

These notes refer to the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 (c.25) which received Royal Assent on 8th April 2010

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM AND GOVERNANCE ACT 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SUMMARY

Part 6: Public Records and Freedom of Information

15. [Part 6](#) of the Act amends the Public Records Act 1958 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The period within which certain public records must be transferred to the Public Record Office or other places of deposit is reduced from 30 years to 20 years. In parallel, a number of exemptions from the obligations to disclose information under the Freedom of Information Act will cease to apply after 20 years rather than 30 years. Part 6 also strengthens the exemption from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act for information relating to communications with the Royal Family and Royal Household.