

# **HISTORICAL SEXUAL OFFENCES (PARDONS AND DISREGARDS) (SCOTLAND) BILL**

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## **STATEMENTS ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE**

As required under Rule 9.3.1 and 1A of the Parliament's Standing Orders, these statements on legislative competence are published to accompany the Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill, introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 6 November 2017. The following other accompanying documents are published separately:

- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 21–FM);
  - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 21–EN);
  - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 21–PM).
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## **PRESIDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE**

On 26 October 2017, the Presiding Officer (Rt Hon Ken Macintosh MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

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## **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE**

On 6 November 2017, the Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

*These documents relate to the Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 21) as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 6 November 2017*

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