HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON PARTS

Part 2 – Scheme of Assistance for Housing Purposes

Special cases

- 118. Section 92 provides that there are only three situations in which a tenant is eligible for a grant or loan. The first is if the relevant work has been the responsibility of the tenant under the lease for at least two years. The second is if the work is to make the house suitable for a disabled person or to reinstate a house that has been so adapted. The third is when the work is urgently required to protect the health and safety of the occupants of the house, including repair work and the provision of fire safety measures.
- 119. Section 93 modifies this Part of the Act in relation to agricultural tenants and crofters, whose tenancies include provision for compensation to be paid at the end of the tenancy for any improvements carried out by the tenant. Such a tenant is to be treated as the owner of the house for the purposes of this Part. Where compensation becomes due, under the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993 or the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts 1886 to 1931, during the period when conditions apply to the house resulting from a grant or loan, a deduction is made from the compensation to take account of the contribution made by the grant or loan. Provision for similar deductions from compensation was inserted in the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991 by the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003.