

*These notes relate to the Referendums (Scotland) Act 2020
(asp 2) which received Royal Assent on 29 January 2020*

REFERENDUMS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2020

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Campaign

Section 14 - Monitoring and securing compliance with the campaign rules

171. **Section 14** of this Act gives the Electoral Commission responsibility for monitoring and securing compliance with the rules which regulate campaigning at the referendum contained in schedule 3. It also gives the Commission power to issue guidance on how to comply with the requirements or restrictions. The section introduces schedules 4 and 5 which replicate the Commission's usual investigatory powers and power to impose civil sanctions to help them fulfil their duties under section 14.