

*These notes relate to the Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards)
(Scotland) Act 2018 (asp 14) which received Royal Assent on 11 July 2018*

HISTORICAL SEXUAL OFFENCES (PARDONS AND DISREGARDS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2018

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part One – Introductory

Section 1 – Purpose of this Act

5. **Section 1** sets out that the purpose of the Act is to acknowledge the wrongfulness and discriminatory effect of past convictions for certain historical sexual offences – as defined by section 2 – by pardoning persons who have been convicted of those offences (in Part 2), and also by providing for a process for those convictions to be disregarded (in Part 3).