

SCHEDULE 1 THE SCOTTISH PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN

Term of office and tenure

- 4 (1) The Ombudsman and a deputy Ombudsman each—
- (a) holds office for such period not exceeding five years as the Parliamentary corporation, at the time of appointment, may determine,
 - (b) may be relieved of office by Her Majesty at the request of the officer in question,
 - (c) vacates office on 31st December in the year of service in which the officer in question attains the age of 65,
 - (d) may be removed from office by Her Majesty in pursuance of a resolution of the Parliament which, if passed on a division, must be voted for by a number of members equivalent to not less than two thirds of the total number of seats for members of the Parliament, and
 - (e) in other respects, holds office on such terms and conditions as the Parliamentary corporation may determine.
- (2) A person whose period of office as Ombudsman or deputy Ombudsman expires under sub-paragraph (1)(a) is eligible for reappointment; but reappointment to the same office for a third consecutive period is competent only if, by reason of special circumstances, such reappointment is desirable in the public interest.
- (3) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), nothing in this paragraph prevents a person who previously held office as Ombudsman or deputy Ombudsman (except such a person who ceased to hold office by virtue of sub-paragraph (1)(c)) from being appointed again to that office or to the other office.