

*These notes refer to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002  
(c.29) which received Royal Assent on 24 July 2002*

# PROCEEDS OF CRIME ACT 2002

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 4: Confiscation: Northern Ireland**

#### **Compensation**

##### *Section 220: serious default*

275. *Section 220* provides for compensation to be paid to a person whose property has been affected by the enforcement of the confiscation legislation. Compensation is only payable on the same grounds as those proposed at *section 72* for England and Wales. *Section 220* is largely based on existing legislation except that it has been extended to cover the situation where an investigation is started but proceedings are never brought. The section also refers to the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland whose office fulfils the same role as the Crown Prosecution Service in England and Wales.