

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 21– Short title and commencement

104. This section provides for the substantive provisions in the Act to come into force automatically six months after the granting of Royal Assent. Subsection (2)(a) makes provision for sections 1, 20 and 21 and the schedule to come into force the day after Royal Assent. This will enable recruitment of the Commissioner to commence immediately so that the Commissioner can be in post on the day that the rest of the Act comes into force.
105. The period of six months allowed in subsection (2)(b) enables the Parliament to recruit the Commissioner and put in place the required structures, procedures, staffing and resources. The Parliament will need time to formulate and adopt new standing orders and amend the Code of Conduct. Time will also be needed to prepare the directions provided for in section 4.