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2 For paragraph 1A of the Schedule to the Crofters Holdings...

Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1973 (c. 56)

3 In section 27(7) of the Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1973—...

Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 58)

- 4 The Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 is amended as follows.
- 5 For "rent assessment", in each place where those words appear...
- 6 In section 106—(a) in subsection (1), for the words...
- 7 In section 115(1), for the definition of "rent assessment committee"...
- 8 In paragraph 5 of Schedule 4, the words "to act...

Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 26)

- 9 The 1987 Act is amended as follows.
- 10 In section 107, after "amenities", where it first occurs, insert...
- 11 In section 308(1), for the words from "sections" to "8"...
- 12 In section 311(1), for paragraph (b) substitute—
- 13 In section 313(3), for the words from "may," to the...
- 14 In section 338(1), for the definition of "disabled person" substitute—...
- 15 In paragraph 1 of Schedule 9, for "sections 108(3), 131(2)...

Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 (c. 43)

16 In the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988, for "rent assessment", in...

Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992 (c. 53)

17 In paragraph 59 of Schedule 1 to the Tribunals and...

Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 (c. 10)

18 In section 1 of the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995,...

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 (asp 11)

19 In paragraph 5 of schedule 3 to the Scottish Public...

Building (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 8)

- 20 Section 24 (duty to keep building standards register) of the...
- 21 In subsection (1)—(a) the word "and" which follows paragraph...
- 22 In subsection 2(a), for "(c)" substitute "(d)".

Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 5)

23 In section 78(5)(a) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005, for...

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- s. 22 title word inserted by 2011 asp 14 s. 35(3)
- s. 64(7) words substituted by 2014 asp 14 sch. 1 para. 53(b) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 64(7) was substituted (1.12.2016) by The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Private Rented Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/337), reg. 1(2), sch. 2 para. 6(14)(d) (with sch. 1))