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

Savings

Section 254: Savings for powers to mitigate sentence etc

- 502. Subsection (1) ensures that the sections there mentioned do not affect a court or CO's power to mitigate a sentence by taking account of anything that the court or CO thinks relevant.
- 503. Subsection (2) allows one punishment within a sentence to be mitigated by another.
- 504. Subsection (3) allows a court passing two or more sentences to apply the principle that the totality of the sentences properly reflects the overall seriousness of the offender's behaviour—for example, that the total length of consecutive sentences is not disproportionate.
- 505. The section reflects section 166 of the 2003 Act.