

*These notes refer to the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
(c.33) which received Royal Assent on 11 November 1999*

IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM ACT 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Schedule 14

401. [Paragraph 61](#) of Schedule 14 makes it clear that the powers of immigration officers, prison officers and the police, contained in paragraph 18(2) of Schedule 2 to the 1971 Act, to take all “reasonably necessary” steps to confirm the identity of someone who is detained under paragraph 16 of Schedule 2 or paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to the 1971 Act includes the power to take fingerprints. Paragraph 80(4) amends PACE to provide that the power to fingerprint under PACE does not affect the power to fingerprint under this Act.
402. [Paragraph 90\(4\)](#) amends the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 to provide that the power to fingerprint under the Order does not affect the power to fingerprint under this Act.