

Laid before the Scottish Parliament by the Scottish Ministers in accordance with section 11(5) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021.

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DOCUMENT SUMMARISING THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE, AND THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS CONSIDERATION OF THOSE REPRESENTATIONS, ON THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS EXERCISE OF THE POWER IN SECTION 1 OF THE UK WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION (CONTINUITY) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2021 LAID IN DRAFT IN PARLIAMENT ON 31 OCTOBER 2023

1. The Scottish Ministers lay, in compliance with section 11(5) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 (“the Continuity Act”), this document describing the representations made about the draft annual report laid on 31 October 2023 (“the draft report”) and how they had regard to them in preparing the finalised report, laid in Parliament on 6 February 2024 (“the finalised report”).
2. This document should be considered in conjunction with the Scottish Government’s finalised annual report for the reporting period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. In accordance with section 11(5), this document is laid in parliament at the same time as the finalised annual report.
3. The Scottish Government received a single representation about the draft report from the Scottish Parliament Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee (CEEACC).
4. Section 11(1)(b) requires the Scottish Ministers to have regard to any representations made about the draft report when preparing the finalised report. Section 11(2) limits the reference to the draft report to the Scottish Ministers explanation of how they intend to use the power under section 1(1) in the period following this reporting period as required by section 10(1)(c).
5. The submission made by the CEEAC committee noted that it did not have any comments which Ministers acknowledge and have taken into account in laying a final version of the report in parliament on this date.

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