

These notes relate to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (asp 6) which received Royal Assent on 24 July 2015

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 4: Community rights to buy land

Insertion of Part 3A of Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003: community right to buy abandoned, neglected or detrimental land

Parts 2, 3 and 3A of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003: mediation

319. [Section 75](#) of the Act inserts subsection 97Z1 into the 2003 Act. Subsection 97Z1 provides powers for Ministers, upon a request by certain persons including owners of land and community bodies, to take such steps as they consider appropriate for the purposes of arranging, or facilitating the arrangement of, mediation. Subsection (4) allows Ministers to appoint a mediator, make payments to mediators for services provided, and to reimburse the reasonable expenses of mediators.