

*These notes relate to the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act
2011 (asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 6 January 2011*

CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 19 – Legal Aid and Advice

Section 192 – Power to make regulations about contracts for provision of children's legal aid

316. This section provides for a new section 33B to be inserted into the 1986 Act to enable SLAB to enter into contracts with solicitors to provide children's legal assistance, meaning State funded legal advice and representation in relation to Children's Hearings and court proceedings arising from Children's Hearings. The new section confers a power by regulations, subject to the negative procedure, on the Scottish Ministers to allow the Board to enter into such contracts, and make detailed provision about the terms on which the Board may contract with solicitors.