

These notes relate to the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp15) (asp 15) which received Royal Assent on 14 December 2005

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (ASP15)

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT – SECTION BY SECTION

Part 1 – Environmental Assessment for Plans and Programmes

Section 3 – Consultation Authorities

10. The Act provides for named Consultation Authorities to have particular functions at various stages in the assessment procedure. These authorities are listed in section 3 and they are the Scottish Ministers, Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage. Although the Scottish Ministers are named, in practice, it is expected that Historic Scotland will be the part of the Executive to fulfil the Consultation Authority functions conferred on Scottish Ministers.
11. A Consultation Authority will not perform that statutory role in respect of its own plans and programmes.