

# **EQUALITY ACT 2010**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 11: Advancement of Equality**

##### *Chapter 2: Positive action*

##### *Section 158: Positive action: general*

#### **Background**

517. This section is new. There were positive action provisions in previous legislation, but these applied to different protected characteristics in different ways and in some cases were specific about the types of action they permitted. This section extends what is possible to the extent permitted by European law, and applies in relation to all protected characteristics.