

**WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006**

S.I. 2006 3336

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

OVERVIEW OF THE ORDER

Part Iv – Water Supply

Chapter IV Fluoridation

64. This Chapter repeals the Water (Fluoridation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (the 1987 Order) and places the GoCo under an obligation to comply with a request for an application by the Department of Health (DHSSPS) to fluoridate public water supplies.
65. The obligation to fluoridate is dependent on DHSSPS (with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel) providing an indemnity in respect of the fluoridation arrangements, reasonable capital and operating costs.
66. This Chapter provides that the GoCo cannot be placed under an obligation to fluoridate unless DHSSPS has consulted and ascertained public opinion, and has secured approval by resolution of the Assembly.