

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 18 – Review of arrangements for vulnerable witnesses

47. Section 271D(1)(a) of the 1995 Act previously allowed a party citing or intending to cite a witness to request that the court review the arrangements for taking the witness's evidence. Section 18 expands this ability to any party to the proceedings so that the non-citing party (normally the defence) can also request the court to review these arrangements.