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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 1947**

**The Work and Families (Northern Ireland) Order 2006**

*Extension of maternity pay period and adoption pay period*

**Maternity pay period**

**3.** In section 161(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act (which specifies the maximum period that may be prescribed as the period for which statutory maternity pay and, by virtue of section 35(2) of that Act, maternity allowance, are payable), for “26 weeks” substitute “52 weeks”.

**Adoption pay period**

**4.** In section 167ZN(2) of the Contributions and Benefits Act (which specifies the maximum period that may be prescribed as the period for which statutory adoption pay is payable), for “26 weeks” substitute “52 weeks”.