

*These notes refer to the Protection of Freedoms Act
2012 (c.9) which received Royal Assent on 1 May 2012*

PROTECTION OF FREEDOMS ACT 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Commentary on Sections

Part 1: Regulation of biometric data

Chapter 1: Destruction, retention and use of fingerprints etc.

Section 13: Destruction of copies

99. [Section 13](#) inserts new section 63Q into PACE which provides that all copies of fingerprints and DNA profiles held by the police must be destroyed when the obligation to destroy material set out in section 1 applies. This would also cover material held on behalf of the police by those providing services under contract, such as on the national databases or in forensic science laboratories.