

*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

The need for legislation

17. An Order in Council under the terms of the Census Act and providing for certain specified particulars to be included in the census returns in England and Wales (the Census Order 2000: [S.I. 2000/744](#)) was made on 15th March 2000. An amendment to the Census Act was required to enable religion to be specified as a particular in a subsequent Order in Council.