*These notes relate to the Emergency Workers (Scotland) Act* 2005 (asp 2) which received Royal Assent on 1 February 2005

## EMERGENCY WORKERS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## THE ACT

3. The Act seeks to protect emergency workers and to safeguard the delivery of emergency services. The Act creates new offences in relation to assaulting, obstructing or hindering someone who is providing emergency services, or someone who is assisting an emergency worker who is responding to emergency circumstances. The Act also creates similar offences in respect of health workers on hospital premises and persons assisting such workers.