

*These notes refer to the Defamation Act 2013 (c.26)
which received Royal Assent on 25April 2013*

DEFAMATION ACT 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 16: Consequential amendments and savings etc

82. *Subsections (1) to (3)* make consequential amendments to section 8 of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 to reflect the new defences of truth and honest opinion. Section 8 of the 1974 Act applies to actions for libel or slander brought by a rehabilitated person based on statements made about offences which were the subject of a spent conviction.
83. *Subsections (4) to (8)* contain savings and interpretative provisions.