

*These notes relate to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid  
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# **LEGAL PROFESSION AND LEGAL AID (SCOTLAND) ACT (ASP 5) WHICH RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT ON 19 JANUARY 2007**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 1 – the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission**

##### *Section 31: Guarantees*

65. **Section 31** authorises the Scottish Ministers to guarantee the discharge of any financial obligation in connection with any sums borrowed by the Commission and requires the Scottish Ministers to lay a statement of the guarantee before the Parliament immediately after giving it. Where the Scottish Ministers pay out a sum in fulfilment of a guarantee, the section requires the Commission to make payments in or towards repayment of the sum in accordance with Ministers directions in relation to the amount of such payments and the applicable rate of interest.