Finance Committee

3rd Report, 2013 (Session 4)

Report on the Budget (Scotland) Act 2012 Amendment Order 2013

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Remit and membership

Remit:

1. The remit of the Finance Committee is to consider and report on-

   (a) any report or other document laid before the Parliament by members of the Scottish Executive containing proposals for, or budgets of, public expenditure or proposals for the making of a tax-varying resolution, taking into account any report or recommendations concerning such documents made to them by any other committee with power to consider such documents or any part of them;

   (b) any report made by a committee setting out proposals concerning public expenditure;

   (c) Budget Bills; and

   (d) any other matter relating to or affecting the expenditure of the Scottish Administration or other expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund.

2. The Committee may also consider and, where it sees fit, report to the Parliament on the timetable for the Stages of Budget Bills and on the handling of financial business.

3. In these Rules, "public expenditure" means expenditure of the Scottish Administration, other expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund and any other expenditure met out of taxes, charges and other public revenue.

(Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.6)

Membership:

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The Committee reports to the Parliament as follows—

Introduction

1. The Committee took evidence on the draft Budget (Scotland) Act 2012 Amendment Order 2013¹ from John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth, Janet Egdell, Deputy Director, Infrastructure and Investment, and Terry Holmes, Principal Accountancy Adviser, Finance Directorate, Scottish Government, at its meeting on 13 March 2013.

2. The Order amends the Budget (Scotland) Act 2012 which authorised the Scottish Government’s spending plans for 2012-13. The accompanying 2012-13 Autumn Budget Revision document² provides supporting information to the Order.

3. Briefings on the Order and the accompanying document were produced by the Financial Scrutiny Unit and the Scottish Government. Copies of these briefings are available on the Committee’s webpage.³

4. The Official Report of the meeting is available on the Committee’s webpage.⁴

5. Following the evidence session, the Cabinet Secretary moved motion S4M-05868—

‘That the Finance Committee recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2012 Amendment Order 2013 [draft] be approved.’

¹ Budget (Scotland) Act 2012 Amendment Order 2013. Available at: www.legislation.gov.uk/sdsi/2012/9780111018118/contents
² 2012-13 Autumn Budget Revision. Scottish Government. Available at: www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/10/9634/1
6. The motion was agreed to.
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