

*These notes relate to the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018
(asp 12) which received Royal Assent on 6 July 2018*

ISLANDS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2018

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW OF THE ACT

PART 3 – DUTIES IN RELATION TO ISLAND COMMUNITIES

Duty of the Scottish Ministers in respect of legislation

Section 15 – Scheme for requests by local authorities for devolution of functions

36. This section provides a regulation-making power which the Scottish Ministers must use to create a scheme for requests for the devolution of functions from local authorities. The request would be for Ministers to promote legislation devolving a function to the authority. Subsection (2) sets out matters that the regulations must contain, such as provision about the form of the request, the information that must be provided, the process, the timescale for the decision and the possible actions following the decision. Subsection (3) lists further discretionary provisions which may be included around consultation and information to be provided in the request.