

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
Tuesday, 4th March 2025
8th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

Instrument Responses

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)

On Tuesday 18th February 2025, the Committee asked the Scottish Government:

1. Article 2(2) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025 proposes to insert a new paragraph 32AAA into schedule 2 of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 to specify “Quality Meat Scotland” as an organisation liable to investigation by the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman. Schedule 4 of the Education (Scotland) Bill (as introduced) similarly proposes to insert a new paragraph 32AAA, but specifying “Qualifications Scotland”. Will these two provisions conflict?
2. Please confirm whether any corrective action is proposed, and if so, what action and when.

On Tuesday 25th February 2025, the Scottish Government responded:

The Order, if approved, will be made and come into force prior to the Education (Scotland) Bill completing its Parliamentary scrutiny. The Scottish Government therefore considers it appropriate for the Order to insert Quality Meat Scotland as paragraph 32AAA of schedule 2 of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 rather than to pre-empt the Education Bill’s passage. If the Order is approved and made, consideration will be given to the lodging of appropriate amendment to the Education Bill.