Finance Committee
Inquiries into Deaths (Scotland) Bill
Submission from NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Response

Consultation

1. Did you take part in any consultation exercise preceding the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?

Yes, The Council responded to a consultation on the financial memorandum associated with “INQUIRIES INTO FATAL ACCIDENTS AND SUDDEN DEATHS ETC (SCOTLAND) BILL” in April 2015.

2. If applicable, do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?

Not applicable – we responded that there should be minimal financial implications for local authorities.

3. Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?

Yes.

Costs

4. If the Bill has any financial implications for your organisation, do you believe that they have been accurately reflected in the FM? If not, please provide details.

Yes. Many of the provisions are restatements of the current provisions and of the amendments proposed, there should be minimal financial implications for local authorities.

5. Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?

The estimated costs in the bill are not relevant for local authorities it is therefore inappropriate for us to comment on this.
6. If applicable, are you content that your organisation can meet any financial
costs that it might incur as a result of the Bill? If not, how do you think these
costs should be met?

Yes.

7. Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with
the Bill’s estimated costs and with the timescales over which they would be
expected to arise?

No comment.

Wider Issues

8. Do you believe that the FM reasonably captures any costs associated with
the Bill? If not, which other costs might be incurred and by whom?

No comment.

9. Do you believe that there may be future costs associated with the Bill, for
example through subordinate legislation? If so, is it possible to quantify these
costs?

No comment.

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