
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Budget (Scotland) Act 2000, which makes provision, for financial year 2000/01, for payments out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund and the application of sums otherwise payable into that Fund, and for limits on the capital expenditure of and borrowing of local authorities and certain other public bodies. In particular, the Order amends that Act so as to—

- (a) alter the maximum amount for the purposes of section 94(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (c. 65) (which provides for limits on the amount of capital expenses which may be incurred by local authorities in any financial year) (article 2(2));
- (b) amend the purposes for which sums may be paid out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund under section 65(1)(c) and (2)(a) of the Scotland Act 1998, so as to exclude the provision of grants to Scottish Universities for post mortem examinations (article 2(3)(a));
- (c) alter the maximum amounts which may be paid out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund in connection with expenditure of the various parts of the Scottish Administration and of the Forestry Commissioners, the Food Standards Agency, the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body and Audit Scotland, and the maximum amounts of receipts which may be applied in connection with their expenditure (articles 2(3)(b) and 2(5));
- (d) provide that minor occupancy receipts of office holders in the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service in respect of notional capital charging may not be applied for certain specified purposes instead of being paid into the Scottish Consolidated Fund (article 2(4)(a)); and
 - increase the amount of receipts of office holders in the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service which may be applied for specific purposes instead of being paid into the Scottish Consolidated Fund (article 2(4)(b)).