

*These notes refer to the Prisons (Property) Act 2013
(c.11) which received Royal Assent on 28 February 2013*

PRISONS (PROPERTY) ACT 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SUMMARY

3. The Act creates a power for the governor or director of a prison to destroy or otherwise dispose of (including by way of sale) unauthorised property found in prisons. Unauthorised property includes items which it is generally unlawful to possess, such as controlled drugs and offensive weapons, items which it is illegal to possess inside a prison, such as mobile telephones, and items which may threaten prison security or safety or are otherwise inappropriate for a prisoner to have in his or her possession.
4. The power applies in relation to young offender institutions and secure training centres as it does in relation to prisons.