# **HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### STRUCTURE OF THE ACT

### Part 16 – Miscellaneous

## Police accommodation not to be Scottish secure tenancy

- 182. Section 154 amends schedule 1 to the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, which sets out those tenancies which are not Scottish secure tenancies, to ensure that tenancies of police houses are not Scottish secure tenancies. It does so by amending paragraph 2 of that schedule to provide that a tenancy of a house which is created on or after the relevant day (which is the day on which section 154 comes into force) is not a Scottish secure tenancy where the house is held by the local authority landlord for the purposes of a police force (subparagraph (2)(a)) or is let expressly on a temporary basis pending its being so required (subparagraph (2)(b)).
- 183. New sub-paragraph (3) provides that sub-paragraph (2)(a) does not prevent a tenancy from being a Scottish secure tenancy in the following circumstances:
  - Where the tenant moved to the house following an order for recovery of possession under section 16(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, on any of the grounds set out in paragraphs 9 to 13 and 15 of schedule 2 to that Act.
  - Where the tenant moved to the house from another house where the landlord
    erroneously terminated the previous tenancy in the belief that the tenant was not
    occupying the house; or where the tenant of a house that has been designed for
    a person with special needs dies and as a result the landlord is required to reaccommodate the tenant.
  - Where the tenant was re-accommodated by the landlord in the house after moving from another house, the tenancy of which was terminated by written agreement between the landlord and tenant following the landlord's decision to demolish that other house.
  - Where a tenant's short Scottish secure tenancy is converted into a Scottish secure tenancy under section 37 of the 2001 Act.
  - Where the tenant occupied that or another police house under a Scottish secure tenancy immediately before the creation of the tenancy and agreed to terminate that Scottish secure tenancy without being given at least 28 days notice before so agreeing that the new tenancy would not be a Scottish secure tenancy.