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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order corrects an omission in the Victim Statements (Prescribed Offences) (Scotland) Order 2003 (“the 2003 Order”) by adding to the list of offences for which a victim will be afforded an opportunity to make a victim statement for the purposes of section 14(2) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003. This is achieved by amending paragraph 15(d) of the Schedule to the 2003 Order to include offences under section 7(1) of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995.

This Order also corrects an error in paragraph 21 of the Schedule to the 2003 Order. The reference in that paragraph to the Road Traffic Act 1998 should be a reference to the Road Traffic Act 1988.

The amendments to the 2003 Order made by this Order were to be made by the Victim Statements (Prescribed Offences) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2004 ([S.S.I. 2004/246](#)) which was due to come into force on 18th June 2004. An error was noted in that Order after it had been made. Consequently this Order revokes that Order.