# **ARMED FORCES ACT 2001**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### THE ACT - COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

## Part 3 – Trial and Punishment of Offences

### Section 27: Costs against legal representatives

94. Section 26 deals with costs orders made against a party to any proceedings. Section 27 empowers the same courts as are referred to in section 26 to make costs orders against the legal, or other, representative of a party to proceedings. Like section 26, section 27 corresponds to a power of civilian courts under the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 (section 19A). An order under section 27 may be made if the improper, unreasonable or negligent action of a representative results in the other party incurring costs. This section requires the Secretary of State to make regulations providing for appeals against such orders.