carried out by the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety.