EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

These Regulations amend the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) Regulations 1989 by—

(1) increasing the income limit for non-contributory criminal legal aid from £44 per week to £46 per week (Schedule 4);

(2) stating explicitly that the power in regulation 23 to require documentary evidence or an explanation of why none has been provided does not apply when an explanation has already been supplied in the statement of means;

(3) altering the wording of regulation 24 to accord with that used in regulation 23.