

[Home Energy Efficiency Targets \(Scotland\) Bill](#)

Bill Number:	SP Bill 70
Introduced on:	19 September 2006
Introduced by:	Shiona Baird (Member's Bill)
Fell:	At dissolution 2 April 2007

Passage of the Bill

The [Home Energy Efficiency Targets \(Scotland\) Bill](#) [SP Bill 70] was introduced in the Parliament by Shiona Baird MSP on 19 September 2006, and the Communities Committee was designated as lead committee. In November 2006 the Communities Committee decided that it was not in a position to conduct scrutiny of this bill given its already heavy workload

Purpose and objectives of the Bill

The long term aim and primary objective of the Bill is to improve the energy efficiency of Scotland's homes.

The Bill requires the Scottish Executive to set targets for achieving energy efficiency in domestic dwellings and the publication of an action plan and progress reports.

Provisions of the Bill

The Bill is in 3 parts:

Part 1 requires the Scottish Ministers to publish an initial home energy efficiency improvement target by 2011 and another by 2020.

Part 2 provides that the Scottish Ministers must include certain information within the plan, such as interim targets, resources deployed, and details on commissioned research.

Part 3 defines a number of terms used in the Bill, such as "home energy efficiency", and "residential accommodation".

Parliamentary consideration

In November 2006 the Communities Committee decided that it was not in a position to conduct scrutiny of this bill, or of two other Member's Bills as part of its work programme, given its already heavy workload.

The Committee agreed to approach the Procedures Committee to request that it conduct an inquiry into the adequacy of the existing Rules which cover the Member's Bills process and in particular the appropriateness of the deadline for the submission of such bills.