

*These notes refer to the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (c.6) which received Royal Assent on 5 June 2008*

# **CHILD MAINTENANCE AND OTHER PAYMENTS ACT 2008**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **TERRITORIAL EXTENT**

62. Most measures in this Act extend to England and Wales and Scotland, but not to Northern Ireland. Although child support legislation is a transferred matter under the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and Northern Ireland has its own body of social security, there is a long standing policy of parity in this area.
63. The following measures extend to the United Kingdom:
- *paragraphs 4 to 6 of Schedule 6, and section 44* so far as relating to those paragraphs. These measures provide information gateways to:
    - enable the Northern Ireland Department to disclose information held for the purposes relating to social security, child support or employment or training, to the Commission or a person providing services to the Commission; and
    - enable the Commission or a person providing services to the Commission, to disclose information held for the purposes of functions relating to child support, to the Secretary of State, HMRC or the Northern Ireland Department.
64. Any amendment or repeal made by this Act has the same extent as the enactment to which it relates.