

*These notes relate to the Gender Representation on Public Boards
(Scotland) Act 2018 (asp 4) which received Royal Assent on 9 March 2018*

GENDER REPRESENTATION ON PUBLIC BOARDS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2018

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Section 6 – Duty to take steps towards achieving the objective

16. **Section 6** places a general duty on appointing persons and public authorities to take such steps as they consider appropriate, in addition to anything done under sections 3 to 5 in the case of appointing persons, and in addition to anything done under section 5 in the case of public authorities, with a view to achieving the gender representation objective by 31 December 2022. Under subsection (1), section 6 applies whenever the gender representation objective is not achieved in relation to a public board.