

WORK AND FAMILIES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

CONSULTATION

5. Proposals concerning aspects of the measures' implementation were the subject of public consultation both in Northern Ireland and in Great Britain during the spring of 2005. A Northern Ireland-specific regulatory impact assessment and equality screening document were further consulted upon between August and September 2005. Responses from Northern Ireland stakeholders to both consultations were broadly positive and the Department, in its response, indicated that it would bring forward an Order in Council containing measures corresponding to those in the Work and Families Bill.
6. The Government proposed in its 2005 election manifesto that it would extend the existing entitlement to four weeks' annual leave. Consultation will take place before regulations are made in this area.