These notes relate to the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 8) which received Royal Assent on 1 July 2005

## PROHIBITION OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **INTRODUCTION**

- 1. These Explanatory Notes have been prepared by the Scottish Executive to assist the reader of the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Act. They do not form part of the Act and have not been endorsed by the Parliament.
- 2. The Notes should be read in conjunction with the Act. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Act. So where a section, or a part of a section, does not seem to require any explanation or comment, none is given.