

*These notes relate to the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018
(asp 12) which received Royal Assent on 6 July 2018*

ISLANDS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2018

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW OF THE ACT

PART 1 – KEY DEFINITIONS

Section 1 – Meaning of “island” and of “inhabited island”

6. This section defines “island” and “inhabited island” for the purposes of the Act. All islands in Scotland which are enclosed by the sea fall within the definition of “island” – ignoring man-made structures such as bridges, so that the Isle of Skye, for instance, is included. The effect of subsection (1)(b) is to include tidal islands also, such as Oronsay (off Colonsay).