

EXECUTIVE NOTE

The Maximum Number of Part-Time Sheriffs (Scotland) Order 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/257)

The above instrument will be made in exercise of powers conferred by section **11A(5)** of the **Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971(a)**. The instrument is subject to affirmative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

The purpose of the instrument is to increase the maximum number of part-time sheriffs in Scotland from 60 to 80. A greater number is needed to provide the courts with sufficient part-time cover for the absence of permanent sheriffs on leave, or otherwise unavailable to handle the court programme.

Consultation

Given the aims of this S.S.I. no public consultation was deemed necessary. The Scottish judiciary are aware of the proposal and their office-bearers are supportive of it.

Financial Effects

The instrument has minimal financial effects on the Scottish Executive, local government or on business.

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