

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU: APPROVAL OF SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENT

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#)

1. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. This instrument makes provision to (i) implement an increase of 10.2% to non-reformed legal aid and advice and assistance fees, and (ii) reform and simplify the criminal legal aid fee structure in solemn cases, with the aim of targeting fee rates more appropriately, reducing administrative costs to both legal provider and the Scottish Legal Aid Board, encouraging early preparation and resolution of criminal cases.

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 18 March 2023 the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report was published on 29 March 2023.

Decision

4. **Business Managers are invited note that the above motion will be lodged.**

5. **Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motion.**

**Parliamentary Business Team
April 2023**