

*These notes refer to the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000  
(c.34) which received Royal Assent on 30 November 2000*

# **RACE RELATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2000**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY**

#### *Section 1: Discrimination by Public Authorities*

#### **Section 19F**

26. Section 19F provides that section 19B does not apply to a **decision not to institute criminal proceedings**, or, where a decision not to institute criminal proceedings has been taken, to any act done for the purpose of making a decision about criminal proceedings. This exemption will prevent it being possible for a person to use the Act to discover the reasons for a decision not to prosecute, thereby preserving the role of the criminal courts as the sole forum for determining guilt. Section 19F further provides that section 19B does not apply to **decisions to terminate, or not to continue, criminal proceedings** once they have been instituted.