

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Act of Adjournal)*

This Act of Adjournal amends the Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 in respect of orders which restrict the reporting of proceedings.

Paragraph 2 extends the current rules which deal with orders made under section 4(2) of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 to all orders that restrict the reporting of proceedings.

In addition, the new rules allow a court considering making such an order to make an interim order. This allows an interested person who would be directly affected by the making of an order an opportunity to make representations to the court before an order is made.