

*These notes relate to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 (asp 11) which received Royal Assent on 23 April 2002*

# **SCOTTISH PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN ACT 2002**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Investigations by the Ombudsman***

#### ***Section 14 – Obstruction and contempt***

57. This section enables the Ombudsman to petition the Court of Session for a person to be dealt with as if they had committed a contempt of court, where that person has:
- obstructed the Ombudsman in the performance of his/her functions, or
  - done any act or failed to take any action in relation to an investigation which would constitute a contempt of court in the Court of Session.