# LEGAL AID, SENTENCING AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENDERS ACT 2012

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY**

Part 3: Sentencing and punishment of offenders

**Chapter 1: Sentencing** 

#### General

#### Section 63: Duty to consider compensation order

- 361. Section 63 amends section 130 of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 and strengthens the obligation on the court to consider ordering a person convicted of an offence to pay compensation.
- 362. The section inserts a new subsection (2A) in section 130, which places the court under an express duty to consider making a compensation order in any case where it is empowered to do so under that section. Compensation may be ordered for any loss or damage, personal injury or bereavement, or to make payments for funeral.
- 363. Subsection (2) inserts a similar provision into the Armed Forces Act 2006.