

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

Affirmative Instruments

[Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No. 1\) Regulations 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 Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 1) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To extend the application of Part 2 of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act (“2016 Act”) 2016 to hydrolysis, subject to some modifications, and amend the 2016 Act to ensure hydrolysis sits as an alternative to burial and cremation and can be subject to the same inspection regime as burial authorities, cremation authorities, burial grounds and crematoriums. They also make various consequential amendments to primary and secondary legislation, to reflect that hydrolysis is an option for the disposal of human remains, sitting alongside burial and cremation.

[Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

3. 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 Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

4. To exercise regulation-making powers in the provisions of Part 2 of the 2016 Act, as they apply in relation to hydrolysis and as if modified in accordance with the Hydrolysis No. 1 Regulations, to provide more detailed regulation of hydrolysis. In particular, these Regulations regulate the management and operation of hydrolysis facilities, applications for hydrolysis, the handling of powder (the end product of hydrolysis) and the hydrolysis register.

Consideration by committee

5. At its meeting on 6 January 2026 the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instruments be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 15 January 2026](#).

Decision

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

Parliamentary Business Team
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