

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

Schedule 1: The Serious Organised Crime Agency

Section 10: Codes of practice

92. This section allows the Secretary of State to issue, and as necessary revise, codes of practice relating to the discharge by SOCA of any of their functions. Before issuing a code, the Secretary of State must consult SOCA, Scottish Ministers and other persons he thinks fit (*subsection (3)*). The Home Secretary would, in particular, also wish to consult the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. *Subsections (4) to (6)* require the Secretary of State, subject to a sensitivity test, to lay before Parliament all codes of practice issued under this section.