

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND ACT 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Directions and guidance

Section 8 – Directions and guidance

53. This section gives the Scottish Ministers power to give written directions to NLS as to the exercise of its functions. Directions may not be given as regards NLS's specific functions in section 2(2)(a) to (c), NLS's objectives in section 2(3)(a), (b) or (d) or as regards acquisitions, deposits, disposal, borrowing or lending (of objects), legal deposit or grants and loans (of money). Subsection (4) requires any directions to be given in writing, while subsection (5) provides that directions may be varied or revoked by the Scottish Ministers.
54. Subsection (3) requires NLS to comply with any directions given to it by the Scottish Ministers under section 8 and to have regard to any guidance issued by the Scottish Ministers in relation to the exercise of its functions.