

*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 Three – Disregarding Certain Convictions for Historical Sexual Offences

Section 6 – Application for disregard: further information

24. **Section 6(1)** provides that the Scottish Ministers may ask any person to provide information or make representations in relation to an application for a disregard. In practice, requests are most likely to be made to Police Scotland, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS), though there may be other organisations or individuals who may be consulted in individual cases.
25. **Section 6(2)** authorises any person to whom such a request is made to provide the information requested.