

These notes refer to the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2006 (c.53) which received Royal Assent on 22 November 2006

NORTHERN IRELAND (ST ANDREWS AGREEMENT) ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 4: Supplemental

Section 22: Repeal of the 2006 Act

92. **Section 22** repeals the Northern Ireland Act 2006 in its entirety. Without its repeal, the provisions of Schedule 3 to that Act would have come into immediate effect on 25 November 2006, with the result that the next election of the Northern Ireland Assembly would have been postponed indefinitely.

Section 23: Power to make consequential provision etc

93. **Section 23** provides for the Secretary of State to make by order any supplementary, incidental or consequential provision and any transitional or saving provision that may be needed as a result of the Act. The power is mainly intended to be used to make any changes that may be needed in consequence of the coming into force of Schedule 2 or 3, and for the transitional or savings provision that might be required as a result of the repeal of the 2000 Act.

Section 24: Parliamentary procedure for orders under section 23

94. **Section 24** provides for the affirmative resolution procedure, with the possibility of expedition, to apply to instruments made under section 23 if they contain amendments or repeals of Acts or Northern Ireland legislation. Otherwise, the negative resolution procedure applies.