

*These notes refer to the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning
(Amendment) Act 2002 (c.6) which received Royal Assent on 26 February 2002*

NORTHERN IRELAND ARMS DECOMMISSIONING (AMENDMENT) ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Section 1

Subsection (3)

7. This subsection amends section 2(3)(b) of the 1997 Act. Under section 2(2)(b) of that Act the Secretary of State has the power by order to appoint from time to time a later date before which the amnesty period must end. Section 2(3) of the 1997 Act originally provided that such later date must be not more than (a) twelve months after the order is made, or (b) five years after that Act was passed. Subsection (3) of this Act does not affect the condition set out in (a), but it substitutes 27 February 2007 for the five-year period set out in (b). The effect of this is to extend the Secretary of State's order-making power for a further five years beyond the expiry of the period previously allowed.