1. **Electronic Monitoring**

The Sheriffs Association has no comment to make about this part of the Bill other than to note with approval the addition of a restricted movement requirement as an option in a first Community Payback Order.

2. **Disclosure of Convictions**

The Sheriffs’ Association has no comment to make about this part of the Bill being a matter of public policy on which it does not normally comment.

3. **The Parole Board for Scotland**

The Sheriffs’ Association notes the Bill does not propose to re-constitute the Parole Board for Scotland as a statutory Tribunal within the ambit of the Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service. At an earlier stage in consultation the Senators of the College of Justice submitted a full response to the Scottish Government setting out detailed reasons for re-constituting the Board in this way. The Association agrees with the views expressed by the Senators. Recent events in England where the head of the English Board has been required to resign have tended to reinforce concerns about the need to safeguard and strengthen the independence of the Scottish Board by re-constituting it as a statutory tribunal.

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