

**LAW REFORM (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2005**

S.I. 2005 1452

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

CONSULTATION PROCESSES UNDERTAKEN

12. The LRAC consulted on the law relating to Deeds and Escrows by way of a discussion paper and then by the issue of its report. Similarly, its recommendation in relation to the rule in *Bain –v Fothergill* has been consulted on with positive responses received. The domestic violence provisions, as noted above, have been the subject of a review by the Office of Law Reform with 1700 questionnaires sent out to relevant parties, and by the Inter-Departmental consultation that received 70 responses in 2003. A number of workshops and face to face meetings were also effected during the consultation process. The “three anomalies” have been consulted on as part of the Divorce Bill and had been debated and agreed in the Assembly prior to suspension. The Law Society for Northern Ireland has been consulted in relation to the repeal of the Colonial Solicitors Act 1900, NISRA has had input to the changes to the Census Act and there has been liaison with the Department for Constitutional Affairs and the Northern Ireland Court Service in relation to the amendment to the Damages Act 1996.