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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### HANSARD REPORTS

The following table sets out the dates of the Hansard reports for each stage of the Act's passage through the Assembly.

| <i>STAGE</i>   | <i>DATE</i>      |
|--|------------------|
| Introduction to the Assembly   | 30 November 2009 |
| Second Stage debate  | 12 January 2010  |
| Committee Stage – Evidence from Department of the Environment  | 7 January 2010   |
| Committee Stage – Evidence from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Queens University of Belfast and Countryside Alliance Ireland   | 18 February 2010 |
| Committee Stage – Evidence from the Ulster Farmers Union, the Ulster Wildlife Trust and Northern Ireland Environment Link  | 25 February 2010 |
| Committee Stage – Evidence from Northern Ireland Local Government Association, Northern Ireland Biodiversity Group, Talnoy Avian Care Trust and Department of the Environment  | 4 March 2010     |
| Committee Stage – Evidence from Premier Woodlands Trust and Department of the Environment  | 11 March 2010    |
| Committee Stage – Initial consideration of Sections 1 to 20  | 11 March 2010    |
| Committee Stage – Initial consideration of Sections 21-26, 31-36 and Schedule 1  | 15 March 2010    |
| Committee Stage – Initial consideration of Sections 27-30 and Schedules 2 and 3, and formal consideration of all Sections and Schedules (Sections 1,2,4,9,10,15,25,26 & 28 and Schedules 1 & 2 referred for further consideration) | 18 March 2010    |

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| Committee Stage – Consideration of Sections 1,2,4,9,10,15,25,26 28 and Schedules 1 & 2 | 25 March 2010   |
| Committee Stage – Agreement of content of report                                       | 15 April 2010   |
| Committee’s report on the Act – report number 50/09/10R                                | 15 April 2010   |
| Consideration Stage in the Assembly  | 22 June 2010    |
| Further Consideration Stage  | 7 February 2011 |
| Final stage  | 1 March 2011    |
| Royal Assent   | 29 March 2011   |