# SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONS AND COMMISSIONERS ETC. ACT 2010

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### Part 3

### General

## Section 30: Interpretation

109. Defines the acronyms used to describe the statutes referred to throughout this Act.

## Section 31: Short title, commencement, transfers and transitionals.

110. The majority of the Act comes into force on 1 April 2011. Paragraph 14 of schedule 2 in relation to the new paragraph 10C (budget) inserted into schedule 1 of the Ethical Standards Act commences on 1 August 2010 and allows the Standards Commission to prepare and submit a budget proposal in advance of the financial year for approval by the Parliamentary corporation. Enabling it to be integrated within wider budgetary arrangements. Paragraph 20 of schedule 3 in relation to the transfer to the SPSO of prison complaints commences on 1 October 2010 when the transfer of responsibility will take place and the Scottish Prison Complaints Commission will cease to exist.