

*These notes refer to the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.10) which received Royal Assent on 23 March 2016*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **BACKGROUND AND POLICY OBJECTIVES**

3. The principal objective of the Act is to enable the formation of an Opposition in the Assembly and to confer rights on the Opposition once it has been formed.
4. The Act also contains measures seeking to enhance the separation of powers by requiring increased co-operation and collective working by the Executive (the Government) while providing an Opposition in the Legislature (the Assembly) with additional financial and logistical support and greater opportunity to examine the work of Government Ministers.