



# Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010

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## PART 1

### [<sup>F1</sup>THE COMMISSIONER FOR ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE IN SCOTLAND]

#### *Finance*

#### **19 Accountable officer**

- (1) The Parliamentary corporation must designate [<sup>F1</sup>the Commissioner] or a member of the [<sup>F2</sup>Commissioner's] staff as the accountable officer for the purposes of this section.
- (2) The functions of the accountable officer are—
  - (a) signing the accounts of the expenditure and receipts of the [<sup>F3</sup>Commissioner],
  - (b) ensuring the propriety and regularity of the finances of the [<sup>F3</sup>Commissioner],
  - (c) ensuring that the resources of the [<sup>F3</sup>Commissioner] are used economically, efficiently and effectively, and
  - (d) the duty in subsection (3).
- (3) Where the accountable officer [<sup>F4</sup>is not the Commissioner and] is required to act in some way but considers that to do so would be inconsistent with the proper performance of a function set out in subsection (2)(a) to (c), the accountable officer must—
  - (a) obtain written authority from the [<sup>F5</sup>Commissioner] before taking the action, and
  - (b) as soon as possible, send a copy of the authority to the Auditor General for Scotland.
- (4) The accountable officer is answerable to the Parliament for the performance of the functions in subsection (2).

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 19(1) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Public Services Reform \(Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland etc.\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/197\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 21(a)(i)**
- F2** Word in s. 19(1) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Public Services Reform \(Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland etc.\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/197\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 21(a)(ii)**
- F3** Word in s. 19(2) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Public Services Reform \(Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland etc.\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/197\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 21(b)**
- F4** Words in s. 19(3) inserted (1.7.2013) by [The Public Services Reform \(Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland etc.\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/197\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 21(c)(i)**
- F5** Word in s. 19(3)(a) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Public Services Reform \(Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland etc.\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/197\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 21(c)(ii)**

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