

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU: APPROVAL OF SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENTS

[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Amendment of Expiry Date\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#)

1. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Amendment of Expiry Date) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To extend Part 1 of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 for a further, and final, six-month period from the end of 30 September 2023 to the end of 31 March 2024, at which time Part 1 of the Act will expire. Provisions within Part 1 include a 3% rent cap; a Prescribed Property Costs safeguard which private landlords can apply to a rent officer for increases of up to 6% to help cover certain cost increases incurred over the preceding six months; some eviction orders approved by the First-tier Tribunal not being enforceable for six months and continued application of increased damages for unlawful evictions of up to 36 months' worth of rent.

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 12 September 2023 the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee agreed to recommend (by division: For 4, Against 2, Abstentions 0) that the regulations be approved. The [Committee report](#) was published on 13 September 2023.

Decision

4. **Business Managers are invited note that the above motion will be lodged.**
5. **Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motion.**

**Parliamentary Business Team
September 2023**