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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 – the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission

Section 33: Duty of relevant professional organisations to forward complaints to Commission

67. **Section 33** requires a relevant professional organisation to send to the Commission any conduct or services complaint, or any complaint about its handling of a conduct complaint, which it receives directly. It must also send the Commission any material accompanying the complaint. This will allow the Commission to act as a single gateway for all complaints, while not inconveniencing complainants who may have complained directly to the relevant professional bodies in error, and will also allow the Commission to monitor all complaints for the purposes of making reports under section 36.