

*These notes refer to the Railways Act 2005 (c.14)
which received Royal Assent on 7 April 2005*

RAILWAYS ACT 2005

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW OF THE STRUCTURE

Part 4: Network Modifications etc.

17. **Part 4** sets out procedures for operators and public sector funders to follow when they wish to discontinue all passenger services on a line or from a station or close all or part of a network or station. It replaces the current procedures in sections 37 to 49 of and Schedule 5 to the 1993 Act as amended by the Transport Act 2000.
18. Where a rail service in an English PTE area is to be discontinued or otherwise reduced, this Part provides for bus franchising for substitution of rail services. The Act will amend the procedure for entering into a bus quality contract scheme where the scheme is specifically for a bus service, or network, which meets transport needs equivalent to rail services being reduced or closed, and is consistent with the local transport plan. This part also enables the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers and the NAW to secure the provision of substitute bus services where a railway passenger service has been temporarily interrupted or discontinued.