PROPOSED CLAUSES OMITTED FROM RELATIONSHIPS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2003

Status of Children Act 1974

Proposed Section 10C (1A)

Where a woman is in a significant relationship, within the meaning of the *Relationships Act 2003*, with another woman and, with the consent of that woman, undergoes a fertilization procedure as a result of which she becomes pregnant, the consenting woman is, for the purposes of the law of the State, to be treated as if she were the parent of any child born as a result of that pregnancy.

Adoption Act 1988

Proposed Section 29 (4A)

In the case of a child whose mother was in a significant relationship, within the meaning of the *Relationship Act 2003*, with a woman at the time of the child's birth or at or after the time of its conception but before its birth and the child has not previously been adopted, the appropriate persons are the parties to that relationship if -

- (a) the child was born as a result of a fertilization procedure to which the female partner in the significant relationship with the mother had given consent; or
- (b) there is no man required to give consent under subsection (3).