SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

AMENDMENTS

PART I

LEGAL AID ACT 1974 (C.4)

1 In section 28, after subsection (11) there shall be inserted the following subsection: —

"(11A) In any case where a person is liable to be committed or fined—

(a) by a magistrates' court under section 12 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 ;

(b) by a county court under sections 30, 127 or 157 of the County Courts Act 1959 ; or

(c) by any superior court for contempt in the face of that or any other court or tribunal,

the court may order that he shall be given legal aid for the purposes of the proceedings.".

2 In section 30, after subsection (4) there shall be inserted the following subsection: —

"(4A) Where a court makes a legal aid order under section 28(11 A) above, the court may order that the legal aid to be given shall consist of representation by counsel only or, in any court where solicitors have a right of audience, by a solicitor only; and the court may assign for the purpose any counsel or solicitor who is within the precincts of the court at the time when the order is made.".