

*These notes refer to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005
(c.4) which received Royal Assent on 24 March 2005*

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ACT 2005

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Schedule 14: the Judicial Appointments Commission: relevant functions and offices

Section 97: Scotland and Northern Ireland

306. The Lord Chancellor has responsibility for appointing members of certain tribunals with a UK-wide jurisdiction, some of whose members sit wholly or mainly in Scotland or in Northern Ireland. Section 97 provides that, where consultation with the Lord Chief Justice is required under section 87(2), 88(3), 94(3), 95(2)(a), (b) or (c) or 96(4)(a), and where the consultation appears to relate to an appointment of a person that exercises functions wholly or mainly in Scotland or Northern Ireland, the Lord President of the Court of Session, or the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland respectively will be consulted, rather than the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales.