

*These notes refer to the Human Reproductive Cloning Act 2001  
(c.23) which received Royal Assent on 4th December 2001*

# **HUMAN REPRODUCTIVE CLONING ACT 2001**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **BACKGROUND**

3. This Act fulfils the Government's commitment to bring in legislation to put the ban on human reproductive cloning onto a statutory footing. It is brought forward following the judgement of the High Court on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2001. This held that embryos created by cell nuclear replacement were not governed by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990. As a consequence the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority could not implement a ban on reproductive cloning by refusing to licence any application for this purpose.