

*These notes relate to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (asp 6) which received Royal Assent on 24 July 2015*

# COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 4: Community rights to buy land**

#### **Modifications of Part 2 of Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 : the community right to buy**

Appeals to Lands Tribunal as respects valuations of land

138. [Section 59](#) of the Act amends section 62 of the 2003 Act, and provides that the Lands Tribunal is required, within 8 weeks of the hearing of the appeal, to issue a written statement of reasons. Where the Land Tribunal considers that it is not reasonable to issue a written statement within 8 weeks, it must notify the parties to the appeal of the date by which it will issue its written statement.
139. Subsection 59(5) of the Act inserts subsections (8A), (8B) and (8C) into section 62 of the 2003 Act. Subsection (8A) requires the landowner or community body who appeals to the Lands Tribunal for Scotland in connection with the valuation of the land on an application to notify Ministers in writing within 7 days of the date on which the appeal is made to the Lands Tribunal. Subsection (8B) requires the Lands Tribunal to send to Ministers a copy of the written statement of reasons issued following the appeal decision. Subsection (8C) states that failure to comply with these requirements has no effect on the community body's right to buy the land or the validity of the appeal.