

These notes relate to the Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Act 2021 (asp 12) which received Royal Assent on 21 April 2021

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY STANDARDS (SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND COMPLAINTS PROCESS) ACT 2021

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 3 – Removal of requirement for signature

17. Section 3(2) amends section 6 of the 2002 Act so as to remove the requirement for a complaint to be signed, thus facilitating the making and receipt of complaints by electronic means. It will remain necessary for a complaint to be made by an individual person and to state (amongst other things) that person's name and address.
18. Section 3(3) removes the requirement for the withdrawal of a complaint (under section 11 of the 2002 Act) to be signed by the complainer, thus facilitating withdrawal by electronic means. It will remain a requirement for notice of withdrawal to be made in writing.