

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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Parenthood in Cases Involving Assisted Reproduction

Section 53: Interpretation of references to father etc.

187. **Section 53** provides for references to a child's father in legislation and in other documents whenever passed or made to be read, in relevant cases, as references to a woman who is the child's parent by virtue of the Act's provision for parenthood in sections 42 and 43. Although some legislation is expressly amended by Schedule 6 to take account of the possibility that a child may have two female parents, this provision reduces the need for additional consequential amendments.