

These notes relate to the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 17 January 2014

VICTIMS AND WITNESSES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Vulnerable witnesses

Section 21 – Power to prescribe further special measures

51. This section repeals the existing order making power in section 271H of the 1995 Act which allows the Scottish Ministers to prescribe further special measures. It inserts new subsection (1A) into section 271H which enables the Scottish ministers to add new special measures, amend or delete existing special measures and also, to the extent necessary, modify sections 271A – 271M of the 1995 Act. Sections 271A – 271M detail how the existing special measures are to operate (see explanation of these sections under section 12).