

*These notes refer to the Welfare Reform Act 2012  
(c.5) which received Royal Assent on 8 March 2012*

# WELFARE REFORM ACT 2012

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 5: Social security: General**

##### *Section 100: Payments to joint claimants*

490. *Section 100* amends section 5 of SSAA 1992. The amendment will apply in respect of the payment of all relevant social security benefits dealt with under the Act.
491. The section inserts a new *subsection (3B)* into section 5 allowing regulations to set out the person to whom a benefit is paid where the benefit is awarded to a couple jointly. Subsection (3B) provides that the Secretary of State may determine that the couple should nominate a lead individual to receive payment of the benefit. Alternatively the Secretary of State may determine to which member of the couple the payment will be made.