

*These notes relate to the Social Security (Scotland) Act
2018 (asp 9) which received Royal Assent on 1 June 2018*

SOCIAL SECURITY (SCOTLAND) ACT 2018

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW

Part 1 (Tenets and Oversight)

Meaning of “Scottish social security system” (section 23)

34. [Section 23](#) defines the “Scottish social security system” as meaning, at the time of writing, the system constituted by Parts 2 and 3 of the Act. Subsection (c) provides an automatic extension to the definition, should in future the Scottish Parliament make legislation that provides for a new form of social security assistance, so that such assistance would also form part of the system. For the extension to apply, it would have to be a form of assistance that the Parliament only had competence to create through the power to create new social security benefits that is contained, with limits, in the Scotland Act 1998.