EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Regulations 1989 ("the 1989 Regulations"), the Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) Regulations 1996 ("the 1996 Regulations") and the Criminal Legal Aid (Fixed Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 ("the 1999 Regulations"), so as to provide that—

- (a) the capped fees for the duty solicitor set out in regulation 6 of the 1989 Regulations do not apply to appearances on behalf of an assisted person before a youth court (regulation 2);
- (b) the exclusive jurisdiction of the duty solicitor set out in regulation 5(3) of the 1996 Regulations does not apply to proceedings which take place before a court which has been designated a youth court by the sheriff principal ("a youth court") (regulation 3);
- (c) there shall be a fixed payment of £50 for each appearance on behalf of an assisted person, in respect of a youth court hearing in consideration of a community supervision order.