## **BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES ACT 2002**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **INTRODUCTION**

- 1. These explanatory notes relate to the British Overseas Territories Act which received Royal Assent on 26 February 2002. They have been prepared by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in order to assist the reader in understanding the Act. They do not form part of the Act and have not been endorsed by Parliament.
- 2. The notes need to be read in conjunction with the Act. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Act. So where a section or part of a section does not seem to require any explanation or comment, none is given.