

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (NO 2) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004

1. INTRODUCTION

2. BACKGROUND AND POLICY OBJECTIVES

Racial, sectarian, disability and homophobic crime

Road Traffic Offences and Penalties

3. CONSULTATION

4. MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE ORDER

5. COMMENTARY ON PROVISIONS

Title, commencement and interpretation

Increase in sentence for offences aggravated by hostility

Inciting hatred or arousing fear on grounds of sexual orientation or disability

Increase of penalties

New offences of aggravated vehicle taking

6. COMMENCEMENT