

## **Explanatory Memorandum to Tynwald Members**

Issued by the Department of Health and Social Care

### **To the Hon Stephen Rodan MLC, President of Tynwald and the Hon Council and Keys in Tynwald assembled**

#### **1. Title of measure**

Abortion Reform Act 2019 (Appointed Day) Order 2019.

#### **2. Effects of the measure**

This measure brings the Abortion Reform Act 2019 into operation.

To ensure subordinate legislation, directions and guidelines are in place for when the Abortion Reform Act 2019 fully comes into operation on 24 May 2019 certain provisions of the Act came into operation immediately after the making of this measure.

Those provisions were section 6 (abortion services – conditions for provision), section 12 (duties of medical professional following termination), section 17 (regulations), section 19 (access zones – hospitals and other premises where terminations are performed or counselling is provided), section 21 (access zones – homes of persons providing abortion services or counselling), section 22 (access zones – maximum dimensions) and section 26 (access zones – notices).

For all other purposes the Abortion Reform Act 2019 will come into operation on 24 May 2019.

#### **3. Reasons for the measure**

To bring the Abortion Reform Act 2019 into operation.

#### **4. Resource implications**

No resource implications are anticipated.

#### **5. Tynwald procedure**

Section 2 (commencement) of the Abortion Reform Act 2019 provides that the Act shall come into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint.

There is no Tynwald procedure specified in the Abortion Reform Act 2019 for Appointed Day Orders made under section 2 of the Act. In such circumstances, where no Tynwald procedure is provided for by the authorising Act of Tynwald, section 36 of the Legislation Act 2015 requires that the statutory document be laid before Tynwald.

Signed .....  
on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care