



# Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

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### PART 1

#### THE SCOTTISH TRIBUNALS

### CHAPTER 1

#### ESTABLISHMENT AND LEADERSHIP

*Establishment and headship etc.*

### 3 Upholding independence

- (1) The following persons must uphold the independence of the members of the Scottish Tribunals—
- (a) the First Minister,
  - (b) the Lord Advocate,
  - (c) the Scottish Ministers,
  - (d) members of the Scottish Parliament,
  - (e) all other persons with responsibility for matters relating to—
    - (i) the members of the Scottish Tribunals, or
    - (ii) the administration of justice,where that responsibility is to be discharged only in or as regards Scotland.
- (2) In particular, the First Minister, the Lord Advocate and the Scottish Ministers—
- (a) must not seek to influence particular decisions of the members of the Scottish Tribunals through any special access to the members, and
  - (b) must have regard to the need for the members to have the support necessary to enable them to carry out their functions.

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#### Commencement Information

**II** [S. 3](#) in force at 1.4.2015 by [S.S.I. 2015/116](#), [art. 2](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014, Section 3.