

**HOUSING (AMENDMENT)
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006**

S.I. 2006 No. 3337 (N.I. 22)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

BACKGROUND AND POLICY OBJECTIVES

3. The Order advances the separation of strategic and operational functions in line with recommendations emanating from two major enquiries into housing in Northern Ireland. The first was conducted by the Northern Ireland Assembly's Social Development Committee and the second by the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee at Westminster.
4. Current provisions for the payment of grant to, and recovery of grant from, registered housing associations have been amended to enable the Northern Ireland Housing Executive ("the Executive") to fulfil that function. The Department will retain similar powers that will be exercisable only in relation to designated associations.