These notes refer to the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (*c.38*) *which received Royal Assent on 7th November 2002*

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264. *Section 109* makes similar provision to section 11 of the Children Act 1989 and is intended to avoid delay in the court process. It imposes an obligation on the court, where it is dealing with any matter where the issue of whether a placement or adoption order should be made may arise, to draw up a timetable and give any directions that are necessary to ensure that that timetable is adhered to.