EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Budget (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act"), which makes provision, for the financial year 2005/06, for the use of resources by the Scottish Administration and certain bodies whose expenditure is payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund, for authorising the use of resources, and for limits on the capital expenditure of and borrowing of local authorities and certain other public bodies.

In particular, this order further amends the 2005 Act so as to–

(a) alter the overall cash authorisations in respect of the first four bodies referred to in section 3 of the 2005 Act (article 2(2));

(b) restate the purposes for which resources may be used in accordance with section 1 of and schedule 1 to the 2005 Act (article 2(3)(a);

(c) restate the overall amount of resources other than accruing resources that may be used for the 12 purposes set out in schedule 1 to the 2005 Act (article 2(3)(b)(i) to (xii));

(d) restate the overall amounts of accruing resources in schedule 1 to the 2005 Act in respect of the first to sixth type of accruing resources (article 2(3)(c)(i) to (vi));

(e) add a type of accruing resource and corresponding purpose in Part 4 of schedule 2 which may be used by the Scottish Executive Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning Department (article 2(4)(d)(i));

(f) alter the overall amounts of accruing resources in Parts 1, 4, 6 to 8, 10 and 11 which may be used by the bodies referred to therein without individual limit (article 2(4));

(g) alter in schedule 3 the overall amount of resources other than accruing resources which the first three directly funded bodies referred to therein may use for the purposes specified (article 2(5));

(h) alter in schedule 4 the overall amount of the accruing resources in respect of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body which may be used without individual limit (article 2(6); and

(i) alter in schedule 5, in column 2 (Amount) the borrowing amount in respect of Scottish Water.