

*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 23: Inclusion of DNA profiles on National DNA Database

136. [Section 23](#) inserts a new section 63AA into PACE which places on a statutory footing the existing National DNA Database. The new section requires DNA profiles taken under PACE or in connection with an investigation to be recorded on the relevant database. The National DNA Database is maintained and operated by the National Police Improvement Agency on behalf of the police.