

*These notes refer to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities  
Act 2006 (c.16) which received Royal Assent on 30 March 2006*

# NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL COMMUNITIES ACT 2006

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 4 of Schedule 5 – Constable’s search warrant power extended to certain other Acts**

##### ***Section 53: Wildlife offences: time limit for proceedings***

151. This section introduces Schedule 6. Schedule 6 alters the present requirement to bring summary proceedings for certain offences concerning wildlife and habitats within six months of the commission of the offence. In relation to the legislation detailed in the Schedule, summary proceedings must be brought within six months of the acquisition of evidence sufficient in the prosecutor’s opinion to warrant proceedings, and in any event within two years of the commission of the offence.