

*These notes relate to the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001
(asp 10) which received Royal Assent on 18 July 2001*

HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

Part 6 – Grants for Improvement, Repairs Etc.

Section 96: Extension of power to make improvement grants

146. This section amends section 236 (power of local authorities to make improvement grants) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987.
147. *Subsection (1)* extends the works eligible for grant to include the provision of heating systems and insulation, replacement of unsafe electrical wiring and installation of mains-powered smoke detectors. *Subsection (2)* details more works in buildings in common ownership that may be eligible for grant. *Subsection (3)* amends the definition of a disabled person to bring it into line with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.
148. *Subsection (4)* inserts a new section in the 1987 Act to the effect that, where improvement grant is applied for by a tenant, that tenant must have had responsibility for the works in respect of which grant is sought for 2 years previous to application. The new subsection also sets out the terms under which the Scottish Ministers are entitled to vary, by order, the works and cases eligible for grant.