

# **CORONAVIRUS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2020**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **DETAIL ABOUT PROVISIONS**

#### *Schedule 6 – Functioning of public bodies*

#### **Part 3 - Duties in respect of reports and other documents**

#### **Resumption of duties in relation to reports and documents**

246. Subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph 10 provide that, where the Scottish Ministers or a Scottish public authority have decided under paragraph 9 to postpone complying with a duty to publish a report, they must publish that report as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any case within 6 months after paragraph 9 Act ceases to have effect.
247. Subparagraphs (3) and (4) deal with what the Scottish Ministers or a Scottish public authority must do once the coronavirus outbreak is over, or paragraph 9 has ceased to have effect, if they have decided under paragraph 10 not to comply with a duty to publish, lay, notify or make a document available physically. If the duty was to lay a document before the Scottish Parliament, they must do that as soon as reasonably practicable. In any other case, they must either take steps to comply with the duty, or publish a statement setting out why they are not complying. This may be, for example, that they have published it electronically and they consider it is not necessary to do any more, or that the information is no longer relevant.