

These notes relate to the Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 3) which received Royal Assent on 14 April 2004

VULNERABLE WITNESSES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 – Criminal Proceedings

Section 9 – Summary proceedings in sheriff court: pre-trial procedure where no intermediate diet is fixed

62. **Section 9** inserts a new section 148B into the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 requiring the court in summary proceedings, where no intermediate diet has been held, to check whether there are any vulnerable witnesses in a case at the trial diet before the first witness is sworn