

*These notes refer to the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection)
Act 2007 (c.20) which received Royal Assent on 26 July 2007*

FORCED MARRIAGE (CIVIL PROTECTION) ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Schedule 1 – Protection against forced marriage: Northern Ireland

Part 1 – Forced marriage protection orders

Ex parte orders

94. *Paragraph 4* makes provision for Northern Ireland in relation to ex parte orders. These are orders made in the absence of the respondent. *Sub-paragraph (1)* provides that the court can make an ex parte order if it is just and convenient to do so. In deciding whether it is just and convenient *sub-paragraph (2)* provides that the court should have regard to all the circumstances of the case, including those circumstances set out in the sub-paragraph.
95. *Sub-paragraphs (3) and (4)* provide that where an order is made ex parte a date must then be set for a hearing where both parties will be given the appropriate notice as provided by court rules.