

SCHEDULE

(introduced by section 1)

THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY STANDARDS COMMISSIONER

Appointment

- 1 (1) The appointment of the Commissioner shall be on such terms and conditions as the Parliamentary corporation may determine.
- (2) Those terms and conditions may include arrangements for the payment of pensions, allowances and gratuities to, or in respect of, any person who has ceased to hold the office of the Commissioner.
- (3) In particular, the Parliamentary corporation may—
 - (a) make contributions or payments towards provision for such pensions, allowances or gratuities; and
 - (b) establish and administer one or more pension schemes.

Appointment of staff

- 2 (1) The Commissioner may, with the consent of the Parliamentary corporation as to numbers, appoint staff to assist in carrying out the Commissioner's functions.
- (2) The Commissioner may, with the consent of the Parliamentary corporation, determine the terms and conditions of appointment of such staff, including arrangements for the payment of pensions, allowances or gratuities to, or in respect of, any person who has ceased to be a member of staff of the Commissioner.
- (3) The Commissioner may authorise the staff appointed under this paragraph to exercise functions on behalf of the Commissioner.

Appointment of persons to provide services

- 3 The Commissioner may, with the consent of the Parliamentary corporation, appoint any person to provide services by assisting or advising the Commissioner in carrying out the Commissioner's functions and may pay such fees or allowances to that person as the Commissioner may, with the like consent, determine.

Validity of actings

- 4 The validity of any actings of the Commissioner is not affected by any defect in the appointment of that officer, including any disqualification from such appointment.

Financial provision

- 5 The Parliamentary corporation shall pay—
 - (a) the salary and allowances of the Commissioner;
 - (b) any pension, allowances and gratuities payable by virtue of paragraph 1(2) or contributions or payments towards their provision under paragraph 1(3); and
 - (c) any expenses incurred by the Commissioner in the exercise of the functions of the Commissioner, including any expenses incurred by the Commissioner by virtue of paragraphs 2 and 3