

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MEMORANDUM - SOCIAL SECURITY (ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS) (NO.2) BILL (UK LEGISLATION)

Introduction

1. Under Rule 9B.3.5, the Parliamentary Bureau is required to refer any legislative consent memorandum (LCM) that has been lodged with the Parliament to the committee within whose remit the subject matter of the relevant provision falls.

Social Security (Additional Payments) (No.2) Bill

2. This Bill was introduced in the House of Commons on 7 February 2023.

3. An LCM was lodged by Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government on 21 February 2023.

4. The Bill establishes powers for the Secretary of State and HMRC to make two new types of cost of living payments. The Bill is undergoing an expedited process at Westminster to ensure that the provisions are in force by the start of the new financial year in order for these payments to be made.

5. The LCM indicates that the Scottish Government intends to lodge a motion seeking the Scottish Parliament's consent to the UK Parliament legislating on devolved matters in this Bill.

Referral to lead committee

6. The remit of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee is to consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (excluding matters relating to local government, housing and planning). That Cabinet Secretary has responsibility for social security, which is the subject matter of the Bill to which this LCM relates. The remit of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee is therefore engaged.

7. No other committee remit appears to be engaged.

Recommendation

8. The Bureau is invited to agree to refer, under Rule 9B.3.5, the LCM on the Social Security (Additional Payments) (No.2) Bill to the Social Justice and Social Security Committee to consider and report on it.

Parliamentary Business Team
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