These notes refer to the Water and Sewerage Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 (c.6) which received Royal Assent on 25 April 2013

## Water and Sewerage Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2013

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

## **Section 2: Statutory Charges**

Under Article 220 of the 2006 Order, relevant undertakers (currently NI Water) are (amongst other things) empowered to carry out works to lay certain pipes on land. Before exercising powers under paragraph (1) of Article 220, paragraph (4) of that Article requires relevant undertakers to give reasonable notice to owners and occupiers of the land that the undertaker proposes to exercise the power.

This section amends Schedule 11 to the Land Registration Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 so that, where an undertaker has given reasonable notice that it proposes to exercise powers under paragraph (1)(a) of Article 220, or powers under paragraph (1)(c) of that Article where those powers relate to works falling within paragraph (1)(a), that notice must be registered as a statutory charge in the Statutory Charges Register. This amendment makes this information publicly available, particularly in order to assist prospective purchasers.