

# **TRIBUNALS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 7 – Powers, Procedure and Administration**

##### **Fees and administration**

##### *Section 76 – Tribunal fees*

233. This section allows the Scottish Ministers by regulations to make provision for the Scottish Tribunals to charge reasonable fees in respect of any matter dealt with by the Scottish Tribunals. The Scottish Ministers are required to consult the Lord President and, to such an extent as they consider appropriate, persons having an interest in the operation of the business of the Scottish Tribunals before exercising this power.

##### *Section 77 – Administrative support*

234. *Section 77* places a duty on the Scottish Ministers to provide property, services and personnel to the Scottish Tribunals so as to ensure their proper operation and the discharge of the Lord President's responsibility for the efficient disposal of business in the Tribunals. The Scottish Ministers are obliged to have regard to any representations made to them by the Lord President in this respect (subsection (2)).

##### *Section 78 – Annual reporting*

235. *Section 78* places a duty on the President of Tribunals to prepare an annual report for the Lord President on the operation and business of the Scottish Tribunals which must explain how the Tribunals have exercised their functions during the financial year (and may contain other information). The report is to be sent to the Scottish Ministers as well as published.