EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends section 23 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 in consequence of the establishment, by the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 8), of Creative Scotland (also known as Alba Cruthachail) as the successor body to the Scottish Arts Council and Scottish Screen.

Section 23 specifies the bodies that are to distribute sums paid into the National Lottery Distribution Fund. Subsection (1) deals with sums paid into the Distribution Fund and allocated for expenditure on or connected with the arts. Article 2 of this Order adds Creative Scotland to the list of distributing bodies in section 23(1) and removes the Scottish Arts Council and Scottish Screen from that list. The article also provides that 8.9 per cent. of the sums paid into the Distribution Fund and allocated for expenditure on or connected with the arts is to be held for distribution by Creative Scotland (this being the combined proportions held for distribution by the Scottish Arts Council and Scottish Screen). In making changes to section 23(1) on a UK basis, this Order, while only making law as regards Scotland, ensures that the text of section 23 applies uniformly to the UK as a whole.

Article 3 of this Order transfers the balances of the Scottish Arts Council and Scottish Screen in the Distribution Fund to Creative Scotland.