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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 759**

**The Criminal Procedure Rules 2020**

**PART 25**

**TRIAL AND SENTENCE IN THE CROWN COURT**

**Discharging jurors**

**25.7.**—(1) The court may exercise its power to discharge a juror at any time—

- (a) after the juror completes the oath or affirmation; and
- (b) before the court discharges the jury.

(2) No later than the beginning of the prosecution evidence, if the jury then comprises more than 12 jurors the court must discharge any in excess of 12 in reverse order of their selection from the panel.

(3) The court may exercise its power to discharge the jury at any time—

- (a) after each juror has completed the oath or affirmation; and
- (b) before the jury has delivered its verdict on each offence charged in the indictment.

(4) The court must exercise its power to discharge the jury when, in respect of each offence charged in the indictment, either—

- (a) the jury has delivered its verdict on that offence; or
- (b) the court has discharged the jury from reaching a verdict.

*[Note. See sections 16 and 18 of the Juries Act 1974(1).]*