

*These notes refer to the Public Bodies Act 2011 (c.24)  
which received Royal Assent on 14th December 2011*

# **PUBLIC BODIES ACT 2011**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY**

#### **Part 1: General Order-Making Powers**

##### ***Section 1: Power to abolish***

20. **Section 1** confers power on a Minister to make provision by order to abolish any body or office listed in Schedule 1. As *subsection (2)* describes, such an order can include provision transferring any or all of the functions of an abolished body or office to an “eligible person” (as defined in *subsection (3)*). On this basis, an order made under section 1 might, for instance, abolish a body and all its functions, or might abolish a body and transfer some or all of its functions to a Minister, to another person exercising public functions, a company limited by guarantee, co-operative society, a charitable incorporated organisation, or any other eligible person permitted by *subsection (3)*.