# NORTHERN IRELAND ARMS DECOMMISSIONING (AMENDMENT) ACT 2002

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY**

#### Section 1

## Subsection (2)

6. This subsection amends section 2(2)(a) of the 1997 Act which originally provided that the amnesty period must end before the first anniversary of the day on which the 1997 Act was passed, unless extended by order of the Secretary of State. The amendment has the effect of extending the initial maximum period of an amnesty to end at midnight on 26 February 2003.