



Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Act 2021 2021 asp 12

1 Complaints about past sexual harassment

- (1) The Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 3 (functions of the Commissioner)—
 - (a) in subsection (3), after “force” insert “, or treated as having been in force under subsection (4A),”,
 - (b) after subsection (4), insert—

“(4A) For the purpose of subsection (3), paragraphs 5 and 6 of section 7 of the Code of Conduct of 7 January 2020 are, to the extent that they relate to sexual harassment by a member of the Parliament of that member’s own staff, to be treated as having come into force on 24 February 2000 with the first edition of the Code of Conduct.”.
- (3) In section 20 (interpretation), after the entry for “Code of Conduct” insert—

““Code of Conduct of 7 January 2020” means the second version of the seventh edition of the Code of Conduct, incorporating the revisions approved by resolution of the Parliament on 10 December 2019, which was brought into force with effect from 7 January 2020;”.