

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

Affirmative Instruments

Scottish Statutory Instruments

[Absent Voting \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

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 Absent Voting (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

[Absent Voting \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

2. 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 Absent Voting (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

3. The Policy Note accompanying the instruments sets out that the Order (and the closely related Absent Voting (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (“the 2026 Regulations”)) seek to ensure access to the Online Absent Voting Application (OAVA) for voters in Scottish parliamentary and council elections. The overall effect of both instruments will be to allow voters to apply online to vote by post and by proxy (together called ‘absent voting’).
4. In general, the Regulations set out the majority of the arrangements, while the Order makes specific (and consistent) provision for absent voting entitlements for Scottish Parliament elections where this is not set out in the Regulations or in the Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Act 2025.

Consideration by committee

5. At its meeting on 12 February 2026 the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instruments be approved. The [Committee’s report was published on 17 February 2026](#).

[Digital Waste Tracking \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

6. 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 Digital Waste Tracking (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

7. To establish a single, mandatory digital system for recording information on all types of controlled waste. The Digital Waste Tracking system is being delivered on a phased basis in all four nations of the United Kingdom. This instrument introduces the first phase in Scotland, and will apply to waste received at facilities conducting certain waste activities. The Policy Note states that the new system will replace paper-based and inconsistent systems with a streamlined digital service, reducing opportunities for waste crime and improving compliance. It will enable faster, data driven enforcement, and support fairer competition and stronger environmental performance through better tracking and oversight.

Consideration by committee

8. At its meeting on 3 February 2026 the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 18 February 2026](#).

Decision

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

Parliamentary Business Team

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