

*These notes relate to the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament
(Amendment) Act 2016 (asp 4) which received Royal Assent on 21 January 2016*

INTERESTS OF MEMBERS OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 13 – Scottish Law Officers

51. **Section 13** is a consequential amendment to section 18(4) of the Interests Act arising from the insertion (by section 6 of the Act) of new section 3(5) on the meaning of the relevant date where an interest is acquired on the date of return. Section 18 applies the provisions in the Interests Act with certain modifications to the Scottish Law Officers where they are not members of the Scottish Parliament. Section 18(4) makes bespoke provision on the relevant date for the purposes of initial registration by a Scottish Law Officer who is not a member of the Parliament and new section 3(5) is not required for the purposes of defining relevant date in such cases. Section 13 makes a small adjustment to section 18(4) to disapply section 3(5).