

# **SOCIAL SECURITY (SCOTLAND) ACT 2018**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **OVERVIEW**

#### **Part 1 (Tenets and Oversight)**

##### **Assessments only to be required where necessary (section 14)**

25. One of the Scottish social security principles places respect for the dignity of individuals at the heart of the system (see section 1(d)). Some persons may consider that if the need for an assessment is not appropriately considered it may impact adversely on their dignity. Other persons may wish to have the effects of their condition assessed. Section 14 provides that an individual should only be required to undergo an assessment if it is the only practicable way to get information that is needed to make a decision about the assistance they are eligible for. If an individual states any wishes about where and how they would like an assessment to be undertaken, the Scottish Ministers must consider them.