LAND REGISTRATION ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON THE SECTIONS

Part 12: Miscellaneous and General

Offences etc.

Section 123: Suppression of information

Section 124: Improper alteration of the registers

196. At present there is an offence concerned with the suppression of documents and facts relating to title in proceedings before the registrar or court and one concerning the fraudulent procurement of changes to the register or to any land or charge certificate. These sections create three new offences, which replace those offences. The penalties for the offences are put in modern form.

Section 125: Privilege against self-incrimination

197. This section replicates the effect of section 119(2) of the Land Registration Act 1925 and its approach is one which has been adopted in a number of statutes such as the Theft Act 1968, section 31 and the Supreme Court Act, section 72.