

TOURIST BOARDS (SCOTLAND) BILL

DELEGATED POWERS MEMORANDUM

PURPOSE

1. This memorandum has been prepared by the Scottish Executive in accordance with Rule 9.4A of the Parliament's Standing Orders, in relation to the Tourist Boards (Scotland) Bill. It describes the purpose of each of the subordinate legislation provisions in the Bill and outlines the reasons for seeking the proposed powers. This memorandum should be read in conjunction with the Explanatory Notes and Policy Memorandum for the Bill.

OUTLINE OF BILL PROVISIONS

2. The Bill is a technical measure intended to put the VisitScotland integrated tourism network onto a permanent legal footing.

3. The Bill comprises 5 sections and 2 schedules:

- Section 1: Scottish Tourist Board: change of name
- Section 2: Scottish Tourist Board: increase in maximum number of members
- Section 3: Abolition of area tourist boards
- Section 4: Consequential modifications
- Section 5: Commencement and short title
- Schedule 1: Dissolution of existing area tourist boards
- Schedule 2: Consequential modifications

RATIONALE FOR SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

Power conferred on: Scottish Ministers
Power exercisable by: Order made by statutory instrument
Parliamentary procedure: None

4. Section 5 of the Bill gives the Scottish Ministers powers to commence provisions by order made by statutory instrument in the Scottish Parliament.

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5. Commencing the Act by order gives some flexibility about when it comes into force. It is presently preferred that the Act should come into force at the beginning of the next financial year to ensure a smoother transition and a more efficient transfer of staff, property and liabilities.

6. As the order will only bring the provisions into force, it not considered that there is a need for the order to be subject to any Parliamentary procedure.

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