EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE REGISTRATION SERVICES (FEES, ETC.) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2010
SSI 2010/92

1. The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 3(1) and 19(2) of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977 and sections 88(2) and 95(4) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

2. Registration service fees are set by the Registrar General for Scotland with the approval of the Scottish Ministers by regulations made under the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965, the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977, the Civil Partnership Act 2004 and the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006.

3. The level of fees is reviewed annually to ensure that the cost of providing chargeable services is fully recovered and to take account when fixing charges of any likely future increases in costs.

4. The purpose of this instrument is to:-

a) Increase the fee for submission of a marriage or civil partnership notice from £28 per person to £30 per person.

b) Increase the fee for a civil marriage ceremony and civil partnership registration from £50.00 to £55.00.

Consultation

5. GROS consulted the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA) and the Association of Registrars of Scotland) (AROS) on the level of fees.

Financial Effects

6. The costs associated will be borne by those who wish to marry or register a civil partnership.

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