CROFTING REFORM ETC. ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BACKGROUND

The Act

Part 2: Crofts

Section 18: Determination of the Land Court as to croft boundaries

79. Section 18 introduces a new section 53A into the 1993 Act. The purpose of this section is to reduce the future incidence and cost of disputes over croft boundaries. Section 53(1) (c) of the 1993 Act provides that the Land Court has power to settle any question relating to the boundaries of crofts. However, croft boundaries are not well documented and therefore it is often difficult to determine what these boundaries are. New section 53A provides that where the evidence is insufficient to allow the boundary to be clearly determined, the Land Court shall have the power to declare the boundary as it considers appropriate.