

These notes refer to the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (c.28) which received Royal Assent on 15 November 2004

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CRIME AND VICTIMS ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 3: Victims Etc

Transfer directions

Section 51: Restrictions on exercise of functions

144. *Section 51* prevents the Commissioner from exercising his functions on behalf of individual victims or witnesses. He cannot, for example, ask the police or Crown Prosecution Service to bring or reconsider a particular charge against an individual offender, or ask for the courts to impose a particular sentence. On the other hand, the Commissioner will not be prevented from commenting on charging or sentencing policy, or any other wider policy issue relating to victims and witnesses.