

*These notes refer to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005  
(c.4) which received Royal Assent on 24 March 2005*

# CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ACT 2005

---

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### *Supplementary*

#### ***Section 20: Protected functions not transferable under Minister of the Crown Act 1975***

55. **Section 20** amends sections 1 and 5 of the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975 so that the power to transfer functions under section 1 of that Act does not apply to the functions of the Lord Chancellor specified in Schedule 7. In general, these functions relate to the Great Seal, the judiciary or the organisation of the courts. This will mean that the specified functions cannot be transferred to another Minister by a Transfer of Functions Order under the 1975 Act.