



## **MINISTERIAL WRITTEN STATEMENT**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014**

### **The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013**

#### **The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport (Helen Grant):**

The remaining provisions of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 (the Act) will come into force on 10 December 2014, subject to Parliamentary approval. These provisions include section 9 of the Act which provides for the conversion of civil partnership into marriage and Schedule 5 of the Act which makes provisions concerning married persons or civil partners who change their legal gender.

The Government has also today published:

- a consultation on marriage according to the usages of non-religious belief organisations, as required by section 14 of the Act. The consultation is available on the Ministry of Justice website at <https://consult.justice.gov.uk/digital-communications/marriages-by-non-religious-belief-organisations>
- the report on the conclusions of the review of civil partnership in England and Wales, as required by section 15 of the Act. The report is available on the Department for Culture, Media and Sport website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-the-future-of-civil-partnership-in-england-and-wales>
- the report on the review of survivor benefits under occupational pension schemes, as required by section 16 of the Act. The report is available on the Department for Work and Pensions website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/occupational-pension-schemes-review-of-survivor-benefits>