

*These notes refer to the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c.15) which received Royal Assent on 7th April 2005*

# **SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME AND POLICE ACT 2005**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT**

#### *Commentary on Sections*

#### **Part 1: The Serious Organised Crime Agency**

#### *Chapter 1: SOCA: Establishment and activities*

#### *Section 1: Establishment of Serious Organised Crime Agency*

68. This section provides for the creation of the Serious Organised Crime Agency and for the abolition of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, the National Crime Squad and their respective Service Authorities (all established by Parts 1 and 2 of the Police Act 1997). SOCA will be an executive Non-Departmental Public Body. *Subsection (2)* gives effect to Schedule 1, which sets out details of the constitution and staffing of SOCA.