

*These notes refer to the Adoption and Children Act 2002
(c.38) which received Royal Assent on 7th November 2002*

ADOPTION AND CHILDREN ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 – Adoption

Chapter 3 - Placement for Adoption and Adoption Orders

Section 59: Offence

169. *Section 59* enables regulations to provide that a registered adoption society which discloses information in contravention of *section 57* is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale. *Section 14* provides a default power for the appropriate Minister. This could in appropriate cases be used to deal with local authorities that disclose information in contravention of these provisions.