

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SCOTTISH COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 2006

INTRODUCTION

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND TO THE ACT

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 1: Establishment

Section 2: General duty to promote human rights

Section 3: Information, guidance, education, etc.

Section 4: Monitoring of law, policies and practices

Section 5: Power to co-operate etc. with others

Section 6: No power to assist in claims or legal proceedings

Section 7: Strategic Plans

Section 8: Power to conduct inquiries

Section 9: Restrictions as to scope of inquiry

Section 10: Evidence

Section 11: Places of detention – powers of entry, inspection and interview

Section 12: Report of inquiry

Section 13: Confidentiality of information

Section 14: Power to intervene

Section 15: Annual report

Section 16: Publication of reports

Section 17: Protection from actions for defamation

Section 18: Giving of notice

Section 19: Meaning of “Scottish public authority”

Section 21: Preparation for the Commission

These notes relate to the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006 (asp 16)

Section 19: Short title, Crown application and commencement

Schedule 1: The Scottish Commission for Human Rights

Schedule 2: Inquiries: Supplementary provision as to evidence

Schedule 3: Places of detention: powers of entry, inspection or interview

PARLIAMENTARY HISTORY OF SCOTTISH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 2006