



Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 25

PART I

DISCLOSURE

The main provisions

6 Voluntary disclosure by accused.

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) this Part applies by virtue of section 1(1), and
 - (b) the prosecutor complies with section 3 or purports to comply with it.
- (2) The accused—
 - (a) may give a defence statement to the prosecutor, and
 - (b) if he does so, must also give such a statement to the court.
- (3) ^{F1}
- (4) If the accused gives a defence statement under this section he must give it during the period which, by virtue of section 12, is the relevant period for this section.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 6(3) repealed (4.4.2005 for E.W. and 15.7.2005 for N.I.) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\)](#), ss. 331, 332, 336, Sch. 36 Pt. 3 para. 24, [Sch. 37](#); S.I. 2005/950, [art. 2](#); S.I. 2005/1817, [art. 2](#) (with savings in [art. 2\(3\)](#))

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. I power to apply (with modifications) conferred by SI 2015/1490 rule 23.2 Note (as inserted (2.4.2018) by [The Criminal Procedure \(Amendment\) Rules 2018 \(S.I. 2018/132\)](#), rules 1, **11(a)(v)**)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 1(6) added by [1997 c. 39 s. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 5(1A) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2015 c. 9 (N.I.), Sch. 2 para. 8 by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(f\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 5(1A) inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 8](#)
- s. 5(1A) words substituted in earlier affecting provision 2015 c. 9 (N.I.), Sch. 2 para. 8(1) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 13(1)(ba)(b) substituted for s. 13(1)(b) by 2015 c. 9 (N.I.), Sch. 2 para. 8(2) (as inserted) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(f\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 4(f) and word added by [S.I. 2003/1247 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 16](#)