

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

Vulnerable witnesses

Section 22 – Vulnerable witnesses: civil proceedings

52. This section amends the definition of a “child witness” in civil proceedings in section 11 of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004 to include anyone under the age of 18 (currently this definition only includes those under 16). It also inserts an order making power to allow the Scottish Ministers to extend the definition of vulnerable witness to include specified types of witnesses, and witnesses in specified types of actions.