

*These notes relate to the Offensive Behaviour at Football and
Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 1)*

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR AT FOOTBALL AND THREATENING COMMUNICATIONS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2012

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