

*These notes relate to the Apologies (Scotland) Act 2016
(asp 5) which received Royal Assent on 23 February 2016*

APOLOGIES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

The structure of the Act

Section 4 – No retrospective effect

17. [Section 4](#) provides that the Act only applies to apologies made after section 1 of the Act comes into force, and only to legal proceedings which began after section 1 was commenced (even if the matters apologised for took place earlier). As such, the Act will have no retrospective application.