# SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONS AND COMMISSIONERS ETC. ACT 2010

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### Part 1

The Commission for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland: the Public Standards Commissioner for Scotland and the Public Appointments Commissioner for Scotland

#### Section 2: Functions of the Commissioners

- 35. Section 2 provides for the transfer of functions from existing officeholders to the new Commissioners (at subsections (1) and (2)) and abolishes those existing offices (3).
- 36. Subsection (4) sets out certain abbreviations used throughout the Act. The Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 is referred to as the "Ethical Standards Act"; the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002 as the "Parliamentary Standards Act" and the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 as the "Public Appointments Act".
- 37. Subsection (5) introduces schedule 1 of the Act which contains further consequential amendments to other statutes following the establishment of the Commission, namely the Ethical Standards Act, the Parliamentary Standards Act, the Public Appointments Act the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 (asp 11), and the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 8).