

*These notes refer to the Racial and Religious Hatred Act
2006 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 16 February 2006*

RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HATRED ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT: COMMENTARY ON CLAUSES

Section 1: Hatred against persons on religious grounds

9. This section gives effect to the Schedule, which creates a new Part 3A of the 1986 Act to create offences involving stirring up hatred against a group of persons on religious grounds. The Act will ensure that the criminal law protects all groups of persons defined by their religious beliefs or lack of religious belief from having religious hatred intentionally stirred up against them in cases set out in sections 29B to 29F.