

*These notes refer to the Hunting Act 2004 (c.37)
which received Royal Assent on 18th November 2004*

HUNTING ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Enforcement

Section 7: Arrest

11. *Section 7* authorises a constable to arrest without warrant a person who he reasonably suspects to have committed, to be committing or to be about to commit an offence of unlawful hunting (*section 1*), participating in or attending a hare coursing event (*section 5(1)(a)* and (*b*)) or entering, permitting to enter or controlling or handling a dog in a hare coursing event (*section 5(2)*). A warrant will be required in cases where a person commits an offence of knowingly permitting land which belongs to him to be entered or used for unlawful hunting (*section 3(1)*), knowingly permitting a dog which belongs to him to be used for unlawful hunting (*section 3(2)*), knowingly facilitating a hare coursing event (*section 5(1)(c)*) or permitting land which belongs to him to be used for a hare coursing event (*section 5(1)(d)*).