

*These notes refer to the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c.44)
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 9: Prosecution Appeals

Section 59: Expedited and non-expedited appeals

281. This section provides two alternative appeal routes, an expedited (fast) route and a non-expedited (slower) route. The judge must determine which route the appeal will follow (*subsection (1)*). In the case of an expedited appeal the trial may be adjourned (*subsection (2)*). If the judge decides that the appeal should follow the non-expedited route he may either adjourn the proceedings or discharge the jury, if one has been sworn (*subsection (3)*). *Subsection (4)* gives both the judge and the Court of Appeal power to reverse a decision to expedite an appeal, thus transferring the case to the slower non-expedited route. If a decision is reversed under this subsection, the jury may be discharged.