

These notes refer to the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c.15) which received Royal Assent on 7th April 2005

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Commentary on Sections

Schedule 13: Abolition of Royal Parks Constabulary: Supplementary

Section 165: Certain references to police forces

432. This section contains amendments to sections 119, 120A and 124A of the Police Act 1997. *Subsection (1)(a)* amends subsection 119(3) to allow the Secretary of State to determine administratively the fees which are payable to police authorities for dealing with requests for information. Currently such fees are set by statutory instrument subject to the negative resolution procedure.
433. *Subsection (1)(b)* inserts new subsections 119(6) and (7). This amendment ensures that the definition of “police authority” for the purposes of section 119 includes bodies such as the Northern Ireland Policing Board, and the other bodies included in new subsections 113B(10) and (11). *Subsections (2) and (3)* amend sections 120A and 124A of the Police Act 1997 in the same way. *Subsection (2)* also makes it clear that the amendments will be inserted into the different versions of section 120A of the 1997 Act that apply in England and Wales and in Scotland.