PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU: APPROVAL OF SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENTS

<u>Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft)</u>

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 Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

- 2. To amend the Budget (Scotland) Act 2022, which authorised the Scottish Government's spending plans for the current financial year. The <u>Spring Budget Revision 2022 to 2023: supporting document</u> explains the changes proposed in the instrument, stating that it will result in an increase in the approved budget of £713.4 million from £56,985 million to £57,698.4 million.
- 3. The main changes are as follows:
 - funding changes to reflect deployment of available resources to portfolios (total net increase to the budget of £502.3 million);
 - technical adjustments (net increase to the budget of £130.6 million);
 - Whitehall Transfers and HM Treasury allocations to the Scottish Government (£80.6 million); and
 - the transfer of resources between Scottish Government portfolios.

Consideration by committee

4. At its meeting on 7 March 2023 the Finance and Public Administration Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report was published on 17 March 2023.

<u>Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) (SSI 2023/Draft)</u>

5. 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 Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) (SSI 2023/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

6. To implement Scotland's international obligations on how it provides various forms of mutual legal assistance concerning criminal matters among

participating countries. Mutual Legal Assistance is the formal way by which countries request and provide assistance in criminal investigations or proceedings (for example, in obtaining evidence held in another country). An instrument in similar terms has been made by the Secretary of State with respect to the rest of the UK.

Consideration by committee

At its meeting on 8 March 2023 the Criminal Justice Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report was published on 17 March 2023.

Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 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 Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

8. To fix missed and incorrect cross-references in the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019, which came about because of stage 2 and stage 3 amendments made when the Bill was passing through Parliament. These corrections are needed so all provisions of the Act which refer to other provisions do this properly so the Act can be given full effect.

Consideration by committee

At its meeting on 21 March 2023 the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report was published on 22 March 2023.

Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Incidental Provision) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft)

9. 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 Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Incidental Provision) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

10. To make a technical drafting amendment to clarify the insertion point within the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 of the new section 34A of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act, and various incidental amendments.

Consideration by committee

11. At its meeting on 21 March 2023 the Local Government, Planning and Housing Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report was published on 23 March 2023.

Decision

- 12. Business Managers are invited note that the above motions will be lodged.
- 13. Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.

Parliamentary Business Team March 2023