

# **SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) (SCOTLAND) BILL**

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## **STATEMENTS ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE**

As required under Rule 9.3.1 and 1A of the Parliament’s Standing Orders, these statements on legislative competence are published to accompany the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 31 October 2023. The following other accompanying documents are published separately:

- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 35–FM);
  - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 35–EN);
  - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 35–PM);
  - a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 35–DPM).
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## **PRESIDING OFFICER’S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE**

On 31 October 2023, the Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

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## **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE**

On 31 October 2023, the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

*This document relates to the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 35) as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 31 October 2023*

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