

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

Affirmative

[Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Treatment of Qualifications Scotland as Specified Authority\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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 Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Qualifications Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To enable Scottish Ministers to make appointments to Qualifications Scotland, which are treated as regulated appointments, prior to it being established and listed as a specified authority in the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003.

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 12 March 2025 the Education, Children and Young People Committee agreed (by division: For 7, Against 0, Abstentions 3) to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The Committee's [report was published on 14 March 2025](#).

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

4. 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 Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

5. To make in-year changes to the Budget (Scotland) Act 2024, which authorised the Scottish Government's spending plans for the current financial year. In total, the changes proposed in the Spring Budget Revision (SBR) will increase the 2024-25 Scottish Budget by £863.1 million, from £60,449.0 million to £61,312.1 million.
6. The [Spring Budget Revision 2024-25 supporting document](#) states that the main changes to the Scottish Government's spending plans are as follows—
 - Funding changes to reflect deployment of available resources to portfolios (total net increase to the budget of £971.3 million).
 - Technical adjustments including International Financial Reporting Standard 16 (IFRS 16) (net decrease to the budget of £83.1 million).

- Whitehall Transfers and HM Treasury allocations to the Scottish Government (a decrease of £25.1 million).
- The transfer of resources between Scottish Government portfolios.

Consideration by committee

7. At its meeting on 4 March 2025 the Finance and Public Administration Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The Committee's [report was published on 17 March 2025](#).

[Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Part 2 Further Extension\) Order 2025 \(SSI2025/Draft\)](#)

8. 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 Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Further Extension) Order 2025 (SSI2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

9. To extend the duration of Part 2 order making powers under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 for a further 5-year period from June 2025. The 2010 Act provides Ministers with order making powers in two instances:
 - to add, remove or change the functions of public bodies to improve their efficiency, effectiveness and economy (section 14), and
 - to reduce or remove burdens for any person resulting from legislation (section 17).

Consideration by committee

10. At its meeting on 11 March 2025 the Finance and Public Administration Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The Committee's [report was published on 14 March 2025](#).

Decision

11. Business Managers are invited to note that the above motions will be lodged.
12. Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.

Parliamentary Business Team
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