CRIME AND COURTS ACT 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1: The National Crime Agency

Section 12: Information: restrictions on disclosure etc

- 236. *Subsection (1)* gives effect to Schedule 7 (Information: restrictions on disclosure), which provides for the restrictions on the disclosure of information.
- 237. Subsection (2) provides that Schedule 7 applies to disclosures of information made for the purposes of the NCA's criminal intelligence function. Information relevant to the NCA's criminal intelligence function will predominantly be that which contains information on known or suspected criminal activity (such as crime reports, surveillance logs, suspicious activity records, analytic research on known criminals or locations); or information that when combined with known or suspected criminal activity can lead to the identification of further criminality, or opportunities to protect the public (such as company records, regulated sector memberships and transport manifests).
- 238. Subsection (3) provides that any duty to disclose information imposed on an NCA officer (including the duty on the Director General to keep the police and specified government bodies informed of information) and powers of an NCA officer to disclose information, will have effect subject to the restrictions on disclosure set out in Schedule 7. Subsection (4) provides that subsections (2) and (3) do not limit Schedule 7.