These notes refer to the European Parliamentary Elections Act 1999 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 14 January 1999

## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY

## **ELECTIONS ACT 1999**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## BACKGROUND

- 3. The European Parliament has 626 members elected from the 15 member States. The number of members that each member State returns is determined by its population. The UK returns 87 members.
- 4. Elections to the European Parliament are held every five years. In the UK, the next European Parliamentary elections will be on 10 June 1999. In other member States the elections will take place on 13 June 1999.