THE INTERPRETATIVE OBLIGATION

- S3(1) HRA 1998 'so far as it is possible to do so, primary and subordinate legislation must be read and effect in a way which is compatible with the Convention rights'
- The difficulties which the courts have has with this provision Ghaidan v Mendoza [2004] 3 All ER 411

CHANGE OF MEANING WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME

- The classic doctrine is that the meaning of an act does not change with the passage of time - The Longford (1889) 14 PD 34
- But see cases on 'social change'
- Gammans v Ekins [1950] 2 KB 328
- Hawes v Evendon [1953] 1 WLR 1169
- Watson v Lucas [1980] 3 All ER 647