Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill

Marshalled List of Amendments selected for Stage 3

The Bill will be considered in the following order—

Sections 1 to 8 Long Title

Amendments marked * are new (including manuscript amendments) or have been altered.

Section 2

Ken Macintosh
Supported by: Margaret McDougall
2 In section 2, page 1, line 10, leave out <or other>

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3 In section 2, page 1, line 10, after <assistance> insert <or, in such circumstances as may be prescribed in regulations under subsection (3A), other assistance>

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4 In section 2, page 1, line 15, after <individuals> insert <—

(a) who are part of a family facing exceptional pressure, or
(b)>

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5 In section 2, page 1, line 21, leave out subsection (3) and insert—

<(3A) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make provision about the circumstances in which a local authority may—

(a) provide goods or services to or in respect of an individual, or

(b) make a payment to a third party with a view to the third party providing, or arranging the provision of, goods or services to or in respect of an individual.

(3B) Regulations under subsection (3A) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>
Section 5

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6 In section 5, page 2, line 39, at end insert—

<( ) Regulations making provision of a type described in subsection (2)(b) must provide that a local authority is to make its decision on an application for assistance in pursuance of section 2(1)(a)—

(a) immediately after the authority has received all information allowing a decision to be made, and

(b) in any event, no later than the end of the next working day.>

Section 5A

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7 In section 5A, page 3, line 9, at end insert—

<( ) that the particular needs and choices of applicants are to be considered, and>

Before section 6F

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8 Before section 6F, insert—

<Delivery of welfare funds: annual reporting

(1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare an initial report giving information about the delivery of welfare funds.

(2) The initial report is to be laid before the Scottish Parliament on or before 30 June 2016.

(3) The Scottish Ministers must prepare an annual report giving information about the delivery of welfare funds.

(4) An annual report is—

(a) starting with 2017, required each year,

(b) to be laid before the Scottish Parliament on or before 30 June in the year concerned.

(5) The initial report and an annual report must include information about—

(a) the amount paid out of the welfare funds,

(b) the number of applications for assistance in pursuance of section 2 that have been received,

(c) the number of applications—

(i) in respect of which financial assistance was provided,

(ii) in respect of which other assistance was provided,
(iii) that were rejected.

(6) The initial report or an annual report may include such additional information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.

Section 6G

Margaret Burgess

1 In section 6G, page 6, leave out lines 30 and 31