

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instrument

Scottish Statutory Instrument

[Funeral Expense Assistance \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

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

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To set out the rules and eligibility criteria for Funeral Expense Assistance, also referred to as Funeral Support Payment (FSP). The Regulations introduce changes to support the continuous improvement of FSP and future proof the regulations to allow FSP to be awarded for a funeral involving alkaline hydrolysis. The Instrument also introduces several improvements that will support bereaved people and reduce the burden of debt a person may face when paying for a funeral. These changes are a result of varying funeral trends, appeals and lessons learned since FSP was launched in September 2019.

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 7 November 2024 the Social Justice and Social Security Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 14 November 2024.](#)

Decision

4. Business Managers are invited to 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
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