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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order varies section 153(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c.43) (“the 1990 Act”) so as to—

- (a) add descriptions relating to the Zero Waste programme and waste prevention and resource efficiency schemes and programmes, and
- (b) delete redundant descriptions of the Strategic Waste Fund, the Tidy Britain Group, and the Waste Minimisation and Recycling Programme.

Section 153 of the 1990 Act enables the Scottish Ministers to give financial assistance to or for the purposes of an organisation, scheme, programme, or international programme described in that section whose purposes relate to the protection, improvement or better understanding of the environment.

The requirement to obtain Treasury consent for the giving of financial assistance under section 153 of the 1990 Act was removed by section 55 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).