Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Housing
Rùnaire a' Chaibineit airson Ceartas Sòisealta agus Taigheadas
Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP

T: 0300 244 4000
E: scottish.ministers@gov.scot

Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot

Craig Hoy MSP
Convener
Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee
The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
EH99 1SP

By Email: SJHLG.committee@parliament.scot

9 November 2026

Dear Craig,

The Scottish Child Payment Amendment Regulations 2027

I am pleased to inform the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee that a draft copy of the Scottish Child Payment Amendment Regulations 2027 has been submitted for scrutiny to the Scottish Commission on Social Security (SCoSS), in accordance with their functions under section 22(1) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.

As you are aware, the Scottish Government announced during the Scottish Budget statement on 13 January 2026 that it will increase Scottish Child Payment (SCP) to £40 for children under one. This will see qualifying families receive £40 per week for every child under one. Payments will commence during 2027-28, subject to parliamentary approval. The Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 provide the legislative basis for SCP and set out the rate that is payable for each child. In order to introduce the rate for under-1s, the Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 are intended to be amended by the Scottish Child Payment Amendment Regulations 2027.

Scottish Ministers, special advisers and the Permanent Secretary are covered by the terms of the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016. See www.lobbying.scot

INVESTORS IN PEOPLE™ We invest in people Silver
disability confident LEADER

The Scottish Government engaged with a wide variety of stakeholders ahead of the announcement of the under-1s rate in the Budget. This engagement also informed the latest Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan and the positioning of the under-1s rate within it. The Delivery Plan was informed by a call for evidence, which was undertaken by the Scottish Government between February and April 2025.

Yours sincerely,



SHIRLEY-ANNE SOMERVILLE

Scottish Ministers, special advisers and the Permanent Secretary are covered by the terms of the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016. See www.lobbying.scot

INVESTORS IN PEOPLE™ We invest in people Silver
disability confident LEADER