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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### HANSARD REPORTS

7. 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>
Briefing on the proposed Bill to the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development	3 November 2015
First Stage	9 November 2015
Second Stage	17 November 2015
Committee Stage – evidence from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	24 November 2015
Committee Stage – evidence from Local Rural Support Networks	24 November 2015
Committee Stage – evidence from the Rural Development Council and the Rural Community Network	24 November 2015
Committee Stage – evidence from the Northern Ireland Local Government Association and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives Northern Ireland	24 November 2015
Committee Stage – evidence from the Ulster Farmers' Union and the Northern Ireland Agricultural Producers Association	24 November 2015
Committee Stage – consideration of evidence and key issues	1 December 2015
Committee Stage – evidence from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	8 December 2015
Committee Stage – informal clause-by-clause consideration	14 December 2015
Committee Stage – formal clause-by-clause consideration	12 January 2016

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Committee Stage – consideration of committee report	19 January 2016
Committee Stage – agreement of committee report	26 January 2016
Committee’s report on the Act – report number NIA 288/11-16	26 January 2016
Consideration Stage	15 February 2016
Further Consideration Stage	29 February 2016
Final Stage	8 March 2016
Royal Assent	9 May 2016