General
The purpose of the Bill is to give domestic legal effect to the Supplementary Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom constituted by the Exchange of Letters dated 25 July 2006 and to provide that the British-Irish Agreement Act 1999, as amended, should be construed in accordance with that Supplementary Agreement.

Provisions of the Bill
Section 1 contains definitions for terms used throughout the Bill.

Section 2 provides for insertion in the British-Irish Agreement Act 1999 of a definition of the Supplementary Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom constituted by the Exchange of Letters dated 25 July 2006. It also provides that the British-Irish Agreement Act 1999, as amended, should be construed in accordance with that Supplementary Agreement.

Section 3 provides for an amendment to the Schedule of the British-Irish Agreement Amendment Act 1999 to distinguish the Supplementary Agreement of 2006 from an earlier Supplementary Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom constituted by Exchange of Letters dated 15 June 1999.

Section 4 provides for the short title of the Bill and contains standard provisions on collective citation and commencement.


There are no financial implications to the Bill.

An Roinn Gnóthait Eachtracha
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