

**PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU: APPROVAL SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**

**AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENTS**

**[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#)**

1. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

**George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) be approved.

*Purpose*

2. To expire the temporary justice measures in the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (“the 2022 Act”) that are no longer required. They also modify the expiry date for the remaining temporary justice measures, with the effect that those measures remain in force until 30 November 2024. The Policy Note states that the measures being extended “are continuing to play a valuable role in helping Scotland’s justice system to process business more effectively and efficiently in the wake of the Covid19 pandemic and support the system's recovery from the effects of the pandemic.” [A statement of reasons from the Scottish Government provides further details \(Annex C\)](#).

*Consideration by committee*

3. At its meeting on 8 November 2023, following debate, the Criminal Justice Committee agreed to recommend (by division: For 4; Against 4; Abstentions 0. The Motion was agreed to on the casting vote of the Convener) that the regulations be approved. The [Committee report](#) was published on 13 November 2023.

**[The Heat Networks \(Supply Targets\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#)**

4. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

**George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Heat Networks (Supply Targets) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) be approved.

*Purpose*

5. To set a target for the supply of thermal energy delivered through heat networks in Scotland of 7 terawatt hours of output by 2035.

*Consideration by committee*

6. At its meeting on 7 November 2023, following debate, the Net Zero and Transport Committee agreed to recommend (by division: For 5, Against 0,

Abstentions 2) that the regulations be approved. The Committee report will be published by 19 November 2023.

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#)

7. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

**George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) be approved.

*Purpose*

8. The purpose of these draft Regulations is to make in-year changes to the [Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2023](#), which authorised the Scottish Government's spending plans for the current financial year. The [Autumn Budget Revision 2023-24 supporting document](#) explains the changes proposed in the instrument.

*Consideration by committee*

9. At its meeting on 7 November 2023 the Finance and Public Administration Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report will be published on 20 November 2023.

**Decision**

10. **Business Managers are invited to note that the above motions will be lodged.**

11. **Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.**

**Parliamentary Business Team  
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