

These notes relate to the Railway Policing (Scotland) Act 2017 (asp 4) which received Royal Assent on 1 August 2017

RAILWAY POLICING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2017

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Glossary of defined terms and abbreviations

2003 Act	Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003
2003 Act	Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012
2012 Act	The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012
BTP	The British Transport Police Force (established by section 20 of the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003) and often simply referred to as the British Transport Police
BTPA	The British Transport Police Authority (established by section 18 of the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003)
Police Scotland	The Police Service of Scotland (established by section 6 of the 2012 Act) In the 2012 Act, Police Scotland is referred to as the “Police Service”
PSA	Police services agreement (see section 33 of the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003)
Railway operator	A person (which in this context can include an individual, company or organisation) who has the management or control, or participation in the management or control of all or part or an aspect of a railway or railway property. (See section 1, inserted section 85M)
RPA	Railway policing agreement (see section 1 of the Act, inserted section 85A)
SPA	The Scottish Police Authority (established by section 1 of the 2012 Act) In the 2012 Act, the SPA is referred to as “the Authority”