

*These notes relate to the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014
(asp 18) which received Royal Assent on 10 November 2014*

COURTS REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 6 – Criminal Appeals

Appeals from summary criminal proceedings

Section 120 - Power to refer points of law for the opinion of the High Court

243. **Section 120** amends the 1995 Act to insert a new section 175A after section 175 establishing the basis upon which the Sheriff Appeal Court may refer a point of law in an appeal case to the High Court for its opinion if the Sheriff Appeal Court thinks that the point is a complex or novel one. The Sheriff Appeal Court may do this on its own initiative or on the application of a party in the appeal proceedings.