

These notes refer to the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 (c.4) which received Royal Assent on 8 May 2008

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND IMMIGRATION ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Commentary on Sections

Schedule 17: Offences relating to nuclear material and nuclear facilities

Section 78: New defence for purposes of journalism and other special purposes

541. This section inserts a new defence into section 55(2) of the Data Protection Act 1998. The defence applies when a person acts for journalistic, literary or artistic purposes (referred to as the “special purposes”), with a view to the publication of journalistic, literary or artistic material and in the reasonable belief that their actions were justified as being in the public interest.