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- 61 Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (asp 7)
- 62 Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 (asp 11)
- 63 Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 13)
- 64 Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 (asp 1)
- 65 Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 4)
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