## EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for the coming into operation of the following provisions of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007—

sections 32 to 34 (housing benefit for persons taking up employment), for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations, on 1st July 2008 and for all other purposes on 6th October 2008; and

in relation to employment and support allowance—

sections 25(1) and (2), 26(1) and 28(2), paragraphs 4(1), (2) and (28) and 10(1), (3) and (6) of Schedule 3 (consequential amendments relating to Part 1) and paragraphs 1(1), 2 and 3(b) to (d) of Schedule 4 (transition relating to Part 1), and sections 28(1) and 29 in so far as relating to those paragraphs, for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations, on 1st July 2008 and for all other purposes on 27th July 2008;

paragraph 10(2) of Schedule 3 and paragraphs 1(2) and 11 of Schedule 4 and sections 28(1) and 29 in so far as relating to those paragraphs, on 27th July 2008;

the provisions specified in Part 1 of the Schedule, for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations, on 1st July 2008 and for all other purposes on 27th October 2008; and

the provisions specified in Part 2 of the Schedule, on 27th October 2008.