

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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Commentary on Sections

Part 5: Miscellaneous

Section 156: Payments by Scottish Ministers to police authorities etc. in relation to the prevention, detection and enforcement of certain traffic offences

401. **Section 156** allows the Scottish Ministers to make payments to police authorities or joint police boards in respect of the whole or any part of their expenditure on the prevention and detection of the motoring offences specified in *subsection (3)* and on enforcement action relating to such offences. This will, with the agreement of the Treasury, enable money from fixed penalties for such offences to be recycled to fund such future prevention, detection and enforcement activities. In practice this will enable resources to be directed towards the deployment of police intercept teams using automatic number plate recognition technology.
402. *Subsection (4)* contains a power for the Scottish Ministers to amend the list of specified offences by order (subject to the negative resolution procedure).