

*These notes refer to the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (c.24)  
which received Royal Assent on 12 November 2009*

# WELFARE REFORM ACT 2009

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 1 – Social Security**

#### ***Section 23: Power to up-rate benefits following review in tax year 2009-10***

124. *Section 23* temporarily modifies section 150 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992. In relation to the review of benefit levels required in the tax year ending with 5 April 2010, that section is to have effect as if it included a *subsection (2A)* which enables the Secretary of State by order to up-rate social security benefits even if the general level of prices has not increased. The power applies for a single year only.