

# **ADOPTION AND CHILDREN ACT 2002**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 1 – Adoption**

#### ***Chapter 3 - Placement for Adoption and Adoption Orders***

#### ***Section 25: Parental responsibility***

91. *Section 25* makes provision for who is to have parental responsibility where an agency is authorised to place a child for adoption under *section 19* or where a placement order is in force. Parental responsibility for the child is given to the agency (*subsection (2)*) and while the child is placed with prospective adopters, parental responsibility is given to them (*subsection (3)*). The child's parents retain parental responsibility throughout the process, up to the point at which any adoption order is made.
92. Under *subsection (4)* it is for the agency to determine the extent to which the parental responsibility of any parent or guardian or of prospective adopters is to be restricted.