These notes relate to the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009 (asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 25 February 2009

# SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY PENSIONS ACT 2009

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### Part T Miscellaneous

# Rule 107: Payments due in respect of deceased individuals

- 446. Rule 107 provides for the ability to pay small amounts of a deceased individual's scheme entitlement without confirmation or other proof of the title. This applies where the sum due does not exceed the amount specified in an order made in accordance with section 6 of the Administration of Estates (Small Payments) Act 1965 (c.32). The current limit is £5,000 in terms of the Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1984. The 1965 Act does not automatically apply to enactments made under the 1998 Act. Rule 107 is necessary to apply the 1965 Act.
- 447. Under rule 107(1), the scheme entitlement is the sum of any outstanding amounts due to the deceased at the time of death and any amounts payable to the deceased's personal representatives.
- 448. Rule 107(2) provides that the Fund trustees are able to make such small payments under this rule without the requirement for confirmation or other proof of title. Payment may be made to the deceased individual's representative or to any person appearing to the Fund trustees to be beneficially entitled to the estate.
- 449. Rule 107(3) places liability on the recipient of the payment to account for the amount paid. The Fund trustees are not liable to account for the payment. This is significant in the event that a payment made under this rule is subject to challenge by any other claimant.