

ADOPTION (INFORMATION AND TRACING) BILL 2016

OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION – 5 NOVEMBER 2019

OPTION 1 (Bill with existing Government amendments)	OPTION 2 (Bill with additional amendments providing for (1) a presumption in favour of release of information and (2) an opt in for birth parents objecting to release of information)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceed with all elements of the Bill including the Government amendments proposed in May 2019 • In relation to Part 5 – Provision of Information, the Government amendments propose, in relation to the release of birth information, a process by the AAI to consider both sides where the birth parent wishes to make a case against the release of information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceed with all elements of the Bill including the Government amendments proposed in May 2019, with additional amendments to Part 5. • In relation to Part 5 and the release of information, bring forward further amendments to provide as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presumption in favour of release of information (both in the Long Title and the provisions of the Bill) ➤ A defined period for birth parents to opt in to declare their opposition to the release of information, with a process by the AAI to hear both sides when an application for the information is received from the adopted person
OPTION 3 (Remove information release and other provisions and retain only certain specific provisions)	OPTION 4 (Records only Bill)
<p>Remove all provisions of the Bill with the exception only of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Safeguarding of Records; ➤ Tracing for the purposes of reunion; ➤ Putting the National Contract Preference Register on a statutory footing. 	<p>Remove all provisions of the Bill with the exception only of those relating to records (Part 2 – Safeguarding Relevant Records)</p>