

**POLICING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2007**

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

CONSULTATION

5. As part of the development of each policy area, the Northern Ireland Office held extensive discussions with the Police Service of Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Policing Board, the Police Ombudsman and other main stakeholders.
6. The Order was the subject of a 7 week public consultation exercise between 4 December 2006 and 22 January 2007. This took into account the fact that some of the provisions within the Order were consulted on separately, for instance, the Northern Ireland Policing Board carried out its own consultation process on the introduction of Police Community Support Officers. The Policing Minister also presented the Order to the Transitional Assembly through its Sub-Group on Policing and Justice on 8 January 2007.
7. The public consultation on the Order resulted in a total of 20 responses being received, with some expressing varying degrees of concern with certain aspects of the proposals. The vast majority of respondents welcomed the proposals. A Summary of Responses to the public consultation can be found on the Departmental website.