These notes refer to the Rates (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c.8) which received Royal Assent on 3 November 2009

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

## Section 9: Sharing of social security information

This section enables the Department for Social Development (or a person providing services to that Department) to share information relating to social security with the Department of Finance and Personnel and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (or persons providing services to those organisations) for certain purposes. Those purposes are specified in subsection (3) and include improving the take up of certain reliefs and allowances, namely rate relief under Article 30A of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, disabled persons allowance and the lone pensioner allowance, and the administration of such reliefs and allowances.