

*These notes relate to the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017  
(asp 6) which received Royal Assent on 18 December 2017*

# **CHILD POVERTY (SCOTLAND) ACT 2017**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT**

#### ***Summary and Background***

3. The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act contains the following key elements. It:
  - Sets out four statutory income targets, with interim targets.
  - Places a duty on the Scottish Ministers to publish child poverty delivery plans, with the first plan covering the 4 year period from 1 April 2018 and two further plans covering a 4 and 5 year period respectively, and to report on those plans annually.
  - Places a duty on local authorities and Health Boards to report annually on activity contributing to the meeting of the child poverty targets.
  - Establishes a Poverty and Inequality Commission from 1 July 2019.