



Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020

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Accountability

30 **Accountable officer**

- (1) The Parliamentary corporation must designate the Commissioner or a member of the Commissioner's staff as the accountable officer for the purposes of this section.
- (2) The functions of the accountable officer are—
 - (a) signing the accounts of the expenditure and receipts of the Commissioner,
 - (b) ensuring the propriety and regularity of the finances of the Commissioner,
 - (c) ensuring that the resources of the Commissioner are used economically, efficiently and effectively, and
 - (d) where the accountable officer is not the Commissioner, the duty set out in subsection (3).
- (3) The duty referred to in subsection (2)(d) is a duty, where the accountable officer is required to act in a way that the accountable officer considers would be inconsistent with the proper performance of the functions specified in subsections (2)(a) to (c), to—
 - (a) obtain written authority from the Commissioner before taking the action, and
 - (b) send a copy of that authority as soon as possible to the Auditor General for Scotland.
- (4) The accountable officer is answerable to the Scottish Parliament for the performance of the functions in subsection (2).