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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 9: Miscellaneous

Causing or allowing child or vulnerable adult to suffer serious physical harm

Section 96: Causing or allowing child or vulnerable adult to suffer serious physical harm

This section amends Section 5 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (offence of causing or allowing the death of a child or vulnerable adult). The section provides that in addition to causing or allowing death (under the current legislation) it will be an offence to cause or allow a child or vulnerable adult to suffer serious physical harm.

The section stipulates that a person found guilty of this offence is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or to a fine, or both.