## **ROAD SAFETY ACT 2006**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

## Section 57: Powers to regulate transport of radioactive material

- 208. Regulations for the safe transport of radioactive material by road are made under the Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Act 1991 ("the 1991 Act").
- 209. The successful enforcement of these regulations depends on understanding the causes behind incidents and accidents involving the transport of radioactive material. This enforcement is hampered when individuals refuse to provide assistance and information voluntarily to inspectors conducting investigations.
- 210. Section 57 amends the regulation making powers of section 2 of the 1991 Act by allowing the making of regulations:
  - to impose formal requirements for the provision of assistance and information on those involved in the transport of radioactive material; and
  - to authorise such requirements being imposed by inspectors when conducting an investigation.
- 211. The scope of the offence in section 2(4) is expanded so that it will be an offence for any person to contravene or fail to comply with any requirement imposed by or by virtue of regulations made under section 2.