

*These notes refer to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers
Act 2000 (c.23) which received Royal Assent on 28 July 2000*

REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part II: Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources

Authorisation of surveillance and human intelligence sources

Section 31: Orders under section 30 for Northern Ireland

200. **Section 31** provides for the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, to be able to make an order specifying which authorities, with devolved functions in Northern Ireland, can lawfully authorise directed surveillance and the conduct and the use of covert human intelligence sources.