

*These notes refer to the Census (Amendment) Act 2000
(c.24) which received Royal Assent on 28th July 2000*

CENSUS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BACKGROUND

Technical issues.

13. All census questions are tested to establish:
- that respondents understand them;
 - that they are publicly acceptable;
 - that the quality of the response is sufficiently high for reliable information to be obtained; and
 - that they do not have an adverse effect on response rates to the Census as a whole.

An earlier version of the proposed question on religion was included in the Census Rehearsal in April 1999 and satisfied these tests.