

These notes relate to the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009 (asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 25 February 2009

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY PENSIONS ACT 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part E Reckonable Service

Rule 33: Reckonable service as an MSP

126. Rule 33 provides that the period during which an MSP member is making scheme contributions from salary payments is counted as a period of reckonable service.
127. Under rule 33(2)(a), reckonable service as an MSP member is the total of all periods, whether continuous or interrupted, where such contributions are made. That period is increased under rule 33(2)(b) by any additional period of increased reckonable service granted as a result of transferred payments from other schemes under Part N Chapter 2, and added years purchased under Part O.
128. The period of reckonable service used to calculate pension entitlement (see Part F) can also be affected by other provisions in the scheme rules. In particular the period is adjusted to provide for periods where a person had a dual mandate under Part Q. It can be enhanced under the ill-health retirement provisions in Part I.
129. Service as an MSP can also be ignored where rules in relation to short service refunds under Part M, and transfers out under Part N Chapter 1, apply. Periods in respect of which a refund or a transfer out occurs do not count as periods of reckonable service.