

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES COMMISSIONER FOR STANDARDS MEASURE 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 4: Appointment of an Acting Commissioner

9. This section enables an Acting Commissioner to be appointed by the Assembly if the Commissioner is unable to act. The Acting Commissioner may be appointed to act in place of the Commissioner generally (for example if the Commissioner is ill) or in relation to certain cases (for example if there was some conflict of interest which made it inappropriate for the Commissioner to act in relation to a particular complaint). Persons who are disqualified from appointment as Commissioner are also disqualified from appointment as Acting Commissioner and an Acting Commissioner automatically ceases to hold office in the same circumstances as does the Commissioner. An Acting Commissioner may resign or may be removed from office by resolution of the Assembly although in the case of an Acting Commissioner a simple majority in support of the resolution will suffice.