

*These notes refer to the Armed Forces Act 2001
(c.19) which received Royal Assent on 11 May 2001*

ARMED FORCES ACT 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT - COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 6 – Other amendments

Arrest of civilian whose sentence is deferred

146. [Paragraph 54](#) amends paragraph 2A of Schedule 5A to the Army and Air Force Acts in relation to Standing Civilian Courts. Because directing officers no longer exist, the provisions referring to the powers of directing officers to order arrest are replaced with references to the magistrate hearing the case, as are other consequential references to the directing officer or his superiors. The paragraph also amends a reference to civilians being subject to Service law with wording to reflect the fact that they are only subject to certain provisions of that law.