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PART II

DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION

Procedure for amending section 7(1) of the 1995 Act

13. For subsections (3) to (10) of section 7 of the 1995 Act (exemption for small businesses) there shall be substituted the following subsections—

"(3) Before making an order under subsection (2) the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister shall consult—

- (a) the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland;
- (b) such organisations representing the interests of employers as that Office considers appropriate; and
- (c) such organisations representing the interests of disabled persons in employment or seeking employment as that Office considers appropriate.

(4) The Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister shall, before laying an order under this section before the Assembly, publish a summary of the views expressed to it in its consultations.".