

These notes refer to the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 (c.23) which received Royal Assent on 27 July 1999

YOUTH JUSTICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE ACT 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part II: Giving of evidence or information for purposes of criminal proceedings

Chapter VII: General provisions

Sections 62 and 63: Interpretation of Part II

204. [Section 62\(2\)](#) defines references to any offence in Part II to include not only aiding, abetting, counselling, inciting or procuring the commission of the offence, or conspiring to commit it, but also (for example) aiding or abetting an attempt to commit the offence.
205. The definition of “court” in section 63(1) means that in Chapters IV and V references to a court include, where appropriate, a Divisional Court of the High Court or the House of Lords. The definition does not apply to 63(2), where “court” should be interpreted more broadly.
206. The definition of “publication” in section 63(1) is drawn from the Contempt of Court Act 1981 and the related definition of “relevant programme” covers most radio and television programmes transmitted from or to the United Kingdom.