Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

SCHEDULE

NOTICE TO ACCUSED ABOUT EFFECT OF SECTIONS 288C AND 288D OF 1995 ACT AND SPECIAL PRE-TRIAL PROCEDURES: AMENDMENT OF 1995 ACT

Notice of restriction on conduct of defence: judicial examination

- In section 35 (judicial examination of accused), after subsection (4) there is inserted—
 - "(4A) An accused charged with a sexual offence to which section 288C of this Act applies shall, as soon as he is brought before the sheriff for examination on the charge, be told—
 - (a) that, if he is tried for the offence, his defence may be conducted only by a lawyer;
 - (b) that it is, therefore, in his interests, if he has not already done so, to get the professional assistance of a solicitor; and
 - (c) that, if he does not engage a solicitor for the purposes of his defence at the trial, the court will do so.
 - (4B) A failure to comply with subsection (4A) above does not affect the validity or lawfulness of the examination or of any other element of the proceedings against the accused.".