

*These notes relate to the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016
(asp 18) which received Royal Assent on 22 April 2016*

LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2 – the Scottish Land Commission

Chapter 1 – the Commission

Application of public bodies legislation

Section 21 – Application of legislation relating to public bodies

47. This section makes a number of consequential amendments to other primary legislation in relation to public bodies. Subsection (1) adds the Commission to the list of public bodies required to produce a code of conduct under the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000. Subsection (2) makes the Commission a “Scottish public authority” for the purposes of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, conferring a general entitlement for any person to request information from the Commission, subject to the procedures and exemptions in that Act. Subsection (3)(a) makes the Commission subject to the Scottish Ministers’ power under section 14 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 to make provision by order to improve the exercise of public functions, and subsection (3)(b) makes the Commission subject to the duties to provide information contained in Part 3 of the 2010 Act.