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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

## Section 8: Department's powers in cases of misconduct or mismanagement of registered housing associations

Section 8 enables the Department, where it has a reasonable belief that there has been misconduct or mismanagement in relation to a registered housing association and where circumstances warrant this, to take immediate action to protect the interests of the housing association or the tenants at any time after the commencement of an inquiry or audit (rather than waiting until the production of an interim report which was the position under previous legislation).