

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instrument

Affirmative

[Environmental Authorisations \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To amend the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 to incorporate technical provision for the regulation by SEPA of industrial emissions activities, other emissions activities, waste activities, and water activities.
3. The 2025 Regulations will bring under a single ‘Integrated Authorisation Framework’ the four existing main environmental regimes under which SEPA regulate activities in Scotland, these include:
 - water
 - waste,
 - radioactive substances and
 - pollution prevention and control.

Consideration by committee

4. At its meeting on 25 March 2025 the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The Committee’s [report was published on 23 April 2025](#).

[Social Security Information-sharing \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

6. To amend the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Regulations 2021 to provide a legal gateway for information-sharing by Social Security Scotland with Scottish local authorities. The data would be provided to enable local authorities to identify pupils in attendance at a school under the authority’s management, whose parents or carers are in receipt of Scottish Child Payment in respect of that pupil. This will enable education authorities to use their power under section

53(3) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 to provide or secure the provision of free school meals to those pupils.

Consideration by committee

7. At its meeting on 2 April 2025 the Education, Children and Young People Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The Committee's [report was published on 7 April 2025](#).

Decision

8. Business Managers are invited to note that the above motions will be lodged.
9. Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.

Parliamentary Business Team
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