These notes relate to the Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 17) which received Royal Assent on 19 April 2007

## CUSTODIAL SENTENCES AND WEAPONS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2007

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON PARTS**

**Part 2 - Confinement and Release of Prisoners** Chapter 2

Confinement, Review and Release of Prisoners

**Custody and community prisoners** 

Section 18 - Cases where custody part specified as three-quarters of prisoner's sentence

48. Subsection (1) provides that this section applies to custody and community prisoners whose custody part has been set at three-quarters of the overall sentence by the court. Subsection (2), by disapplying section 10(1) provides that there is no requirement for Scottish Ministers to determine whether or not the prisoner presents a risk of serious harm to the public prior to the end of the custody part with a view to referring the case to the Parole Board. Subsection (3) provides, however, that Scottish Ministers must, before the expiry of the custody part, refer the prisoner's case to the Board and that the Board must specify the conditions to be included on the prisoner's community licence.