

*These notes refer to the Terrorism Act 2006 (c.11)  
which received Royal Assent on 30 March 2006*

# **TERRORISM ACT 2006**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY**

#### *Definitions*

#### *Section 13 – Maximum penalty for possessing for terrorist purposes*

#### **Subsections (1) and (2)**

75. **Subsection (1)** increases the maximum sentence for the existing offence of possessing an item in circumstances that may give rise to a reasonable suspicion that it is possessed for a purpose connected to the commission, preparation or instigation of an act of terrorism. This amends section 57(4)(a) of the TACT. The maximum penalty is increased from 10 to 15 years' imprisonment. **Subsection (2)** makes it clear that this is not a retrospective amendment, and that offences committed before this section comes into force will only attract the maximum penalty of 10 years' imprisonment.