These notes refer to the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (c.24) which received Royal Assent on 12 November 2009

# WELFARE REFORM ACT 2009

# **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

### **Part 1 – Social Security**

#### Section 14: Mobility component

104. Section 14 amends the entitlement conditions to the higher rate mobility component of disability living allowance so as to allow entitlement to people with a prescribed severe visual impairment. The section amends section 73 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 to set out a new category of entitlement to the higher rate mobility component for people who are severely visually impaired as prescribed in regulations. Section 14 does not alter the existing entitlement to the higher rate mobility component of those who are blind and deaf (to the prescribed degree).