Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Tuesday, 11 November 2025 30th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

Note by the Clerk on Assisted Dying for Terminally III Adults (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2 – Day Two

- 1. During this meeting, the Committee will continue Stage 2 proceedings for the Assisted Dying for Terminally III Adults (Scotland) Bill ("the Bill").
- 2. The Committee previously considered Stage 2 amendments at its meeting on <u>4</u> November 2025.
- 3. Liam McArthur introduced the Bill in the Scottish Parliament on 27 March 2024.
- 4. Links to the Bill and accompanying documents can be found below:
 - Terminally III Adults (Scotland) Bill
 - Explanatory Notes
 - Policy Memorandum
 - Financial Memorandum
 - Delegated Powers Memorandum
 - Statements on Legislative Competence
- 5. The Parliament agreed to designate the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee as lead committee for scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 on 16 April 2024. The Committee took evidence on the Bill at its meetings on the following dates:
 - Tuesday, 5 November 2024
 - Monday, 11 November 2024
 - Tuesday, 12 November 2024
 - Tuesday, 19 November 2024
 - Tuesday, 14 January 2025
 - Tuesday, 21 January 2025
 - Tuesday, 28 January 2025
 - Tuesday, 4 February 2025
- 6. The Committee published its Stage 1 report on the Bill on 30 April 2025.
- 7. The general principles of the Bill were approved at Stage 1 on 13 May 2025, following a <u>debate in the Chamber</u>.
- 8. The Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) has published three briefings on the topic of assisted dying:
 - Definitions of terminal illness in assisted dying legislation
 - Palliative care and assisted dying
 - The Assisted Dying for Terminally III Adults (Scotland) Bill and the European Convention on Human Rights

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- 9. At stage 2, MSPs can proposes changes ("amendments") to the Bill. The amendments are considered and decided on by the Committee during Stage 2 proceedings. Links to documents containing the amendments to be considered at this meeting are available on the Bill webpage below:
 - Assisted Dying for Terminally III Adults (Scotland) Bill Stage 2

Clerks to the Committee November 2025