EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provisions for the funding and remuneration of advice, assistance and representation made available under sections 13, 15 and 16 of the Legal Aid Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012.

Regulations 4 to 27 deal with the manner in which fees are to be claimed, determined and paid including provisions permitting interim payments and payments for expert services.

Regulations 28 to 30 provide for an appeal mechanism to challenge, in certain circumstances, the appropriate officer's determination of the fees payable to a representative. The provisions deal with the redetermination of fees by an appropriate officer, appeals from the appropriate officer to a Costs Judge and appeals from the Costs Judge to the High Court.

Schedule 1 sets out the graduated fees and fixed fees payable to advocates for proceedings in the Crown Court.

Schedule 2 sets out the fees payable to solicitors (and other appropriately qualified persons) for proceedings in the Crown Court.

Schedule 3 sets out the manner in which fees are to be claimed, determined and paid in proceedings in the Court of Appeal.

Schedule 4 sets out the rates payable for proceedings in a magistrates' court and certain other work to which the 2010 Standard Crime Contract applies.

Schedule 5 sets out the fees and rates payable to experts.

A copy of the 2010 Standard Crime Contract, including the Specification to the Contract, is available at www.justice.gov.uk/legal-aid. Copies can be inspected at the Legal Aid Agency (Head Office), 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ.

A copy of the Guidance accompanying the 2010 Standard Crime Contract is available at www.justice.gov.uk/legal-aid/submit-claim/cwa-online-claims/codes-guidance. Copies can be inspected at the Legal Aid Agency (address as above).

Changes to legislation:There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013.