



Supplementary Benefits Act 1976

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PART II

LIABILITY TO MAINTAIN, RECOVERY OF EXPENDITURE AND OFFENCES

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- (1) For the purposes of this Act—
 - (a) a man shall be liable to maintain his wife and his children; and
 - (b) a woman shall be liable to maintain her husband and her children.
- (2) In subsection (1) above—
 - (a) the reference to a man's children includes a reference to children of whom he has been adjudged to be the putative father, or, in Scotland, to children his paternity of whom has been admitted or otherwise established; and
 - (b) the reference to a woman's children includes a reference to her illegitimate children.