

These notes refer to the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (c.6) which received Royal Assent on 12 February 2015

COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SECURITY ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

PART 1: TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL

Commentary on Sections

Chapter 1: Powers to seize travel documents

Section 1: Seizure of passports etc from persons suspected of involvement in terrorism

18. *Section 1(1)* introduces Schedule 1. This makes provision for the seizure and temporary retention of travel documents where there are reasonable grounds to suspect that a person at a port has the intention of leaving Great Britain or the United Kingdom for the purpose of involvement in terrorism-related activity outside the United Kingdom.
19. *Section 1(2) and (3)* provide that civil legal aid may be made available for hearings of applications, under *paragraph 8* of Schedule 1, to extend the 14 day time period in which an individual's travel documents may be retained in England and Wales and in Northern Ireland respectively. Civil legal aid is available in Scotland under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986.