

*These notes relate to the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005  
(asp15) (asp 15) which received Royal Assent on 14 December 2005*

# **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (ASP15)**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT – SECTION BY SECTION**

#### **Part 2 – Environmental Reports and Consultation**

##### ***Section 15 – Scoping***

37. **Section 15** sets out a quality assurance measure referred to as scoping. The Responsible Authority must set out the scope and detail of the information to be included in the environmental report along with the proposed public consultation period. They must then submit this to the Consultation Authorities for their opinions. The Consultation Authorities should respond with their opinions within 5 weeks and Responsible Authorities are bound to take their views into account when preparing, and consulting on, the environmental report. To help ensure the quality of environmental reports and to facilitate compliance with the Act, Scottish Ministers may adjust the consultation period proposed by the Responsible Authority if they deem it inadequate (section 15(4)).