

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **WELFARE REFORM ACT 2009**

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*These notes refer to the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (c.24)*

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