## **ACADEMIES ACT 2010**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

Academies: other provisions

Section 14: Academies: amendments

46. This section introduces Schedule 2 which makes a number of amendments to existing legislation, some of which are minor and technical, some of which are not. Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 amends the definition of 'special school' in section 337 of the EA 1996 to permit the definition of special schools to include Academies. Paragraphs 3 and 9 of Schedule 2 make changes to existing powers of the Secretary of State to amend trust deeds relating to non-maintained special schools, or to trust deeds relating to foundation, voluntary, or foundation special schools, or property held for the purposes of such a school, to allow them to be modified to permit the conduct of an Academy if the current trust deed is not sufficient. In all cases, consultation with the governing body, trustees and (if relevant) diocesan authority is required. Paragraph 10 of Schedule 2 amends Part 4 of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to add Academy proprietors to the list of public bodies covered by that Act.