

*These notes relate to the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland)
Act 2021 (asp 16) which received Royal Assent on 5 May 2021*

DOMESTIC ABUSE (PROTECTION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2021

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 1 – Domestic abuse protection notices and orders

Domestic abuse protection orders

Section 17 – Offence of breaching order

125. Section 17 makes provision relating to breach of a DAPO or an interim DAPO.
126. Section 17(1) provides that breach of a DAPO or an interim DAPO, without reasonable excuse, is a criminal offence. Section 17(2) provides that the maximum penalty on summary conviction is a term of imprisonment of up to 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both; and the maximum penalty on conviction on indictment is a term of imprisonment of up to five years or a fine or both.