These notes relate to the Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 17) which received Royal Assent on 19 April 2007

## CUSTODIAL SENTENCES AND WEAPONS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2007

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON PARTS**

**Part 2 - Confinement and Release of Prisoners** Chapter 2

Confinement, Review and Release of Prisoners

Custody and community prisoners

## Section 11 - Consequences of review

37. This section requires that where the Scottish Ministers have assessed that a prisoner would not be likely to cause serious harm to the public if released then he or she must be released on community licence on the expiry of the custody part of the sentence (this is done without the prisoner's case being referred to the Parole Board). Where a prisoner has been assessed as likely to cause serious harm to the public, subsection (3) requires the Scottish Ministers to refer his or her case to the Parole Board.