

*These notes refer to the Armed Forces Discipline Act
2000 (c.4) which received Royal Assent on 25 May 2000*

ARMED FORCES DISCIPLINE ACT 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 23: Oaths required of members of the court

55. This section inserts a new section into each of the SDAs.

Subsection (1) inserts a new *section 83ZK* into both the Army and Air Force Acts 1955. This section requires every member of the court to swear an oath prior to sitting as a member of the court. The general interpretation provisions in each Act already provide that “oaths” include “affirmations”. Rules governing how these oaths are sworn may be made by statutory instrument.

Subsection (2) inserts a new *section 52FQ* into the Naval Discipline Act 1957. This section is identical in effect to that described in subsection (1) above.