

Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill

Groupings of Amendments for Stage 3

This document provides procedural information which will assist in preparing for and following proceedings on the above Bill. The information provided is as follows:

- the list of groupings (that is, the order in which amendments will be debated). Any procedural points relevant to each group are noted;
- the text of amendments to be debated on the day of Stage 3 consideration, set out in the order in which they will be debated. **THIS LIST DOES NOT REPLACE THE MARSHALLED LIST, WHICH SETS OUT THE AMENDMENTS IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY WILL BE DISPOSED OF.**

Groupings of amendments

Note: The time limit indicated is that set out in the timetabling motion to be considered by the Parliament before the Stage 3 proceedings begin. If that motion is agreed to, debate on the groups must be concluded by the time indicated, although the amendments in those groups may still be moved formally and disposed of later in the proceedings.

Group 1: Parliamentary procedure for regulations

1, 2

Group 2: Minor technical amendments

4, 5, 6, 7

Group 3: Impact of UK Act: annual reporting

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Group 4: Requirement for policy statement on intended effect of regulations

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Debate to end no later than 55 minutes after proceedings begin

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Amendments in debating order

Group 1: Parliamentary procedure for regulations

Drew Smith

Supported by: Jackie Baillie

- 1 In section 1, page 1, line 13, leave out from <if> to end of line 15

Drew Smith

Supported by: Jackie Baillie

- 2 In section 2, page 1, line 23, leave out from <if> to end of line 25

Group 2: Minor technical amendments

Nicola Sturgeon

- 4 In section 3, page 2, line 4, after first <of> insert—
<()>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 5 In section 3, page 2, line 5, leave out <of> and insert—
<()>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 6 In section 3, page 2, line 5, leave out <it> and insert <that Act>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 7 In section 3, page 2, line 8, after <portion> insert <or instrument>

Group 3: Impact of UK Act: annual reporting

Nicola Sturgeon

- 8 After section 3, insert—

<Impact of reform: annual reporting

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare an initial report giving such information as they consider appropriate about the impact that the UK Act is likely to have on people in Scotland.
- (2) The initial report is to be laid before the Scottish Parliament on or before 30 June 2013.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must prepare an annual report giving such information as they consider appropriate about the impact that the UK Act is having on people in Scotland.
- (4) An annual report is—
 - (a) starting with 2014, required each year until 2017,

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- (b) to be laid before the Scottish Parliament on or before 30 June in the year concerned.
- (5) The initial report or an annual report may include such additional information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (6) The references in subsections (1) and (3) to the impact of the UK Act include that arising directly or indirectly from the effect of—
 - (a) a relevant portion of that Act, or
 - (b) a relevant instrument made under that Act.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers may by order—
 - (a) modify subsection (2) by substituting a later date for the date specified in it,
 - (b) modify subsection (4) by—
 - (i) substituting a later year for the second year specified in paragraph (a),
 - (ii) substituting a later date for the date specified in paragraph (b).
- (8) An order under subsection (7) is subject to the negative procedure.>

Group 4: Requirement for policy statement on intended effect of regulations

Drew Smith

Supported by: Jackie Baillie

3 After section 3, insert—

<Regulations under this Act: policy statement

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare a written statement explaining the policy objectives of regulations they are considering making under this Act.
- (2) Before preparing the statement under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as appear to them to be appropriate on the principles on which such regulations are expected to be based.
- (3) The statement prepared under subsection (1) must be laid before the Scottish Parliament—
 - (a) as soon as practicable after the consultation under subsection (2) has concluded, and
 - (b) before laying the first regulations under this Act before the Parliament.>

