

*These notes refer to the Criminal Justice and Courts Act
2015 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 12 February 2015*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND COURTS ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 3 – Courts and Tribunals

Time limit for bringing certain criminal proceedings

Section 51: Offence of improper use of public electronic communications network

463. **Section 51** increases the time limit for bringing prosecutions for offences under section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 from six months from the date of the offence to three years from that date, provided that the prosecution is brought not more than six months after evidence which the prosecutor considers sufficient to justify proceedings comes to the prosecutor's knowledge.