

Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) (No.2) Bill

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr Secretary Hain has made the following statement under section 19(1)(a) of the Human Rights Act 1998:

In my view the provisions of the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) (No.2) Bill are compatible with the Convention rights.

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Modify the effect of the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2006.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Modification of the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2006

- (1) The Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2006 (c. 53) shall have effect, and shall be deemed always to have had effect, as if—
- (a) each reference in the Act to 25 March 2007 were a reference to 7 May 2007, 5
 - (b) each reference in the Act to 26 March 2007 were a reference to 8 May 2007,
 - (c) the reference in the Act to 27 March 2007 were a reference to 9 May 2007, and
 - (d) each reference in the Act to 28 March 2007 were a reference to 10 May 2007. 10
- (2) Accordingly, in particular, —
- (a) the order made by the Secretary of State on 25 March 2007 by virtue of section 2(2) of the Act shall be deemed not to have been made (and the Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Suspension of Devolved Government) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2574) shall be deemed not to have been revoked), 15
 - (b) Part 2 (including Schedules 5 to 7) of the Act and Schedule 2 to the Act (and the amendments and repeals made by those provisions) shall be deemed not to have come into force on 26 March 2007,
 - (c) section 1(1)(b) of the Act (purpose of the Transitional Assembly) shall have effect subject to the modifications in subsection (1) above, 20
 - (d) any order made by the Secretary of State on 27 March 2007 by virtue of section 2(3) of the Act shall be deemed not to have been made, and
 - (e) Schedule 3 to the Act (and the amendments and repeals made by it) shall be deemed not to come into force (or not to have come into force) on 28 March 2007 (and section 21 of the Act, and the amendments made by it, shall have effect accordingly). 25

2 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2007.

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To modify the effect of the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2006.

*Presented by Mr Secretary Hain
supported by
The Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott,
Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Secretary John Reid, Secretary Des Browne,
Mr David Hanson, Paul Goggins,
Maria Eagle and David Cairns.*

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