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CHILDREN AND ADOPTION ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENCEMENT

70. Subject to one exception, sections 1 to 16 are to be commenced by order of the Secretary of State, after consultation with the National Assembly for Wales. The exception appears in section 17(3) which provides that section 13, in so far as it relates to adoptions and prospective adoptions in relation to which the National Assembly for Wales may charge a fee under section 91A of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, comes into force on a day appointed by the National Assembly for Wales. Before bringing sections 9 to 12 into force, the Secretary of State must also consult the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety in Northern Ireland. Section 17 comes into force on Royal Assent.

Hansard References

71. The following table sets out the dates and Hansard references for each stage of this Act's passage through Parliament.

<i>Stage</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Hansard Reference</i>
House of Lords		
Introduction	13 June 2005	Vol. 672, Col. 1071
Second Reading	29 June 2005	Vol. 673, Cols. 248-294
Committee	11 October 2005	Vol. 674, Cols. GC1-GC68
	12 October 2005	Vol. 674, Cols. GC69-GC124
	17 October 2005	Vol. 674, Cols. GC125-GC180
Report	14 November 2005	Vol. 675, Cols. 831-900
Third Reading	29 November 2005	Vol. 676, Cols. 185-206
House of Commons		
Introduction	30 November 2005	
Second Reading	2 March 2006	Vol. 443, Cols. 417-495
Committee	14 March 2006, 16 March 2006, and 21 March 2006	Hansard Standing Committee B
Report and Third Reading	20 June 2006	Vol. 447 Cols. 1204-1292
Royal Assent – 21 June 2006		House of Lords Hansard Vol. 683, Col. 871

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Col. 1408