Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill

Groupings of Amendments for Stage 2

This document provides procedural information which will assist in preparing for and following proceedings on the above Bill. The information provided is as follows:

- the list of groupings (that is, the order in which amendments will be debated). Any procedural points relevant to each group are noted;
- the text of amendments to be debated on the day of Stage 2 consideration, set out in the order in which they will be debated. THIS LIST DOES NOT REPLACE THE MARSHALLED LIST, WHICH SETS OUT THE AMENDMENTS IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY WILL BE DISPOSED OF.

Groupings of amendments

**Forecasting**
5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16

**Additional reporting functions**
12

**Protocol between the Commission and the Scottish Ministers**
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**Term length and reappointment of members**
2, 3, 4
Amendments in debating order

**Forecasting**

*Gavin Brown*

5  In section 2, page 1, line 9, at end insert—
   
   *(A1) The Commission is to prepare reports setting out its forecasts of receipts from the devolved taxes.*

*Gavin Brown*

6  In section 2, page 1, line 9, at end insert—
   
   *(B1) The Commission is to prepare reports setting out its forecasts of receipts from income tax attributable to a Scottish rate resolution.*

*Gavin Brown*

7  In section 2, page 1, line 9, at end insert—
   
   *(C1) The Commission is to prepare reports setting out its forecasts of receipts from non-domestic rates.*

*Gavin Brown*

8  In section 2, page 1, leave out line 12

*Gavin Brown*

9  In section 2, page 1, leave out lines 13 to 15

*Gavin Brown*

10 In section 2, page 1, leave out lines 16 and 17

*Gavin Brown*

11 In section 2, page 1, line 19, leave out subsection (2)

*Gavin Brown*

13 In section 2, page 1, line 25, leave out paragraphs (a) to (d) of

*Gavin Brown*

14 In section 2, page 2, line 5, after *<the>* insert *<forecasts or>*

*Gavin Brown*

15* In section 4, page 2, line 22, leave out *<2(1)> and insert *<2 (except a report prepared under subsection (3) of that section)>*

*Gavin Brown*

16 In section 4, page 2, line 25, leave out from *<2(1)> to <2(3)> in line 26 and insert *<2>*
Additional reporting functions

Jackie Baillie

12 In section 2, page 1, line 23, at end insert—
<( ) The Commission is to prepare reports on at least one occasion each financial year setting out—
(a) its assessment of the Scottish Ministers’ performance against any objectives set by them relating to the formulation and implementation of fiscal policy,
(b) its analysis of the sustainability of the public finances,
(c) an assessment of the accuracy of fiscal and economic forecasts previously prepared by it.
( ) Any report which the Commission makes in pursuance of its duty under this section must include an explanation of the factors which the Commission took into account when preparing the report, including (in particular)—
(a) the main assumptions made by the Commission, and
(b) the main risks which the Commission considered to be relevant.>

Protocol between the Commission and the Scottish Ministers

John Swinney

1 After section 4, insert—
<Protocol between the Commission and the Scottish Ministers
(1) It is the duty of the Commission and the Scottish Ministers to agree a protocol for their engagement in relation to the scrutiny process.
(2) In particular, the protocol must set out—
(a) the arrangements for meetings and communications between the parties (and their staff),
(b) the expectations as to the information to be exchanged between the parties during the scrutiny process including, in particular, in relation to draft reports prepared under section 2, and
(c) which (if any) documents relating to the scrutiny process (other than reports prepared under section 2) are to be published and when.
(3) The Commission must publish the protocol and may do so in such manner as it considers appropriate.
(4) The Commission and the Scottish Ministers may from time to time agree revisions to the protocol.
(5) Subsections (2) and (3) apply to a protocol which has been revised as they apply to the protocol agreed under subsection (1).
(6) For the purposes of this section, a reference to the scrutiny process is a reference to the Commission’s performance of its functions under sections 2 and 4.>
Term length and reappointment of members

John Swinney

2 In section 12, page 6, line 1, leave out subsection (3)

John Swinney

3 In section 13, page 6, line 3, after <period> insert <not exceeding 5 years>

John Swinney

4 In section 13, page 6, line 3, at end insert—

A person may be reappointed as a member if—

(a) the person—

(i) is a member at the time of reappointment, or

(ii) ceased to be a member not more than 3 months before the date of
    reappointment, and

(b) the person has not previously been reappointed.

Subsections (1) and (2) of this section and sections 11, 12 and 14 apply to the
reappointment of a person as a member as they apply to the appointment of a person as a
member.