

*These notes relate to the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016  
(asp 16) which received Royal Assent on 14 April 2016*

# LOBBYING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 4 – Guidance, code of conduct and public awareness**

##### **Code of conduct for persons lobbying MSPs**

185. **Section 44** contains provision relating to the publication of a code of conduct for persons lobbying MSPs.
186. Subsection (1) provides that the Parliament must publish a code of conduct for persons lobbying members of the Parliament.
187. Subsection (2) provides that the Parliament must, from time to time, review the code of conduct and may, if it considers it appropriate, publish a revised code of conduct.
188. Subsection (3) lays out that, in this section, “lobbying” means making a communication of any kind to a member of the Parliament in relation to the member’s functions. This includes, but is wider than, ‘regulated lobbying’ with which the rest of the Act is concerned. While therefore the code of conduct may contain provision relevant to persons engaging in regulated lobbying within the meaning of section 1 of the Act, it may also contain provision relevant to any other “lobbying” of MSPs.