EXECUTIVE NOTE

Draft: The Housing Grants (Assessment of Contributions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007

1. The above Regulations were made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 240A of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 ("the Act"). The Regulations are subject to affirmative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

2. The Housing Grants (Assessment of Contributions) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 (the principal regulations) set out a means test which determines the amount of grant awarded by local authorities to applicants for housing improvement and repair grants. The purpose of the current Regulations is to amend the principal regulations to provide that payments from the Independent Living Fund (2006) are disregarded in this means test, in line with the treatment of payments from the Independent Living Fund, the Independent Living (Extension) Fund and the Independent Living (1993) Fund.

3. The Independent Living Fund (2006) is established by the Welfare Reform Act 2006 to replace and comes into operation on 1 October 2007. It replaces the Independent Living (1993) Fund and the Independent Living (Extension) Fund, which itself replaced the original Independent Living Fund.

4. The Regulations insert the definition of the Independent Living Fund (2006) into the principal regulations, and amend the definition of the Independent Living Funds to include this new fund.

Consultation

5. No consultation has been carried out on these regulations.

Financial Effects

6. These Regulations have no financial effects on the Scottish Executive, local authorities, business, charities or the voluntary sector.

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