EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002.

Regulation 2 substitutes new fees for applications for criminal record certificates and enhanced criminal record certificates. The cost of a criminal record certificate rises from £24 to £28 and the cost of an enhanced criminal record certificate rises from £29 to £33. No fee is payable in relation to applications by volunteers for either criminal record certificates or enhanced criminal record certificates. The rises have effect from 1st April 2004.

Regulation 3 requires the Secretary of State to pay, with effect from 9th March 2004, the same fee to police authorities for requests for information made under section 120A(4) of the Police Act 1997 as he pays for requests made under section 115 or 116 of that Act.

Regulation 4 substitutes a new Schedule 3 to the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002 setting out the fees payable to the police per request for information under section 115, 116 or 120A(4) of the Police Act 1997. The amendments to the fees payable have effect from 9th March 2004.