

**LAW REFORM (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006**

**S.I. 2006 1945**

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**CONSULTATION**

*The Defence of Reasonable Chastisement*

6. The restriction of the defence of reasonable chastisement was one of the options which were consulted on widely, following the judgment in *A v UK*. Whilst there was strong support for a complete ban and retaining the status quo, the Department has concluded that the restriction of the defence will offer additional protection to children and ensure the necessary compliance with the Convention.