

These notes refer to the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c.10) which received Royal Assent on 1 May 2012

LEGAL AID, SENTENCING AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENDERS ACT 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Part 2: Litigation funding and costs

Pro bono representation

Section 61: Payments in respect of pro bono representation before the Supreme Court

335. **Section 61** amends section 194 of the Legal Services Act 2007. The effect of the amendment will be to enable the Supreme Court to make an order for costs in those cases where a successful party is represented pro bono (i.e. free of charge), with the monies recovered going to a prescribed charity, currently the Access to Justice Foundation. Previously, section 194 only enabled the “civil courts” (the civil division of the Court of Appeal, the High Court and county courts) to make such orders.