

# PROTECTION OF FREEDOMS ACT 2012

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### THE ACT

#### *Commentary on Sections*

#### **Part 2: Regulation of surveillance**

#### *Chapter 1: Regulation of CCTV and other surveillance camera technology*

#### *Section 34: Commissioner in relation to code*

160. *Subsection (1)* requires the Secretary of State to appoint a Surveillance Camera Commissioner. *Subsection (2)* sets out the Commissioner's responsibilities, namely promoting and encouraging compliance with the surveillance camera code of practice amongst users; reviewing how the code is working; and providing advice about the code (which may include, for example, advice to users of surveillance systems, members of the public, and Ministers as necessary). *Subsection (3)* makes provision for the terms of the Commissioner's appointment and for the payment of allowances to the Commissioner and of his or her expenses. *Subsection (4)* enables the Secretary of State to provide staff, accommodation, equipment and other facilities to support the work of the Commissioner.