

*These notes relate to the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006  
(asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 5 January 2006*

# HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON PARTS

#### **Part 2 – Scheme of Assistance for Housing Purposes**

##### **Supplementary**

120. **Section 94** allows Ministers to give local authorities generally, or a particular authority, directions on the giving of assistance. Such directions may not relate to the provision of assistance to a particular person or in relation to particular premises. Local authorities must have regard to guidance issued by Ministers on their functions under this Part.
121. **Section 95** gives local authorities powers to improve the amenity of residential areas, for example by improving paths and waste ground. A local authority may carry out work on its own land, assist work on land not owned by it, carry out work on land with the agreement of its owner, and acquire land by agreement. There is also a power of compulsory purchase, which requires authorisation by Ministers. Assistance for such works may be on such terms and conditions as the local authority thinks fit, and is not constrained by the provisions on grants and loans for work to houses.
122. **Section 96** extends to the Scottish Ministers the powers and functions given to local authorities in relation to grants and loans in this Part.
123. **Section 97** provides the interpretation of terms used in this Part.