

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 O Added Years

Rule 84: Added years

331. Rule 84 allows a participating member to increase the length of their pensionable reckonable service by buying added years. It also specifies that added years may be bought as complete years or as fractions of a year calculated in days.
332. Rules 84(3) and 84(4) recognise that a participating member may be an MSP only, an MSP who is also an office-holder or an office-holder who is not an MSP (the Lord Advocate and the Solicitor General are office-holders but may not necessarily be MSPs). Rule 84(3) specifies that an MSP member (who may also be an office-holder) can only buy added years based on their service and salary as an MSP. Rule 84(4) specifies that an office-holder may buy added years but only if that person is not an MSP and in this case the added years would be added to their office-holder reckonable service and be based on their office-holder salary.