

# **CORONAVIRUS (SCOTLAND) (NO.2) ACT 2020**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **DETAIL ABOUT PROVISIONS**

#### ***Schedule 3: Reports, accounts and other documents***

#### **Reports, etc. under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009**

115. Paragraph 1 of schedule 3 amends the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (“the 2009 Act”).
116. Paragraph 1(2) amends section 8A(1) of the 2009 Act (inserted by section 17 of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019) in relation to the date by which Scottish Ministers are required to have created a nitrogen balance sheet. This date is changed from 18 months to 24 months after the coming into force of section 8A of the 2009 Act.
117. Paragraph 1(3) amends section 32A(10) of the 2009 Act (inserted by section 9 of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019), in relation to the date by which a citizens assembly on climate change is required to have completed its deliberations and reported to the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Ministers. It provides that if the citizens assembly is unable, for a reason relating to coronavirus, to complete these functions by 28 February 2021, then it must do so as soon as reasonably practicable after that date.