

*These notes refer to the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46)
which received Royal Assent on 19th November 1998*

SCOTLAND ACT 1998

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 8, Paragraph 11: Defamation Act (Northern Ireland) 1955

Purpose and Effect

This paragraph amends section 10(2) of the Defamation Act (Northern Ireland) 1955 for the same purposes as the amendment made by paragraph 10 to section 10 of the Defamation Act 1952.

General

Section 10(2) of the Defamation Act (Northern Ireland) 1955 makes the same provision in the law of Northern Ireland as section 10 of the Defamation Act 1952, relating to the limitation on privilege at elections. As with the amendment to section 10 of the 1952 Act in paragraph 10 of this Schedule, this provision ensures that the same limitation on privilege applies to elections to the Scottish Parliament.

Details of Provisions

This makes amendment to the Defamation Act (Northern Ireland) 1955 identical in effect to those made by paragraph 10 to the Defamation Act 1952.