



Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

2006 asp 16

General

17 Protection from actions for defamation

- (1) For the purposes of the law of defamation—
- (a) any statement made by the Commission—
 - (i) in conducting an inquiry,
 - (ii) in communicating with any person for the purposes of an inquiry, or
 - (iii) in a report of an inquiry,has absolute privilege,
 - (b) any other statement made by it in pursuance of the purposes of this Act has qualified privilege, and
 - (c) any statement made to it in pursuance of those purposes has qualified privilege.
- (2) In subsection (1), “statement” has the same meaning as in the Defamation Act 1996 (c. 31).

Changes to legislation:

Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006, Section 17 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4A inserted by [2024 asp 1 s. 12\(2\)](#)
- s. 6(2A) inserted by [2024 asp 1 s. 12\(3\)](#)