



# Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002

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## *General*

### **17 Protection from actions of defamation**

- (1) For the purposes of the law of defamation, any statement made in pursuance of the purposes of this Act—
  - (a) by the Commissioner shall have absolute privilege; or
  - (b) to the Commissioner shall have qualified privilege.
- (2) In subsection (1), “statement” has the same meaning as in the Defamation Act 1996 (c. 31).