EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Regulations 1996 so as to provide a fee for solicitors for work done in criminal matters where assistance by way of representation has been given. A fee of £44.40 is provided for assistance by way of representation given in respect of attending at, and all work prior to, any diet in a sheriff court which has been designated a summary justice pilot court by the sheriff principal at which there is tendered a plea of not guilty.