



# Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2010

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### PART 1

#### THE REGULATORY OBJECTIVES ETC.

##### *Role of Ministers*

#### **4 Ministerial oversight**

- (1) Subsections (2) and (3) apply in relation to the exercise by the Scottish Ministers of their functions—
  - (a) under Parts 2 and 3, or
  - (b) under section 125(3) or otherwise arising by virtue of Part 4 (except sections 141(c) and 145(1)).
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must, so far as practicable, act in a way which—
  - (a) is compatible with the regulatory objectives, and
  - (b) they consider most appropriate with a view to meeting those objectives.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must adopt best regulatory practice under which (in particular) regulatory activities should be—
  - (a) carried out—
    - (i) effectively (but without giving rise to unnecessary burdens),
    - (ii) in a way that is transparent, accountable, proportionate and consistent,
  - (b) targeted only at such cases as require action.