Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

Affirmative Instruments

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

Purpose

2. To make in-year changes to the <u>Budget (Scotland) Act 2024</u>, which authorised the Scottish Government's spending plans for the current financial year. The <u>Autumn Budget Revision 2024-25 supporting document</u> explains the changes proposed in the instrument. The <u>Note from the Clerk from the Finance and Public Administration Committee provides further detail and a SPICe briefing.</u>

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 12 November 2024 the Finance and Public Administration Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The Committee's report was published on 27 November 2024.

<u>Disability Assistance (Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)</u>

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 Disability Assistance (Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

- 5. To set out the rules and eligibility criteria for Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance, a form of assistance to provide financial support to disabled individuals to mitigate the additional costs of living with a disability or health condition. This new form of social security assistance made under section 31 of the 2018 Act will replace Disability Living Allowance for those remaining adults in Scotland on that benefit. It will not be open to new applications.
- 6. The instrument includes provisions to include the Scottish definition of terminal illness as part of Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance, and provisions in relation to individuals who move from Scotland to reside in another part of the United Kingdom, or who move to Scotland. It further includes provisions for when short-term assistance is to be given to those who have been in receipt of Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance. This instrument also includes provision to transfer the awards of the remaining adults in Scotland in receipt of Disability

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Living Allowance (which is being administered by Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) on behalf of Scottish Ministers), to Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance, which will be administered by Social Security Scotland.

Consideration by committee

7. At its meeting on 21 November 2024 the Social Justice and Social Security Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The Committee's report was published on 27 November 2024.

Decision

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

Parliamentary Business Team November 2024