*These notes refer to the Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Act 2017 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 24 May 2017* 

# LAND TRANSACTION TAX AND ANTI-AVOIDANCE OF DEVOLVED TAXES (WALES) ACT 2017

# **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 8** – Interpretation and Final Provisions

Schedule 15 - Treatment of certain transactions relating to social housing

### **Part 4 - Shared ownership trusts**

#### Shared ownership trust: staircasing transactions

358. Paragraph 14 deals with the treatment of equity-acquisition payments made by the buyer under a shared ownership trust for the purposes of LTT. It provides that where an election under paragraph 12 is made an equity-acquisition payment by the buyer under a shared ownership trust, the increase in the buyer's beneficial interest is relieved from LTT, provided any tax chargeable in respect of the declaration of trust has been paid. However, if an election under paragraph 12 is not made, then the equity-acquisition payment and corresponding increase in the buyer's beneficial interest is only relieved from LTT if following the increase the buyer's beneficial interest does not exceed 80% of the total beneficial interest in the property.