

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill [As amended at Stage 2]

Supplementary Financial Memorandum

Introduction

1. As required under Rule 9.7.8B of the Parliament's Standing Orders, this supplementary Financial Memorandum is published to accompany the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 12 March 2025) as amended at Stage 2.
2. The Memorandum has been prepared by the Scottish Government. It does not form part of the Bill and has not been endorsed by the Parliament. It should be read in conjunction with the original Financial Memorandum published to accompany the Bill as introduced.
3. The purpose of this supplementary Financial Memorandum is to set out the expected costs associated with the new and amended provisions included in the Bill following the amendments made at Stage 2. This document addresses those amendments with anticipated or potential cost implications. Amendments agreed at Stage 2 which are not covered in this supplementary Financial Memorandum are considered not to significantly or materially affect the assumptions in the original Financial Memorandum.

Review of Act (section 34A)

Background

4. Section 34A of the Bill places a duty on Scottish Ministers to undertake a review of the operation and effectiveness of the Act. As part of this review the Scottish Ministers are required to consult with the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland, Glasgow City Council and any other persons the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate and, thereafter, publish and lay in the Parliament a report on this review. The duty to undertake the review and prepare the report applies as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the Championship period, which is projected to end on 9 July 2028. The report must be laid in the Parliament and published no later than 31 December 2030.

Costs on the Scottish Administration

Scottish Government

5. The Scottish Government has included staff costs associated with monitoring and reporting on the Act as part of the overall Scottish Government administrative costs for Bill implementation of £210,000 - £220,000, as set out in the Financial Memorandum. There are therefore no additional Scottish Government staff costs as a result of the review. Costs for engaging external analytical resources to undertake the review and publication costs for the report would be new costs in terms of falling under the Bill implementation budget, however, these are already included within the overall Scottish Government EURO 2028 budget.

6. The Scottish Government is still considering options to carry out the review at section 34A of the Bill. The current options are:

- Option 1: to procure an evaluation as a standalone piece of work, or
- Option 2: to procure it as part of evaluation of tournament delivery across the UK and Ireland.

7. Under both these options, the Scottish Government will work with those listed in section 34A(2) to design the review process. The Bill requires consultation with Police Scotland and Glasgow City Council as part of the review. In terms of any other person the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate, this is subject to further consideration as part of development of scope. As an indication, it would be likely to include the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), UK & Ireland 2028 Ltd, UEFA, and a sample of affected businesses. Section 34A does not describe the information that is to be collected so this will also be developed in collaboration with those listed in section 34A(2). When setting the scope of the review, the Scottish Government will work with partners to establish data that is already collected with a view to minimising additional data collection requirements and so minimising additional costs to these organisations and businesses.

8. The cost of engaging with those conducting the review is difficult to estimate given the scope is not yet clear. Based on scope developed for EURO 2020, we estimate that costs to procure an evaluation under option 1 and option 2 may be approximately £25,000-50,000, depending on the final scope of the work that is agreed. Publication of a report has been estimated to cost less than £1,000.

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

9. Responding to the review is anticipated to involve COPFS providing a brief summary of the number of reported cases and their outcomes. This should be a relatively straightforward matter, involving perhaps two hours of work from a legally qualified member of staff in policy, and a similar amount of time from a member of the COPFS technical team who would have to interrogate systems for the relevant data, convert it and pass this to the legal team. This is estimated to cost less than £1,000 in

total, based on available pay scale information¹ and based, in part, on the level of analogous offending which has been reported at other large sporting events in Scotland. Should there be significantly more cases or more information be sought then this could increase. However, this latter scenario is not what is anticipated based on current planning.

Costs on local authorities

10. It is anticipated that there will be minor costs for local authorities, specifically Glasgow City Council. This will be staff time for engaging with and providing information for the review. Engagement with Glasgow City Council has indicated that, based on information available at this stage, these costs to be approximately £1,000 for Glasgow City Council and Glasgow Life.

Costs on other bodies, individuals and businesses

11. It is anticipated that there will be minor costs for some other EURO 2028 partners. This will be staff time for engaging with and providing information for the review. Engagement with Police Scotland has indicated that if the scope of the review is agreed prior to or during delivery then the relevant data and any subsequent engagement with the review provider could be captured by the dedicated (pre-costed) planning team. As such no additional costs would be associated with Police Scotland.

12. Engagement with UK & Ireland 2028 Ltd and UEFA has indicated that, based on information available at this stage, these costs would be minimal and incorporated within existing staff resource.

13. It is not anticipated that there will be any significant new costs for other bodies, individuals, and businesses as a result of these provisions. Participation of any sample of affected businesses in a survey or other engagement relating to implementation of the legislation would be voluntary.

¹ [Benefits and wellbeing at work | COPFS](#)

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