

*These notes relate to the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act  
2009 (asp 9) which received Royal Assent on 14 July 2009*

# **SEXUAL OFFENCES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 4 – Children**

##### **Young Children**

##### ***Section 27 – Belief that a child has attained the age of 13 years***

77. **Section 27** provides that it shall not be defence to a charge of a sexual offence against a young child, under sections 18 to 26 of the Bill, that the accused believed that the young child was aged 13 years or over.