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### **Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1**

The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered the above Bill on Tuesday 12 December and seeks an explanation of the following matters:

#### **Section 2 – Commencement**

<b>Power conferred on:</b>	<b>The Scottish Ministers</b>
<b>Power exercisable by:</b>	<b>Regulations</b>
<b>Parliamentary procedure:</b>	<b>Laid, no further procedure</b>

#### *Provisions*

Section 2(2) and (3) provide for powers to commence the Bill. Section 1 will come into force on such day as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations appoint.

Those regulations may appoint different days for different purposes, and contain transitional, transitory or saving provisions.

Sections 2 and 3 come into force on the day after Royal Assent.

**The Committee asks Scottish Government to explain the following, in connection with the commencement powers in section 2(3) of the Bill.**

- (1) In what circumstances could it be either necessary or appropriate for the Scottish Government to exercise the power in section 2(3)(a) to appoint different days for different purposes, when commencing section 1 by regulations?**

**(2) In what circumstances could it be either necessary or appropriate for the Scottish Government to exercise the power in section 2(3)(b) to make transitional, transitory or saving provision, given that the proposed section 17B of the Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Act 1973 provides that section 17A also has effect as regards a right of action which accrues before the date of commencement of section 17A?**

Please email your response to the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee e-mail address above by 5pm on Tuesday 10 January.

Thank you.

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