

SCHEDULE 4  
AMENDMENTS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (ASP 13)

*Strategic plans*

7 After section 46 there is inserted—

**“46A Strategic plans**

- (1) The Commissioner must, in respect of each 4 year period, lay before the Parliament a plan (referred to in this section as a “strategic plan”) setting out how the Commissioner proposes to perform the Commissioner's functions during the 4 year period.
- (2) A strategic plan must, in particular, set out—
  - (a) the Commissioner's objectives and priorities during the 4 year period,
  - (b) how the Commissioner proposes to achieve them,
  - (c) a timetable for doing so, and
  - (d) estimates of the costs of doing so.
- (3) Before laying a strategic plan before the Parliament, the Commissioner must provide a draft of it to and invite, and (if any are given) consider, comments on it from—
  - (a) the Parliamentary corporation,
  - (b) the Keeper of the Records of Scotland, and
  - (c) such other persons as the Commissioner thinks appropriate.
- (4) The reference in subsection (3)(c) to other persons includes a committee of the Parliament.
- (5) The Commissioner must lay each strategic plan before the Parliament not later than the beginning of the 4 year period to which the plan relates.
- (6) The Commissioner must arrange for the publication of each strategic plan laid before the Parliament.
- (7) The Commissioner may, at any time during a 4 year period, review the strategic plan for the period and lay a revised strategic plan before the Parliament.
- (8) Subsections (2) to (7) apply to a revised strategic plan as they apply to a strategic plan.
- (9) In that application, the reference in subsection (5) to the 4 year period is a reference to the period to which the revised strategic plan relates.
- (10) In this section, “4 year period” means the period of 4 years beginning on 1 April next following the coming into force of this section and each subsequent period of 4 years.”

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010, Cross Heading: Strategic plans.