

These notes relate to the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002 (asp 16) which received Royal Assent on 30 July 2002

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY STANDARDS COMMISSIONER ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 20 – Interpretation

103. **Section 20** contains definitions of terms used throughout the Act. The term "the Parliament" includes any committee of the Parliament. As the preceding notes indicate, it was envisaged in the model of investigations in the 4th Report that the Standards Committee would have the day-to-day contact with the Commissioner namely calling for and receiving reports into investigations and giving directions to the Commissioner. The involvement of the Standards Committee in this way will require to be set out in the standing orders. It is however for the Parliament following consideration by the Procedures Committee to determine whether the possible procedures outlined above or some other procedures are appropriate.