

*These notes refer to the Armed Forces Act 2001  
(c.19) which received Royal Assent on 11 May 2001*

# **ARMED FORCES ACT 2001**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT - COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 6 – Other amendments**

##### **Interpretation of references to a “constable”**

144. The definition of “constable” in each of the SDAs includes persons having powers corresponding to those of a constable. Because Part 2 of the Act gives Service police certain powers similar to those of a constable, it could be argued that they would fall within this definition. Paragraph 49 therefore amends the definition of constable in the SDAs to make it clear that the expression does not include Service police (“provost officers” as they are termed in the SDAs).