

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill

Supplementary submission from Scotland's International Development Alliance, 3 November 2025

Follow up to the evidence session on 30 October 2025

In response to the question as to whether a commissioner would provide value for money it depends on whether the commissioner is given sufficient means, resources and powers to deliver change. The key learning from the experience in Wales is the need for clarity on definitions but also on clarity of powers for the commissioner.

Please see our research paper from 2022 which went into this in some depth. [Towards a Wellbeing and Sustainable Development \(Scotland\) Bill - Scotland's International Development Alliance](#) In chapter 7 of the research we propose the key powers and duties that a commissioner might need.