

*These notes refer to the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 (c.25) which received Royal Assent on 8th April 2010*

# CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM AND GOVERNANCE ACT 2010

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 2: Ratification of treaties**

##### *Section 21: Extension of 21 sitting day period*

138. This section provides that a Minister of the Crown may extend the 21 sitting day period. Under *subsection (1)* the Minister may extend the period by 21 days or less.
139. *Subsections (2)* and *(3)* provide that the period may be extended by laying a statement in Parliament before the expiry of the relevant period that indicates that the period is to be extended and the length of that extension.
140. *Subsection (4)* requires the Minister to publish the statement in a way that the Minister thinks appropriate. *Subsection (5)* provides that the period can be extended more than once.