

*These notes refer to the Child Maintenance Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c.10) which received Royal Assent on 2 July 2008*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 1: Additional functions of the Department**

##### *Section 4: Agency arrangements and provision of services*

This section enables the Department to make arrangements with another Government Department or prescribed body (defined as a “relevant authority” in *subsection (4)*), for the functions of one of them to be exercised on their behalf by the other, or for one to provide administrative, professional or technical services to the other.

*Subsection (2)* makes clear that this does not include functions in relation to making, confirming or approving secondary legislation.

*Subsection (3)* enables the Department to agree the terms and conditions that it considers appropriate for any arrangements under this section.

*Subsection (5)* clarifies that the functions of the Department which are referred to in the section, are those specifically relating to child support.