

SCHEDULE 1  
SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY PENSION SCHEME

**PART D**

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Procedure for changing scheme member contribution rate*

- 29 (1) A participating member may, by giving notice to the Fund trustees, choose to make lower rate scheme member contributions instead of higher rate scheme member contributions (or vice versa).
- (2) Such a notice may be given only within 3 months of—
- (a) being elected (or re-elected) as an MSP, or
  - (b) where the participating member is not an MSP, being appointed (or re-appointed) as the holder of a pensionable office.
- (3) The notified change has effect from the day of the election or appointment and—
- (a) the Fund trustees must pay the participating member an amount equal to any excess of scheme member contributions made in respect of that period, or (as the case may be)
  - (b) the participating member must pay any shortfall in scheme member contributions made in respect of that period to the Fund trustees.
- (4) If a participating member fails to repay a shortfall, the Fund trustees may recover the shortfall by directing the person responsible for paying the participating member's salary to adjust subsequent scheme member contributions accordingly.