



2015 CHAPTER 9

PART 1

SINGLE JURISDICTION FOR COUNTY COURTS AND MAGISTRATES' COURTS

Directions as to distribution of business

- 3.—(1) The Lord Chief Justice may give directions as to—
- (a) the distribution of the business of county courts among such courts;
 - (b) the transfer of such business from one county court to another;
 - (c) the distribution of the business of magistrates' courts among such courts;
 - (d) the transfer of such business from one magistrates' court to another.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1) “the business of county courts” includes—
- (a) all such proceedings and matters whatsoever (whether civil or criminal) as under any statutory provision are to be heard by a county court (of any description);
 - (b) all such other things as under any statutory provision are to be done by, or in relation to, a county court (of any description).
- (3) For the purpose of subsection (1) “the business of magistrates' courts” includes—
- (a) all such proceedings and matters whatsoever (whether civil or criminal) as under any statutory provision are to be heard by a magistrates' court (of any description);
 - (b) all such other things as under any statutory provision are to be done by, or in relation to a magistrates' court (of any description).

- (4) The Department may give directions as to—
 - (a) the distribution among chief clerks of the functions exercisable under any statutory provision by a chief clerk;
 - (b) the distribution among clerks of petty sessions of the functions exercisable under any statutory provision by a clerk of petty sessions.
- (5) In any statutory provision—
 - (a) a reference, in connection with any proceedings or matter, to the chief clerk is a reference to the chief clerk who, in accordance with directions under subsection (4), is to act in relation to those proceedings or that matter;
 - (b) a reference, in connection with any proceedings or matter, to the clerk of petty sessions is a reference to the clerk of petty sessions who, in accordance with directions under subsection (4), is to act in relation to those proceedings or that matter.