

*These notes relate to the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act  
2009 (asp 9) which received Royal Assent on 14 July 2009*

# **SEXUAL OFFENCES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 2 – Consent and Reasonable Belief**

##### ***Section 12 – Meaning of “consent” and related expressions***

36. This section defines consent as “free agreement”. The definition applies to Parts 1 and 3 of the Act.