

These notes relate to the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002 (asp 16) which received Royal Assent on 30 July 2002

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY STANDARDS COMMISSIONER ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 15 – Witnesses and documents: offences

92. [Section 15](#) creates offences which are equivalent to those set out in section 25 of the Scotland Act in relation to failures to comply with requirements imposed by the Parliament as to the giving of evidence or the production of evidence. For instance, this section makes it an offence for a person who is required by the Commissioner to give information or produce documents to fail to do so unless they have a reasonable excuse. A person found guilty by a summary criminal court of an offence under this section is liable to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5,000) (section 225 of the [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1995 \(c.46\)](#)) or to imprisonment for a maximum period of three months.