

*These notes refer to the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c.15) which received Royal Assent on 7th April 2005*

# **SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME AND POLICE ACT 2005**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **Part 5: Miscellaneous**

##### **Interference with activities of animal research organisations**

53. In July 2004, in the paper “Animal Welfare, Human Rights - Protecting People from Animal Rights Extremists”, the Government announced that it was considering the possibility of making it an offence to cause economic damage to the suppliers of firms or research groups engaged in the legitimate and licensed use of animals for research purposes.