

*These notes refer to the Courts Act 2003 (c.39)
which received Royal Assent on 20 November 2003*

COURTS ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS: PART 7

Civil Procedure Rules

Section 83: Civil Procedure Rule Committee

198. This section reflects the fact that statutory backing has been given to the posts of Head and Deputy Head of Civil Justice under section 62. The two holders of the posts will be ex officio members of the Civil PRC and the post of Vice-Chancellor is to be removed as an ex officio member of the Committee.
199. There are to be changes to the lay membership of the committee to allow for two members with experience in and knowledge of consumer affairs, or the lay advice sector, or both, rather than the current requirement of one from each. This reflects the fact that experience has shown difficulty in finding suitable members to meet the requirements. The Lord Chancellor is also to have the power to amend the composition of the Committee after consultation with the Master of the Rolls, Head of Civil Justice and the Deputy Head of Civil Justice (when appointed).