

# LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 8 – Deer Management**

##### ***Section 79– Review of compliance with code of practice on deer management***

388. This section inserts new section 5B into the 1996 Act, and requires SNH to carry out a review into compliance with the code of practice on deer management.
389. Subsection (1) specifies that SNH must carry out a review into the extent to which the code of practice on deer management is being complied with and is effective in promoting sustainable deer management. In accordance with subsection (2), SNH must submit a report to Scottish Ministers setting out their views as to the extent to which the code has been complied with, and has been effective in promoting sustainable deer management. It must also include any recommendations SNH consider appropriate. Subsection (3) requires the Scottish Ministers to lay the report before the Scottish Parliament. Subsection (4) specifies the timescales for the review. The first review must be carried out within 3 years of section 79 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 coming into force, and subsequent reviews are to be carried out within three years of the date on which the report in respect of the previous review was laid before the Scottish Parliament.