

# OFFICE OF THE ADVOCATE GENERAL

the UK Government's Scottish Legal Team

## Our purpose

Providing high quality legal services to secure the UK Government's objectives in Scotland.

## Our priorities

- 1. Policy and Legislation:** Ensure Scots law and the devolution settlement are taken into account in the development of UK Government policy and legislation.
- 2. Litigation:** Secure effective representation of UK Government interests in Scottish litigation.
- 3. Support for Ministers:** Assist UK Government Ministers in achieving their objectives in Scotland, in particular the Advocate General for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Scotland.
- 4. Engagement:** Develop strategic networks with other UK Departments.
- 5. Continuous Improvement:** Ensure the office is increasingly efficient and effective.

## Our organisation

All OAG staff share responsibility for the delivery of our priorities. We work flexibly and across teams, sharing knowledge and experience in order to provide the best possible legal services.

We are accountable to the Advocate General for Scotland, Lord Wallace of Tankerness QC.

The OAG Management team works with the Advocate General to set the direction of the organisation and to ensure the delivery of our purpose. It also has responsibility for effective management of staff, finance and risk. Its members are the Director of OAG, the Deputy Solicitor, the Legal Secretary and the heads of the three divisions.

## Our approach

- Work with colleagues and stakeholders in a proactive and constructive manner, recognising the wider implications and potential risks of any action or advice.
- Think laterally to advise on solutions that may not be apparent and devise strategies for dealing with new challenges.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the political, UK and Scottish context within which we operate.
- Be flexible in our approach to best meet clients' needs.
- Act with integrity in all dealings with clients, stakeholders and each other, ensuring we treat all with respect and dignity and uphold the Civil Service Code.

