

*These notes refer to the Equality Act 2010 (c.15) which received Royal Assent on 8 April 2010*

# EQUALITY ACT 2010

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 15: Family Property**

#### ***Section 201: Civil partners: housekeeping allowance***

#### **Background**

629. The Civil Partnership Act 2004 replicates most of the legal provisions relating to husbands and wives. However, as long as the provisions of section 1 of the Married Women's Property Act 1964 were gender specific, in that they only dealt with housekeeping allowances made by a husband to his wife and not allowances made by either spouse, it was not possible to replicate them for civil partners.