

*These notes refer to the Armed Forces Act 2006 (c.52)
which received Royal Assent on 8 November 2006*

ARMED FORCES ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

First Group of Parts – Discipline

Part 9 – Sentencing: Principles and Procedures

Chapter 1 – Principles and Procedures applying to Service Courts and Summary Hearings

Reasons

Section 252: Duty to give reasons and explain sentence

500. **Section 252** requires a court or CO passing sentence to explain the reasons for the sentence (except where the sentence is fixed by law, or is required under Chapter 6 of Part 8) and the effect of the sentence and of failing to comply. The court must also explain any power to vary or review the sentence on application. The Secretary of State may relax these requirements in specified cases. The section reflects part of section 174 of the 2003 Act.

Section 253: Duties in complying with section 252

501. This section specifies particular matters which a court or CO must mention or explain in complying with the duty imposed by section 252. The section reflects part of section 174 of the 2003 Act.