



# Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Act 2021

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## PART 3

### GENERAL

#### *Miscellaneous*

#### **36 Interpretation**

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

- (a) “publish” (and cognate expressions), in relation to a statement, are to be construed in accordance with section 1,
- (b) “statement” means words, pictures, visual images, gestures or any other method of signifying meaning,
- (c) a reference to proceedings brought under Part 2 is a reference to proceedings brought under section 21, 22 or 23,
- (d) in relation to proceedings generally, a reference to—
  - (i) a pursuer includes a petitioner,
  - (ii) a defender includes a respondent,
  - (iii) defences includes answers.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Act 2021, Section 36.