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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 359**

**The Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014  
(Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Order 2014**

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Order 2014 and comes into force on 30th January 2015.

(2) In this Order—

“the Act” means the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014;

“the day appointed” means 30th January 2015.

(3) For the purposes of the commencement of section 6(7)(d) to (j) of the Act in accordance with the Schedule, criminal proceedings are to be taken as concluded—

- (a) where no appeal against conviction or sentence has been lodged, on the expiry of the time limit for lodging an appeal; or
- (b) where an appeal against conviction or sentence has been lodged, on the final determination of that appeal.