

# **PUBLIC FINANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT**

#### ***Schedule 1 – Capital Expenditure of, and Borrowing by, Certain Statutory Bodies***

#### **General Purpose**

151. This schedule amends legislation concerned with the capital expenditure of and borrowing by various statutory bodies. The effect of paragraph 1 is to require the Scottish Ministers, in consenting to capital expenditure under section 94 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to keep within a limit set by Budget Act. The remaining provisions ensure that bodies can only borrow in any financial year up to a net limit which will be set by the Parliament in a Budget Act for that year. One limit will be set for all bodies within a particular group. It will limit the net aggregate amount of external borrowing of all of those bodies in the year concerned.
152. The bodies to whom this applies are:
- NHS Trusts (paragraph 2);
  - Scottish Homes (paragraph 3);
  - Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (paragraph 4);
  - New water and sewerage authorities (paragraph 6);
  - Scottish Environment Protection Agency (paragraph 7).