

*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 2: Material retained pending investigation or proceedings

85. [Section 2](#) inserts new section 63E into PACE, which enables material taken from a person in connection with the investigation of an offence to be retained until the conclusion of the investigation by the police or, where legal proceedings are instituted against the person, until the conclusion of those proceedings (for example, the point that charges are dropped or at the outcome of a trial).