

These notes relate to the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 17 January 2014

VICTIMS AND WITNESSES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Restorative justice

Section 5 – Restorative justice

19. **Section 5** provides that the Scottish Ministers may issue guidance about the referral of victims or alleged victims and offenders or alleged offenders to restorative justice services, and about the provision of such services to those persons. The Scottish Ministers may also specify, by order, persons or classes of persons who must have regard to any guidance issued. A definition of “restorative justice services” is provided at subsection (3).