

*These notes refer to the Criminal Justice and Police Act
2001 (c.16) which received Royal Assent on 11th May 2001*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND POLICE ACT 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Schedule 2: Provisions supplementary to Part 2

Part 3: Police and Criminal Evidence and the Terrorism Act

Visual recording of interviews

203. The Act will allow for the visual recording of interviews with suspects.
204. At present it is doubtful whether the law permits the video recording of the interview with a person suspected of a criminal offence to proceed where the suspect objects - unlike audio recording which can proceed even when the suspect objects. A number of police forces have been piloting video recording of interviews with the consent of the suspect. The Government proposes to evaluate the effectiveness of video taping in these pilot areas initially, but a change in law is necessary in order to proceed with the evaluation.