

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

# **ISLANDS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2018**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **OVERVIEW OF THE ACT**

#### **PART 3 – DUTIES IN RELATION TO ISLAND COMMUNITIES**

##### **Duty of certain authorities in respect of policies, strategies and services**

###### *Section 7 – Duty to have regard to island communities*

16. This section places a duty on the Scottish Ministers and other public authorities, listed in the schedule and referred to as “relevant authorities” in the Act, to have regard to island communities in carrying out their functions. See section 10 on compliance with this duty.
17. Subsection (3) provides a power for the Scottish Ministers to amend the list of relevant authorities in the schedule by regulations. Such regulations are subject to the affirmative parliamentary procedure (see section 29(2) of the Act).