

*These notes relate to the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 (asp 11) which received Royal Assent on 22 October 2015*

# **BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### *The structure of the Act*

#### *Section 6 – “Listed authorities”*

23. Subsection (1) defines the term “listed authority” for the purposes of the Act. This means any public authority listed or described, for the time being, in the schedule. Subsection (2) enables the Scottish Ministers, by order, to amend the schedule. This can be done to add to that list, to remove an authority or description of authority from it, or to modify an existing entry. An authority can be added only if it is a “relevant public authority” within the definition of that expression in section 7. Subsection (3) allows the Scottish Ministers, in making an order that lists an authority for the first time, to specify a different National Plan as the one by reference to which that authority is first to prepare its own Plan.
24. Any order made under this section is subject to the affirmative procedure (i.e. it requires approval by resolution of the Parliament) (subsection (4)).