

*These notes refer to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 13 November 2008*

# HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY ACT 2008

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 2: Parenthood in Cases Involving Assisted Reproduction**

##### ***Section 47: Woman not to be other parent merely because of egg donation***

183. **Section 47** makes clear that where a woman has not carried a child she will only be treated as a parent of the child if the provisions relating to parenthood of the mother's partner apply, or she has adopted the child. Egg donation will not make a woman the parent of a child carried by another woman. Parenthood could however be conferred by other legal provisions in this case (for example, if a woman donated an egg to her female partner, and the agreed female parenthood conditions were met in relation to her).