



# Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

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## *Investigations by the Ombudsman*

### **16 Special reports**

- (1) This section applies where a report under section 15 finds that the person aggrieved has sustained injustice or hardship as is mentioned in section 5(3).
- (2) If, following the making of the report, it appears to the Ombudsman that the injustice or hardship has not been, or will not be, remedied, the Ombudsman may make a special report on the case.
- (3) The Ombudsman must—
  - (a) send a special report made under subsection (2) to the persons to whom the report under section 15 was sent, and
  - (b) lay a copy of the report before the Parliament.
- (4) Section 15(3) applies in relation to a special report as it applies in relation to a report under that section.
- (5) The Ombudsman may make arrangements for the special report to be available to the public in such manner (whether or not on payment of a reasonable fee) as the Ombudsman thinks fit.
- (6) The listed authority to whom the special report relates is liable to reimburse the Ombudsman in respect of any expenses incurred by the Ombudsman by virtue of subsection (5).