

These notes relate to the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 17 January 2014

VICTIMS AND WITNESSES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

General

Section 32 – Interpretation

146. **Section 32** provides for the interpretation of various terms used in the Act.

Section 33 – Ancillary provision

147. This section provides the Scottish Ministers with the power to make, by order, such supplementary, incidental, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision as they consider appropriate. It provides that an order under this section may modify this, or any other, enactment.

Section 34 – Commencement

148. This section provides for the commencement of the provisions in the Act. Certain provisions of the Act have been commenced on the day following Royal Assent (i.e. 18 January 2014) to enable the early appointment of the members of the National Confidential Forum and the additional member of the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland to allow the National Confidential Forum to begin its work as soon as possible.