

*These notes refer to the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46)  
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# **SCOTLAND ACT 1998**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY**

#### **SECTION 21: Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body**

##### **General**

This section forms part of a set dealing with the administration of the Parliament including section 19 (Presiding Officer) and section 20 (Clerk of the Parliament). Detailed provisions relating to the SPCB are set out in Schedule 2.

The concept of the SPCB is based on similar arrangements in place at Westminster. The House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978 establishes the House of Commons Commission as a corporate body for the purposes of appointing staff. The Parliamentary Corporate Bodies Act 1992 establishes Corporate Officers for both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, with powers to hold property and to enter into contracts for the purposes of the respective Houses.