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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1: Victims and Witnesses

Chapter 2 - Vulnerable and Intimidated Witnesses

Section 8: Special measures directions for child witnesses

This section allows the views of young witnesses to be taken into account when special measures applications are being made, subject to certain specified safeguards. It also removes the category of child witnesses who are in need of special protection thereby placing all child witnesses on the same footing regardless of the offence to which the proceedings relate.