

*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 4 - General

Section 12 – Saving for Royal Pardons

45. **Section 12** provides that nothing in this Act affects the Royal prerogative of mercy – that is, the common law power of the Crown to issue a pardon, commute a sentence or quash a conviction.