EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Regulations 1989 ("the principal Regulations"), so as to increase the fees allowable to solicitors by 8.5% (regulations 2 and 3) and to Counsel by 9% (regulation 4) for criminal legal aid given under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986.

Regulation 5 makes a minor drafting amendment designed to clarify the intention behind the principal Regulations.

The increased fees will apply to proceedings concluded on or after 1st April 1991.