## **POSTAL SERVICES ACT 2011**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

Part 2: Royal Mail Pension Plan

Powers exercisable

## Section 18: Division of the Royal Mail Pension Plan ("RMPP into different sections"

- 101. Subsection (1) allows the Secretary of State by order to divide the Royal Mail Pension Plan ("RMPP into sections and to allocate assets, rights, liabilities and obligations between different sections, and to provide for different companies to participate in different sections. The Government expects to use this power in order to create a section in the Royal Mail Pension Plan ("RMPP for Post Office Limited.
- 102. Subsection (2) allows an order under this section to have retrospective effect. As with a new scheme established under section 17, this may be necessary if an effective date for the purpose of the transfer of liabilities has been agreed as part of a wider arrangement with a third party which precedes the date of an order.