Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill

Marshalled List of Amendments for Stage 2

The Bill will be considered in the following order—

Sections 1 to 28 Long Title

Amendments marked * are new (including manuscript amendments) or have been altered.

Section 2

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

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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)

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.>

**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>

### Section 4

**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>

### After section 4

**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.

**Section 12**

**John Swinney**

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

**Section 13**

**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—

< The 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.>