

*These notes relate to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND TO THE ACT

3. The Act establishes the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission and provides for its main function to be the handling of consumer complaints about the service provided by legal practitioners which cannot be resolved at source. The Act also brings in the first stage of a planned programme of measures in the delivery of all forms of publicly funded legal assistance in Scotland, provided by both lawyers and non-lawyers.