## CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND IMMIGRATION ACT 2008

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

THE ACT

Commentary on Sections

Part 5: Criminal Law

Section 71: Maximum penalty for publication etc. of obscene articles

484. This section raises the maximum penalty on indictment for offences under the Obscene Publications Act 1959 from three years' imprisonment to five years' imprisonment. The new sentence will not apply to offences committed before the commencement of this section (see paragraph 24 of Schedule 27).