

*These notes refer to the Employment Relations Act 2004
(c.24) which received Royal Assent on 16 September 2004*

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Part 6: Miscellaneous

Provision of money for trade union modernisation

374. *Section 55* provides a legal basis for the Secretary of State to spend money to modernise trade unions. In a Parliamentary written statement on 10 February 2004, the Minister for Employment Relations, Consumers and the Post Office explained the Government's objectives in assisting unions to modernise through the creation of a Union Modernisation Fund. The Minister gave examples of the types of projects which could be supported by the Fund. He indicated that the Government would consult in the autumn of 2004 on the draft rules and procedures of the fund, with a view to commencing the scheme during the 2005/06 financial year.
375. *Subsection (1)* of section 55 inserts new section 116A into the 1992 Act.