

LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 5 – Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development

Applications for consent

Section 60 – Notification of Ministers’ decision on application

281. **Section 60** sets out how Ministers must notify the relevant parties of their decision to consent to or refuse an application.
282. Subsection (1) provides that Ministers must give notice in writing of their decision, and their reasons for it, to consent to or refuse an application under section 54, and sets out that notice must be given to the owner of land, the tenant where the application is to buy a tenant’s interest, the Part 5 community body and a third party purchaser where relevant, the Keeper and every other person who was invited to send views on the application under section 55(1)(a). The form of the notice is to be set out in regulations.
283. Subsection (2) provides that the notice must set out the land, or where relevant, the tenant’s interest to which the decision relates, must set out to whom the land is to be transferred or the tenant’s interest assigned and, where consent is given, must set out any conditions imposed by Ministers. It further specifies that the notice must contain information about the consequences of the decision and the date on which the consent is given or refused.