

*These notes refer to the Social Security Fraud Act 2001
(c.11) which received Royal Assent on 11 May 2001*

SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD ACT 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON CLAUSES 1 TO 4

Exchanging Information

Clause 5: Exchange of information with overseas authorities

The measures in the Act

75. The measures in the Act will provide for social security information to be supplied to authorities in other countries that carry out functions relating to social security to facilitate the carrying out of those functions. Information may only be supplied where the Secretary of State is content that arrangements have been made with those countries to exchange information and that the country in question has adequate safeguards in place against the improper use of any information disclosed. As these measures involve international relations, with the agreement of the Northern Ireland Executive, the equivalent powers for the Northern Ireland Department of Social Development to supply social security information to authorities in other countries are provided in this Act.