

*These notes refer to the Justice Act (Northern Ireland)  
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# Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 7: Legal Aid, etc.**

##### ***Section 81: Order to recover costs of legal aid***

This section allows courts to make recovery of defence costs orders against legally aided defendants if the court considers that the defendant has sufficient funds to pay all, or a proportion of, the costs of his defence. The section is for an enabling power which allows rules to be made. The rules would subsequently include the detail of how these orders would operate in practice.