### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1997 No. 291

## Act of Sederunt (Child Care and Maintenance Rules) 1997

## CHAPTER 3

#### CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995

#### PART VIII

#### PROCEDURE IN APPEALS UNDER SECTION 51(1) OF THE ACT

#### **Decision of sheriff in appeals**

**3.58.**—(1) The sheriff shall give his decision orally either at the conclusion of the appeal or on such day as he shall appoint.

(2) The sheriff may issue a note of the reasons for his decision, and shall require to do so where he decides to follow the course of action provided for in sub-paragraph (i) or (iii) of section 51(5) (c) of the Act.

(3) Any note in terms of paragraph (2) shall be issued at the time the sheriff gives his decision or within 7 days thereafter.

(4) The sheriff clerk shall forthwith send a copy of the interlocutor containing the decision of the sheriff, and where appropriate of the note referred to in paragraph (2), to the Principal Reporter, to the appellant (and to the child or the relevant person, if not the appellant) and to any safeguarder appointed by the sheriff, and shall also return to the Principal Reporter any documents lodged by virtue of section 51(2) or (3) of the Act.