

SCHEDULE 3

Amendments to the Civil Partnership Act 2004

6. After section 94 insert—

“Notice of proposed civil partnership: false information or evidence

94A.—(1) A district registrar may refuse to complete a civil partnership schedule under section 94 in a case where—

- (a) a civil partnership notice has been submitted under section 88(1), and
- (b) the district registrar has reasonable grounds for suspecting that a relevant decision was made incorrectly because of the provision of false information or evidence in or accompanying that notice.

(2) If the district registrar refuses to complete a civil partnership schedule under subsection (1), the parties to the proposed civil partnership are to be taken not to have submitted a notice of proposed civil partnership under section 88; but that does not prevent criminal proceedings from being brought against either party, or any other person, in relation to the submission of notice.

(3) This section is without prejudice to any other powers of district registrars to refuse to complete a civil partnership schedule.

(4) In this section—

“evidence” includes a photograph or other image;

“exempt person” has the same meaning as in section 88F;

“relevant decision” means a decision of a district registrar that a party to the proposed civil partnership is an exempt person.”