

# HIGH COURT OF JUSTICIARY

## PRACTICE NOTE

No. 2 of 2016

### **Dockets under section 288BA of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995**

Section 288BA (1) of the Criminal Procedure ( Scotland) Act 1995 permits the Crown to include, as part of the indictment, a docket specifying any act or omission connected with a sexual offence charged in the indictment. Section 288BA (3) specifies the form of the docket viz. a note apart from the offence charged.

In all such cases, when the indictment is read to the jury as required by s 88(5) of the 1995 Act, the docket should also be read to the jury and a copy of the docket should be provided to the jury.

Judges may wish to include an explanation of the purpose of the docket in their introductory remarks to the jury.

This Practice Note will take effect from 1 June 2016.

CJM Sutherland

Lord Justice General

6 May 2016