

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

3rd Meeting, 2024 (Session 6), Tuesday, 23rd January 2024

Instrument Responses

Consumer Scotland Act 2020 (Relevant Public Authorities) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)

To note: the below correspondence resulted in this instrument being withdrawn and re-laid, meaning the issue identified does not show in the final SSI.

On 11 January 2024, the Committee asked the Scottish Government:

In the schedule to the instrument, there are many instances in which the names of the bodies are not in alphabetical order:

- 3 entries under the heading “Executive Non-Departmental Public Bodies”
- 1 entry under the heading “Advisory Non-departmental Public Bodies”
- 1 entry under the heading “Public Corporations”
- 1 entry under the heading “Integration Authority”
- 9 entries under the heading “Health Bodies” (while these come after a list of regional bodies, which may have been kept together for that reason, the final 9 entries are also not ordered alphabetically among themselves)
- 4 entries under the heading “Non-Ministerial Offices”.

Is this intentional?

Please confirm whether any corrective action is proposed, and if so, what action and when.

On 17 January 2024, the Scottish Government responded:

Thank you for pointing out this issue, which has resulted from a late change in the bodies being listed in the schedule. The Scottish Government does not consider that it would affect the operation of the instrument as there is no requirement to list the bodies in alphabetical order. Furthermore, there are sub-headings to assist with navigating the schedule.

Nonetheless, the Scottish Government agrees that it would be beneficial for the bodies to be listed in alphabetical order to assist users of the legislation. We propose to withdraw the Regulations and lay a revised version in accordance with Rule 10.8 of the Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament as soon as possible.