

These notes relate to the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009 (asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 25 February 2009

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY PENSIONS ACT 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part D Contributions

Rule 31: Contributions when salary not drawn

122. Should a participating member, for whatever reason, decide not to receive their salary as an MSP or office-holder, rule 31 makes provision for payment of their scheme member contributions. The rule requires the person responsible for paying the salary, if it was being paid, to pay to the Fund trustees an amount equal to the scheme member contributions that would have been deducted if the salary had been paid. By virtue of the payments being made the individual becomes eligible for the full applicable range of scheme benefits. The rule does not apply to an individual who has opted-out of the pension scheme under rules 23 or 24.