

These notes refer to the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 (c.25) which received Royal Assent on 8th April 2010

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM AND GOVERNANCE ACT 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Ratification of treaties

Section 21: Extension of 21 sitting day period

138. This section provides that a Minister of the Crown may extend the 21 sitting day period. Under *subsection (1)* the Minister may extend the period by 21 days or less.
139. *Subsections (2) and (3)* provide that the period may be extended by laying a statement in Parliament before the expiry of the relevant period that indicates that the period is to be extended and the length of that extension.
140. *Subsection (4)* requires the Minister to publish the statement in a way that the Minister thinks appropriate. *Subsection (5)* provides that the period can be extended more than once.