

These notes refer to the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (c.26) which received Royal Assent on 26 March 2015

SMALL BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYMENT ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

Part 2: Regulatory Reform

Home businesses

53. Part 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 contains provisions giving security of tenure to tenants of premises that are occupied for business purposes. Because of this, residential landlords often prohibit business use in the tenancy agreement and refuse requests from tenants to be allowed to run a home business, in order to avoid the possibility that it will be more difficult to recover possession of the premises at the end of a tenancy. The measures in the Act amend Part 2 to exclude home business from its provisions. Providing this certainty is expected to make landlords less likely to bar home businesses in their property.