

*These notes refer to the Serious Crime Act 2007 (c.27)
which received Royal Assent on 30th October 2007*

SERIOUS CRIME ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Encouraging or Assisting Crime

Inchoate offences

Reasonableness defence

Section 50: Defence of acting reasonably

176. This section sets out that it will be a defence to the offences in Part 2 if the person charged with those offences acted reasonably, that is that in the circumstances he was aware of, or in the circumstances he reasonably believed existed, it was reasonable for him to act as he did.
177. *Subsection (3)* sets out a number of factors that the court could consider when determining whether an act was reasonable in the circumstances. This list is not exhaustive.