

*These notes refer to the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008
(c.28) which received Royal Assent on 26 November 2008*

COUNTER-TERRORISM ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 – Powers to Gather and Share Information

Power to remove documents for examination

Section 2 – Offence of obstruction

19. *Section 2* creates the offence of wilfully obstructing a constable in the exercise of the power conferred by section 1. This is a summary offence, punishable by a maximum penalty of up to 51 weeks' imprisonment in England and Wales (but before section 281(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 comes into force, 6 months), 12 months' imprisonment in Scotland and 6 months' imprisonment in Northern Ireland.