## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Criminal Legal Aid (Fixed Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 to provide fixed payments in respect of work done in connection with consideration by a prescribed sheriff court of a victim statement produced in terms of section 14 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003. The prescribed sheriff courts which can consider victim statements are Ayr, Edinburgh and Kilmarnock in terms of the Victim Statements (Prescribed Courts) (Scotland) Order 2003.