These notes relate to the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006 (asp 16) which received Royal Assent on 2 November 2006

## SCOTTISH COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 2006

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

## Section 12: Report of inquiry

- 44. Upon completion of an inquiry, subsection (1) requires the Commission to lay a report of its findings before the Parliament. Section 16(1) further stipulates that such reports must be published by the Commission.
- 45. Subsection (2) states that the report must include the Commission's findings and any resultant recommendations. Subsection (3) prohibits reporting upon the activities of a specified or identifiable person, unless the Commission considers that it is necessary to do so in order for the report to adequately reflect the results of the inquiry.
- 46. If the Commission chooses to exercise the capacity to identify individuals then it must furnish those persons with a draft of the proposed report and provide them with an opportunity to make representation concerning the proposed report. The Commission must consider any such representations before proceeding with publication.
- 47. The contents of the Commission's reports are otherwise left to the judgement of the Commission.