STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 629

CRIMINAL LAW

The Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (Victims' Code of Practice) Order 2006

Made - - - -	*6th March 2006*
Laid before Parliament	*13th March 2006*
Coming into force - -	*3rd April 2006*

(1) This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 33(7) of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004(**a**) ("the Act").

(2) The Secretary of State is required by section 32(1) of the Act to issue a code of practice as to the services to be provided to a victim of criminal conduct by persons appearing to him to have functions relating to victims of criminal conduct or any aspect of the criminal justice system.

(3) In accordance with section 33(2) to (4) of the Act, the Secretary of State has prepared a draft of the code in consultation with the Attorney General and the Lord Chancellor and has published it.

(4) In accordance with section 33(5) of the Act, the Secretary of State has considered in consultation with the Attorney General and Lord Chancellor representations made to him about the draft and modified it in the light of them.

(5) In accordance with section 33(6) of the Act, the Secretary of State laid the code of practice before Parliament on 19th October 2005.

Accordingly, the Secretary of State makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (Victims' Code of Practice) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 3rd April 2006.

2. The code of practice entitled "The Code of Practice for Victims of Crime" laid before Parliament on 19th October 2005 shall come into operation on 3rd April 2006.

Home Office
6th March 2006

Fiona Mactaggart
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

(**a**) 2004 c.28.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into operation on 3rd April 2006 the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime, issued pursuant to section 32 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004, making provision as to the services to be provided to a victim of criminal conduct by persons which have functions relating to victims of criminal conduct or any aspect of the criminal justice system.

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