

PRIVATE TENANCIES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

BACKGROUND AND POLICY OBJECTIVES

3. In 2002, a working group reviewed the workings of the present legal framework under the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (“the Rent Order”). The Department’s strategy for the sector, entitled ‘*Renting privately: a strategic framework*’, was published in 2004.
4. The policy objectives of the Order are:
 - To target unfitness and disrepair through repair enforcement and rent control;
 - To reduce inequities between tenure types;
 - To simplify, clarify and raise awareness of landlord and tenant obligations.