*These notes refer to the Policing and Crime Act 2009* (c.26) *which received Royal Assent on 12 November 2009* 

# **POLICING AND CRIME ACT 2009**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### TERRITORIAL EXTENT AND APPLICATION

#### Part 2 – Sexual Offences and Sex Establishments

#### **Closure orders: sexual offences**

#### Section 21 and Schedule 2 Closure orders

#### Compensation

- 169. New section 136O allows for compensation payments to be made by the court out of central funds where the court is satisfied that a person has suffered financial loss in consequence of a closure notice or order.
- 170. Subsections (2) to (4) set out the procedure for applying for compensation and imposes a time limit for the making of such an application.
- 171. Subsection (5) allows the court to order the payment of compensation where it is satisfied that:
  - a person has suffered financial loss as a result of a closure notice being issued or a closure order having effect;
  - the person is not associated with the use of the premises for activities related to specified pornography or prostitution offences;
  - if the person is the owner or occupier, that the person took reasonable steps to prevent that use; and
  - it is appropriate in all the circumstances to compensate the person for that loss.