

*These notes relate to the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland)  
Act 2011 (asp 6) which received Royal Assent on 7 April 2011*

# **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT – COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 4 – Other Wildlife Etc.**

#### ***Section 34 – Muirburn***

#### **Subsection (3)**

216. Subsection (3) amends section 23A of the 1946 Act, which was inserted by section 58 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.
217. Subsection (3)(b) and (c) extends the purposes for which the muirburn season may be varied under section 23A of the 1946 Act to include protecting the natural environment and public safety. It also enables the dates to be varied on a geographical or phased basis.
218. Subsection (3)(a) and (d) make changes to section 23A in consequence of the changes to section 23 of the 1946 Act, with the effect that the Scottish Ministers may by order extend, reduce or vary the periods of the standard or extended seasons (but not so as to reduce the overall number of days on which it is lawful to make muirburn).