



Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010

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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

Finance

19 **Accountable officer**

- (1) The Parliamentary corporation must designate a Commissioner or a member of the Commission'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 Commission,
 - (b) ensuring the propriety and regularity of the finances of the Commission,
 - (c) ensuring that the resources of the Commission are used economically, efficiently and effectively, and
 - (d) the duty in subsection (3).
- (3) Where the accountable officer 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 Commission 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).