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SCHEDULE 7  
TRANSFER OF STAFF, PROPERTY AND LIABILITIES  
AND TRANSITIONAL AND SAVING PROVISIONS

**PART 2**

TRANSITIONAL AND SAVING PROVISIONS

*The Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner*

- 8 (1) The person who, immediately before this schedule comes into force, holds office as the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner is, by operation of this sub-paragraph (and not section 1), appointed as the Public Standards Commissioner for Scotland on the coming into force of this schedule.
- (2) An appointment under sub-paragraph (1) is for a period equal to that for which the person was appointed, or (in the case of an appointment for a second period) last appointed, as the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner reduced by the time for which the person held that office (or in the case of a second appointment, the time for which that person held that office under that second appointment).
- (3) But—
- (a) sub-paragraph (1) does not operate so as to appoint a person as Public Standards Commissioner for Scotland if that person’s previous term of office exceeds eight years, and
  - (b) where an appointment under that sub-paragraph would, but for this provision, be for a period which, combined with that person’s previous term of office, would exceed eight years, that appointment is to be for a period which, when so combined, is eight years.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (3), a person’s “previous term of office” is the period for which the person held office as Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner or, where the person was appointed for a second period, the aggregate of the periods for which the person held that office.
- (5) Despite section 2 and the repeal of section 1 of the Parliamentary Standards Act, a person may, after the coming into force of this schedule, be appointed under that section of that Act as the Parliamentary Standards Commissioner for Scotland for a further period.
- (6) An appointment by virtue of sub-paragraph (5) has effect as if made before the coming into force of this schedule; and the period for which the person is appointed, so far as extending beyond then, has effect only for the purposes of sub-paragraph (2).