

These notes refer to the Housing Act 2004 (c.34) which received Royal Assent on Thursday 18 November 2004

HOUSING ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 - Housing Conditions

Chapter 2 – Improvement Notices, Prohibition Orders and Hazard Awareness Notices

Section 14: Suspension of improvement notices

89. **Section 14** provides for the suspension of an improvement notice at the LHA's discretion. A notice may for example be suspended until such time as the current occupant ceases to occupy the premises. The notice may specify an event, such as non-compliance with an undertaking given to the LHA by the person on whom the notice is served, that will trigger the end of the suspension. Guidance on the use of suspended notices will be given under section 9. The purpose of suspensions is to enable the LHA to prioritise action. Where an improvement notice has been suspended, any periods specified in the notice will run from the day when the suspension ends and the 28 day period is replaced with a period of 21 days from the day the suspension ends.