

*These notes refer to the Climate Change Act 2008 (c.27)
which received Royal Assent on 26th November 2008*

CLIMATE CHANGE ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BACKGROUND

4. It is widely accepted that urgent action is required to address the causes and consequences of climate change. The 2006 Stern Review set out the economic case for action on climate change, and concluded that the cost of inaction will be far higher than tackling climate change now. It also made it clear that the costs are lowest in the context of multilateral action.
5. In October 2006 the Government announced its intention to publish legislation on Climate Change, and a draft Climate Change Bill was published for public consultation and pre-legislative scrutiny in March 2007. The revised Bill was introduced into the House of Lords on 14th November 2007 after taking into account findings from the parliamentary scrutiny and public consultation processes.