

*These notes refer to the Crime and Courts Act 2013  
(c.22) which received Royal Assent on 25 April 2013*

# CRIME AND COURTS ACT 2013

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### BACKGROUND

#### Part 1: the National Crime Agency

##### Abolition of National Policing Improvement Agency

16. The NPIA was established by section 1 of the Police and Justice Act 2006. The Agency was formed in April 2007.
17. The Home Office's plans for policing reform set out in *Policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* included proposals for streamlining the national policing landscape by, amongst other things, phasing out of the NPIA. On 4 July 2011, the Home Secretary announced plans to set up a police information and communications technology company<sup>1</sup> which would take on certain functions of the NPIA. In written statements on 15 December 2011 (House of Commons, Official Report, columns 125WS to 127WS), 26 March 2012 (House of Commons, Official Report, columns 94WS to 95WS) and 16 July 2012 (House of Commons, Official Report, columns 105WS to 107WS), the Home Secretary set out further proposals. Section 15(2) of the Act provides for the abolition of the NPIA. The statutory duty conferred on the NPIA by section 3 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 to provide a system for the training, monitoring, accreditation and withdrawal of accreditation of financial investigators will move to the NCA as provided for in paragraph 111 of Schedule 8.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/police-reform-home-secretarys-speech-to-acpo-summer-conference>