STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 500

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

The Legal Aid in Criminal Cases (Statement of Means) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2005

Made - - - -	*9th November 2005*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*5th December 2005*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 36(3) of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**1**), and now vested in him(**2**), after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, the Attorney General, the Crown Court Rules Committee and the Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases (Statement of Means) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 5th December 2005.

Interpretation

2. In these Rules "the principal rules" means the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases (Statement of Means) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999(**3**).

Amendment to the principal rules

3. In rule 2A of the principal rules after the definition of "diversionary youth conference" there shall be added—

> ""civil partner" has the meaning assigned to it by section 1 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004(**4**).".

4. In Form 1 in the Schedule to the principal rules, in section A (Personal Details) question 6, after the word "Divorced" there shall be added the words "Other (please specify)".

(**1**) S.I.1981/228 (N.I. 8)
(**2**) S.I. 1982/159
(**3**) S.R. 1999 No. 233; to which the most recent relevant amendment was made by S.R. 2003 No. 514
(**4**) 2004 c. 33