

*These notes relate to the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (asp 12) which received Royal Assent on 17 June 2014*

# **PROCUREMENT REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 2: General Duties and Procurement Strategies**

##### **Procurement strategy and annual report**

###### ***Section 20 – Guidance***

43. This section requires the Scottish Ministers to publish guidance on the preparation and publication of procurement strategies (section 15) and annual procurement reports (section 18). Subsections (2) and (3) provide details of what the guidance may cover, including the possibility of it setting out a model procurement strategy and a model annual report. Subsection (4) requires a contracting authority to have regard to the guidance. In accordance with subsection (5) the Scottish Ministers must lay a copy of the guidance before the Scottish Parliament.