

*These notes refer to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005
(c.4) which received Royal Assent on 24 March 2005*

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ACT 2005

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Representations by senior judges

Section 5: Representations to Parliament

20. **Section 5** provides that the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland and the Lord President of the Court of Session may table written representations to Parliament on matters relating to the judiciary or the administration of justice. In respect of the Lord President of the Court of Session and the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, this function is qualified by subsections (2) and (3) in order to respect the devolution settlements with Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively.

Section 6: Representations to the Northern Ireland Assembly

21. **Section 6** makes provision for the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland to lay written representations before the Northern Ireland Assembly on matters relating to the judiciary, or to the administration of justice in Northern Ireland. The Lord Chief Justice may make such representations if they relate to excepted or reserved matters to which a Bill for an Act of the Assembly relates; or to transferred matters, unless they are transferred matters to which a Bill for an Act of Parliament relates.