EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force on 1st July 2008 sections 61 and 62 of, and related provisions in Schedules 1 and 2 to, the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22) in so far as those provisions extend to Northern Ireland. Section 61 concerns the regulation of loans and other related transactions to political parties and, in certain circumstances, members and members associations of those parties and holders of elective offices. The transitional provisions are made principally in respect of the reporting provisions relating to those transactions for the remainder of 2008.