

# Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

## Affirmative Instruments

### [Companies Act 2006 \(Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

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

**Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

## Purpose

2. The accounts of Caledonian Sleeper Ltd and ScotRail Trains Ltd are to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland.

## Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 9 December 2025 the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instrument be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 7 January 2025.](#)

### [Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

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

**Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Education (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

## Purpose

5. To make provision in consequence of the Education (Scotland) Act 2025 (“the Act”). Part 1 of the Act establishes Qualifications Scotland, which replaces the Scottish Qualifications Authority. Part 2 of the Act establishes the office of His Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland, which will take on functions previously exercised by His Majesty’s inspectors of schools appointed under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980.

### [Official Statistics \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

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

**Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

## Purpose

7. This Order specifies that wholly Scottish devolved statistics produced, or to be produced, by Qualifications Scotland are official statistics. “Scottish devolved statistics” is defined in section 66 of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007.

### [Cross-border Placement of Children \(Requirements, Effect and Enforcement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

**Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Cross-border Placement of Children (Requirements, Effect and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

## Purpose

9. To provide a robust legal framework in respect of cross-border placements made into residential and foster care in Scotland, thereby ensuring that the welfare of placed children is safeguarded and promoted, and that their rights are upheld.

## Consideration by committee

10. At its meeting on 7 January 2026 the Education, Children and Young People Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instruments be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 7 January 2025](#).

## Decision

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

Parliamentary Business Team  
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