

*These notes refer to the Adoption and Children Act 2002  
(c.38) which received Royal Assent on 7th November 2002*

# **ADOPTION AND CHILDREN ACT 2002**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 1 – Adoption**

#### ***Chapter 3 - Placement for Adoption and Adoption Orders***

#### ***Section 54: Disclosing information during adoption process***

157. *Section 54* provides that the general regulation making power under *section 9* of the Act may be used to oblige adoption agencies in prescribed circumstances to provide prescribed information to prospective adopters. The intention is to require agencies to provide prospective adopters with the necessary information about a child (for example his needs, his interests, how he relates to other children and adults and his education and health) to help them decide whether to accept a match that the agency suggests with a child.