

These notes refer to the Budget Responsibility and National Audit Act 2011 (c.4) which received Royal Assent on 22 March 2011

BUDGET RESPONSIBILITY AND NATIONAL AUDIT ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS AND SCHEDULES

Schedule 1: Office for Budget Responsibility

Paragraph 7: Status of Office

111. *Sub-paragraph (1)* provides that the Office's functions shall be exercised on behalf of the Crown. This has the effect of making the Office a Crown body. For the purposes of any civil proceedings arising out of those functions, *sub-paragraph (2)* makes provision for the Crown Proceedings Act 1947 and the Crown Suits (Scotland) Act 1857 to apply to the Office. These Acts set out jurisdiction and procedure for legal proceedings involving the Crown, and the 1947 Act provides that the Crown may be liable in tort for the acts of its servants and agents. *Sub-paragraph (3)* provides that the Office's property is to be regarded as held on behalf of the Crown.