

These notes relate to the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 (asp 11) which received Royal Assent on 22 October 2015

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

The structure of the Act

Section 5 – Forms of British Sign Language

22. Subsection (1) provides that references to BSL in the Act are to both the visual form and the tactile form of BSL (used by some deafblind BSL users). An exception is made where the Act deals with the publication of National and Authority Plans as it is not possible to produce a tactile BSL version of a document (subsection (2)).