

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

Affirmative Instruments

[Climate Change \(Scotland\) Act 2009 \(Scottish Carbon Budgets\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To set the levels for the four five-yearly carbon budgets from 2026 to 2045. If approved, the Regulations would set the four carbon budgets in line with the Climate Change Committee's advice. In the Regulations these are expressed as a proportion of the baseline emissions level multiplied by 5 (where 5 is number of years in a Scottish carbon budget period) - at:

1. 2026 to 2030 – 43%
2. 2031 to 2035 – 31%
3. 2036 to 2040 – 20%
4. 2041 to 2045 – 6%

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 9 September 2025 the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee agreed, following debate and division (For 3, Against 0, Abstentions 4) to recommend that the above Instrument be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 30 September 2025](#).

[Social Security \(Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

5. To amend the regulations relating to: Child Disability Payment (CDP); Adult Disability Payment (ADP); Pension Age Disability Payment (PADP); Carer Support Payment (CSP), and Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance (DLA). It also includes technical updates to other social security benefits administered by Social Security Scotland.
6. Individuals moving to Scotland from the rest of the UK who were receiving a corresponding benefit from the DWP (England and Wales) or DfC (Northern Ireland) must submit a new application for the equivalent Scottish benefit. Awards are backdated to the day after their DWP/DfC award ends. For the Scottish Adult DLA, individuals must request a determination instead as this benefit does not accept new applications.
7. The previous cross-border provisions are retained for individuals who move and notify Scottish Ministers before the regulations come into force—they will continue to be transferred without a new application. Where Scottish Ministers are satisfied there is a good reason for a missed deadline, they may still accept and backdate the application.

Consideration by committee

8. At its meeting on 18 September 2025 the Social Justice and Social Security Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instrument be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 26 September 2025](#).

[Winter Heating Assistance \(Pension Age\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

10. To extend the eligibility for the Pension Age Winter Heating Payment (PAWHP) to all pensioners in Scotland from winter 2025-26, providing financial support to help with heating costs during the winter months. The focus is on pensioners with annual incomes of £35,000 or less, who are most vulnerable to the effects of cold weather and are likely to be on fixed incomes.

Consideration by committee

11. At its meeting on 18 September 2025 the Social Justice and Social Security Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instrument be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 26 September 2025](#).

Decision

12. Business Managers are invited to 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
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