

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide for the commencement on 1st January 2016 of sections 1 to 3 of, and the Schedule to, the Armed Forces (Service Complaints and Financial Assistance) Act 2015 (“the Act”). Sections 1 to 3 and the Schedule provide for the creation of the office of Service Complaints Ombudsman and the reform of the system for redress of individual grievances of members of the armed forces. The remaining provisions of the Act, sections 4 to 8, came into force on Royal Assent.