

*These notes refer to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act
2003 (c.6) which received Royal Assent on 8 April 2003*

POLICE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

POLICE FUNCTIONS AND SERVICE

Section 24: Fixed-term appointments

69. **Section 24** makes provision for fixed term appointments to the PSNI. *Subsection (1)* inserts a new section 36A into the 2000 Act, permitting the Chief Constable to appoint persons to the PSNI for a fixed term of up to three years (new section 36A(1)). The Chief Constable may not appoint anyone under this provision to the rank of constable or to the rank of a senior officer (new section 36A(3)). The Secretary of State is given the power to modify by order the provisions of Northern Ireland policing legislation (the 1998 Act and the 2000 Act) as they apply to people appointed through this route, where he considers appropriate. However, before making such an order, the Secretary of State is obliged to consult the Board and the Police Association. *Subsection (2)* makes a consequential amendment to section 25(6) of the 1998 Act, which relates to regulations as to conditions of service of members of the PSNI.