

*These notes refer to the Courts Act 2003 (c.39)
which received Royal Assent on 20 November 2003*

COURTS ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS: PART 2

Fines officers and designated officers

Section 36: Fines Officers

88. This section provides for the Lord Chancellor to designate fines officers who may be appointed or provided under contract by the Lord Chancellor and whose role will be to manage the collection and enforcement of fines. Fines officers will play a key role in the operation of the fine enforcement scheme in Schedule 5.

Section 37: Designated officers and magistrates' courts

89. [Section 37](#) allows the Lord Chancellor to designate members of staff of the courts agency in order to perform certain statutory functions in relation to the business of the magistrates' courts. Many of these functions are currently assigned to JCEs and are administrative in nature. Schedule 8 makes appropriate consequential amendments to other Acts of Parliament.