SMALL BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYMENT ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 4: THE PUBS CODE ADJUDICATOR AND THE PUBS CODE

Investigations by Adjudicator

Section 58: Financial penalties

- 329. The Adjudicator may impose a financial penalty on a pub-owning business if, following an investigation, the Adjudicator concludes that the business has failed to comply with the Pubs Code. This penalty may not exceed the maximum penalty (see subsection (6)). The Adjudicator imposes a financial penalty by giving the pub-owning business written notice of the reasons for the penalty, the amount of the penalty, the period within which it must be paid and how it must be paid (subsection (2)).
- 330. The pub-owning business could appeal to the High Court against the imposition of the penalty or the amount of a penalty (subsection (3)). Subsection (5) states that financial penalties would be paid into the Consolidated Fund and so would not be used to support the Adjudicator's activities.
- 331. Subsection (6) states that the Secretary of State must make regulations specifying the permitted maximum financial penalty or how it is to be calculated.