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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 7: Live Links in Criminal Proceedings

Section 53: Live Links: witnesses outside the United Kingdom

This section enables witnesses to give evidence from outside the United Kingdom to a magistrates' court in Northern Ireland in certain proceedings. Currently evidence may only be taken in a magistrates' court by live from witnesses outside Northern Ireland if they are situated elsewhere within the UK. This will help to reduce delays caused by scheduling the appearance of overseas witnesses in person during proceedings.