

*These notes relate to the Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 10) which received Royal Assent on 7 August 2012*

# **WELFARE REFORM (FURTHER PROVISION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2012**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **OVERVIEW OF THE ACT**

#### ***Section 4: Impact of reform: annual reporting***

22. This section imposes a duty on the Scottish Ministers to lay before the Scottish Parliament reports on the impact of the UK Act on people in Scotland. Subsection (6) describes more fully what is relevant, and subsection (5) allows the reports to include such additional information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
23. Subsections (1) and (2) specify that an initial report is to be laid before the Scottish Parliament on or before 30 June 2013 (with the effect that it may be laid earlier than that date, although subsection (7) enables the Scottish Ministers to fix a later date).
24. Subsections (3) and (4) specify that an annual report is to be laid before the Scottish Parliament on or before 30 June each year (with the effect that it may be laid earlier in the year concerned, although subsection (7) enables the Scottish Ministers to fix a later date). This requirement lasts until 2017, although subsection (7) enables the Scottish Ministers to extend the period during which the reports are to be provided.