

# LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 3 – Information about Control of Land Etc.**

#### **Information about persons with controlling interests in relation to land**

#### *Section 42 - Procedure for first regulations under section 39; explanatory document*

139. Subsection (1)(a) provides that the explanatory document referred to in section 40(b) (ii) must set out reasons for the provisions contained in the proposed draft regulations. Subsection (1)(b) provides that the explanatory document must include the details of any consultation undertaken under section 41, the details of any representations received by the Scottish Ministers as a result of the consultation and the details of any changes that may have been made to the proposed draft regulations as a result of the representation received by the Scottish Ministers during the consultation period.
140. Subsection (2) provides that where a person making a representation to the Scottish Ministers in response to the consultation under section 41 has not consented to the disclosure of their representation, the Scottish Ministers cannot disclose the representation in the explanatory document.
141. Subsection (3) provides that where a representation made by a person in response to the consultation includes information that relates to another person, the Scottish Ministers must not disclose that information in the explanatory document if, or to the extent that, it appears to the Scottish Ministers that the disclosure of that information could adversely affect the interests of that other person and the Scottish Ministers have not been able to obtain the consent of that other person.
142. Subsection (4) provides that if a committee of the Scottish Parliament charged with reporting on the proposed draft regulations requests copies of the representations that have been made to the Scottish Ministers, disclosure of the representations will not be subject to the provisions in subsections (2) and (3).