*These notes refer to the Legal Services Act 2007 (c.29) which received Royal Assent on 30th October 2007* 

# **LEGAL SERVICES ACT 2007**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 5: Alternative Business Structures**

#### Background

#### Section 92: Duties of Head of Finance and Administration

- 251. Sections 91 and 92 describe the duties of the HoLP and HoFA respectively, further provision about these roles is made in Schedule 11. The HoLP must take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with the terms of the licensed body's licence, and that the licensed body and employees or managers of the body who are subject to the duties under section 176 comply with them, and to ensure that non-authorised persons comply with the duty under section 90. The HoLP must report any failures to do so to the licensing authority as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 252. The HoFA's duty under section 92 is to ensure that the licensed body complies with the accounts rules in the licensing rules; they must, like the HoLP, report failures to do as soon as practicable. *Section* 91(2) therefore excludes accounts rules from the HoLP's responsibilities.