

*These notes refer to the Armed Forces Discipline Act  
2000 (c.4) which received Royal Assent on 25 May 2000*

# **ARMED FORCES DISCIPLINE ACT 2000**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 23: Oaths required of members of the court***

55. This section inserts a new section into each of the SDAs.

*Subsection (1)* inserts a new *section 83ZK* into both the Army and Air Force Acts 1955. This section requires every member of the court to swear an oath prior to sitting as a member of the court. The general interpretation provisions in each Act already provide that “oaths” include “affirmations”. Rules governing how these oaths are sworn may be made by statutory instrument.

*Subsection (2)* inserts a new *section 52FQ* into the Naval Discipline Act 1957. This section is identical in effect to that described in subsection (1) above.