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Promoter's Statement

Introduction

1. As required under Rule 9A.2.3(d) of the Scottish Parliament's Standing Orders, this Promoter's Statement has been prepared by Brodies LLP on behalf of the promoter, the Trustees of the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund ("the Trustees"). It is published by the Parliament to accompany the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill introduced in the Parliament on 18 May 2017.
2. The following other accompanying documents are published separately by the Parliament:
 - statements on legislative competence by the Presiding Officer and the promoter (SP Bill 13–LC);
 - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 13–EN);
 - a Promoter's Memorandum (SP Bill 13–PM).
3. See below for information about where these documents and other documents that are relevant to the Bill (but are not accompanying documents) can be inspected or purchased.

Notification to persons with interest in heritable property

4. The Bill does not contain any provisions which will affect heritable property. Accordingly Rule 9A.2.3(d)(i) of the Parliament's Standing Orders does not apply.

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Notification to and consent from members etc.

5. The Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund is a Fund regulated by Act of Parliament, the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Order Confirmation Act 1982 ('the 1982 Act'). The 1982 Act confers on the promoter, as the Trustees of the Fund, a range of powers and duties in relation to the management and administration of the Fund. The 1982 Act also confers rights and obligations on contributors to the Fund. The promoter is content that Rule 9A.2.3(d)(ii) of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies to the Bill because the Trustees are the proper persons to promote a Bill to amend the 1982 Act and are the persons who require to be notified of, and give consent to, the Bill's introduction.

6. The Trustees have been notified and have consented to the introduction of the Bill.

7. The quorum of Trustees (being the number of Trustees empowered to make decisions on behalf of the Trustees) is three.

8. At a meeting of the Trustees on 15 October 2015 the Trustees were notified orally that a Private Bill was proposed to amend the legislation governing the Fund. All seven Trustees attended the meeting in October 2015. At that meeting the Trustees agreed unanimously to pursue the introduction of the Bill.

9. At a meeting of the Trustees on 14 January 2016 the Trustees were notified orally that their consent was required before the proposed Private Bill could be introduced. The minutes of the meeting record that "the meeting then discussed the requirement for a body to obtain the consent of 'its members'".

10. At a meeting of the Trustees on 14 April 2016 the Trustees had before them and discussed a revised draft Bill and draft supporting documents. The Trustees agreed unanimously that their legal advisers should pursue introduction of the draft Bill and that the consent of contributors to the Fund should also be sought at the annual general meeting of contributors that would take place in December 2016.

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Notification to and consent from body affected

11. The Bill does not contain any provisions conferring powers upon or modifying the constitution of any body corporate or unincorporated association named in the Bill but not being the promoters. Accordingly Rule 9A.2.3(d)(iii) of the Parliament's Standing Orders does not apply.

Advertisement of intention to introduce the bill

12. Notice of the intention to introduce the Bill was published in The Scotsman on 4 May 2017.

13. A notice containing the information in the newspaper notice was sent by recorded delivery post on Tuesday 2 May 2017, with a request that the notice be displayed, to the libraries detailed below:

Local Authority	Library	Address
Aberdeen City Council	Central Library	Rosemount Viaduct Aberdeen AB25 1GW
Aberdeenshire Council	Westhill Library	Westhill Drive Skene AB32 6FY
Angus Council	Forfar Library	50-56 West High Street Forfar DD8 1BA
Argyll and Bute Council	Helensburgh Library	West King Street Helensburgh G84 8EB
City of Edinburgh Council	Central Library	George IV Bridge Edinburgh EH1 1EG
Clackmannanshire Council	Alloa Library	Alloa Speirs Centre Primrose Place Alloa FK10 1AD
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Stornoway Library	19 Cromwell Street Stornoway Isle of Lewis HS1 2DA
Dumfries &	Ewart Library	Catherine Street

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Local Authority	Library	Address
Galloway Council		Dumfries DG1 1JB
Dundee City Council	Central Library	The Wellgate Dundee DD1 1DB
East Ayrshire Council	The Dick Institute	Elmbank Avenue Kilmarnock KA1 3BU
East Dunbartonshire Council	William Patrick Library	2/4 West High Street Kirkintilloch G66 1AD
East Lothian Council	Haddington Library	The John Gray Centre 15 Lodge Street Haddington East Lothian EH41 3DX
East Renfrewshire Council	Barrhead Foundry Library ¹	Main Street Barrhead East Renfrewshire G78 1SW
Falkirk Council	Falkirk Library	Hope Street Falkirk FK1 5AU
Fife Council	Roths Halls Library	Roths Square Glenroths KY7 5NX
Glasgow City Council	The Mitchell Library	North Street Glasgow G3 7DN
The Highland Council	Inverness Library	Farraline Park 5 Margaret Street Inverness IV1 1LS

¹ The initial copy of the notice was sent in error to Barrhead Library at its previous address and returned undelivered. A further copy was sent to the correct address on 12 May 2017.

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Local Authority	Library	Address
Inverclyde Council	Central Library	7 Wallace Place Greenock PA15 1JB
Midlothian Council	Dalkeith Library	2 White Hart Street Dalkeith Midlothian EH22 1AE
Moray Council	Elgin Library	Cooper Park Elgin Moray IV30 1HS
North Ayrshire Council	Irvine Library	168 High Street Irvine Ayrshire KA12 8AN
North Lanarkshire Council	Motherwell Library	35 Hamilton Road Motherwell ML1 3BZ
Orkney Islands Council	Kirkwall Library	44 Junction Road Kirkwall Orkney KW15 1AG
Perth & Kinross Council	A K Bell Library	2-8 York Place Perth PH2 8EP
Renfrewshire Council	Paisley Central Library	68 High Street Paisley PA1 2BB
Scottish Borders Council	Galashiels Library	Lawyers Brae Galashiels TD1 3JQ
Shetland Islands Council	Shetland Library	Lower Hillhead Lerwick Shetland ZE1 0EL
South Ayrshire Council	Carnegie Library	12 Main Street Ayr KA8 8EB

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Local Authority	Library	Address
South Lanarkshire Council	Hamilton Town House Library	102 Cadzow Street Hamilton ML3 6HH
Stirling Council	Central Library	Corn Exchange Road Stirling FK8 2HX
West Dunbartonshire Council	Dumbarton Library	13-15 Strathleven Place Dumbarton G82 1BD
West Lothian Council	Carmondean Library	Carmondean Centre Deans Livingston West Lothian EH54 8PT

Inspection and purchase of documents

14. Under Rule 9A.2.3(d)(v), the promoter is obliged to make available for inspection or purchase any documents relevant to the Bill, but which are not accompanying documents. The only document in this category is the 1982 Act. It may be inspected (free of charge) or purchased (for £2.00) at:

Brodies LLP, 15 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, EH3 8HA.

15. Copies of the Bill and accompanying documents (together with copies of the 1982 Act) may be inspected at the libraries detailed below:

Central Library, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EG

Central Library, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen AB25 1GW

Dumbarton Library, 13-15 Strathleven Place, Dumbarton G82 1BD

Ewart Library, Catherine Street, Dumfries DG1 1JB

Hamilton Town House Library, 102 Cadzow Street, Hamilton ML3 6HH

Inverness Library, Farraline Park, 5 Margaret Street, Inverness IV1 1LS

Roths Halls Library, Roths Square, Glenrothes KY7 5NX

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The Mitchell Library, North Street, Glasgow G3 7DN.

16. The Bill and accompanying documents are also available on the Scottish Parliament's website (www.parliament.scot), go to 'Parliamentary Business', then 'Bills', then click on 'Current Bills'.

17. On 15 May 2017, the following statement was made:

"We, Brodies LLP, on behalf of the Trustees of the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund, hereby undertake to send copies of any documents that are relevant to the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill but are not accompanying documents to the premises to which the Bill and accompanying documents are to be sent by the Clerk under Rule 9A.4.2."

Undertaking to pay costs

18. On 15 May 2017, the following statement was made:

"We, Brodies LLP, on behalf of the Trustees of the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund, hereby undertake to pay any costs that may be incurred by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body during the passage of the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill in respect of the matters determined by that Body under Rule 9A.2.3(d)(vi) of the Parliament's Standing Orders."

Assignment of copyright

19. On 15 May 2017, the following statement was made:

"We, Brodies LLP, on behalf of the Trustees of the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund, hereby assign to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body copyright in the promoter's statement on legislative competence, the Explanatory Notes, the Promoter's Memorandum and the Promoter's Statement accompanying the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill."

Licensing agreement

20. On 15 May 2017, the following statement was made:

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“We, Brodies LLP, on behalf of the Trustees of the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund, hereby license the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to use or reproduce as may be required for the Parliament's purposes any document which is relevant to the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill but is not an accompanying document and which is submitted by the promoter to the Clerk on introduction or subsequently.”

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