

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

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

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

##### ***Section 18: Power of the Commission to recover certain expenses***

42. This section enables the Commission to recover from practitioners costs reasonably incurred in obtaining documents and information from them, when these are not supplied on demand and the Commission requires to obtain a court order for their disclosure. Once the Commission receives the documents or information it must serve notice on the practitioner giving particulars of what has been caught by the order, and the practitioner then has 14 days in which he or she may seek to persuade the court that documents or information should be returned to him or her. If such an application is successful then costs will not be recoverable.