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Dear Martin,

During the Committee's scrutiny of the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2025 earlier today, you asked whether there was scope to present further detail on the specific changes being made in future Orders.

I have considered further and, while under the terms of the law as currently prescribed for, including such detail in the legislation is unlikely to be possible, I do believe there may be scope for the Scottish Government to ensure such detail is set out in accompanying documents going forward.

I can assure the Committee that the point has been noted and will be taken into account when the Order is next updated to improve the information available when scrutiny occurs. On this occasion, I have included that information along with this letter for the Committee's awareness.

Thank you for raising this issue and I hope that you find this helpful ahead of the Committee's report being prepared.

Yours,



JAMIE HEPBURN

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LIST OF CHANGES MADE BY THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT (DISQUALIFICATION) ORDER 2025

ADDITIONS

The following entries were added to the Schedule of office-holders disqualified from being a Member of the Scottish Parliament:

Total: 30

- Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland
- Director of Scottish National Investment Bank PLC
- Inspectors of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service appointed under subsection (1) and (2) of section 43A of the Fire Scotland Act 2005
- Any member of the Poverty and Inequality Commission
- Any member of the Scottish Commission on Social Security
- Any member of Consumer Scotland
- Director of Scottish Rail Holdings Limited or any company which is a subsidiary of it (within the meaning given by section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006)
- Any member of Environmental Standards Scotland
- Directors of Zero Waste Scotland Limited
- The Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator
- Any member of staff employed in the office of the Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator
- Keeper of the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh
- Any member of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh
- Chairman, or any member of the panel, of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Tribunal
- Any member of the Architects Registration Board
- Independent Examiner of Complaints for the Home Office
- Chair, chief executive officer, non-executive director or member of staff of National Energy System Operator Limited
- Any member of the Advanced Research and Invention Agency
- Chairman or Chief Executive Officer of Ordnance Survey Limited
- Member of the staff of the Oil and Gas Authority
- Any member of the Trustees and the Director of The Theatres Trust
- Any member of an inquiry panel appointed under the Inquiries Act 2005
- Any assessor appointed under the Inquiries Act 2005
- Director of the UK National Nuclear Laboratory Limited
- Chair of the Board, Non-Executive Director or Chief Executive of Located Property Limited, otherwise known as LocatED
- Chair or Chief Executive Officer of Oak National Academy Ltd
- Director of Research Data Scotland
- Inspector of burial, of cremation or of funeral directors in Scotland appointed under section 89 of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016
- Director(s) of UK Industrial Fusion Solutions Ltd
- Non-Executive Directors of Salix Finance Ltd

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REMOVALS

The following entries were removed from the Schedule.

Total: 21

- Chair or other member of Monitor
- Coroner of the Queen's household
- Any member of the British Railways Board
- Director in receipt of remuneration of Horticulture Research International
- Any member of a Rural Development Board
- Chair or any member, not also being an employee, of the Regional Health and Social Care Board established under section 7 of the Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009
- Chief Executive of SITPRO Limited
- Chair, Deputy Chair or Chief Executive of the Arts and Humanities Research Council
- Chair, Deputy Chair or Chief Executive of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council
- Chair, Deputy Chair or Chief Executive of the Economic and Social Research Council
- Chair, Deputy Chair or Chief Executive of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council
- Chair, Deputy Chair or Chief Executive of the Medical Research Council
- Chair, Deputy Chair or Chief Executive of the Natural Environment Research Council
- Chair or Chief Executive of the Science and Technology Facilities Council
- Chair, Deputy Chair or Chief Executive of the Technology Strategy Board
- Ordinary member of a British Broadcasting Corporation Audience Council for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales
- Director appointed at a salary of Disabled People's Employment Corporation (GB) Ltd
- Director of BPDTS Limited
- Chairman of the Fire and Rescue Service Board
- International Military Services Limited
- UK Financial Investments Limited

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AMENDMENTS

The following entries result from amendments to the Schedule.

Total: 28

- His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant and any Lieutenant for an area in Scotland
- His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant and any Lieutenant for the city of Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh or Glasgow
- Adjudicator appointed by the Commissioners for His Majesty's Revenue and Customs
- Ambassador or Permanent Representative to an international organisation representing His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom
- His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales
- His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales
- His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Probation for England and Wales
- His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary
- His Majesty's Inspector of the Crown Prosecution Service
- High Commissioner representing His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom
- Solicitor in Scotland to any department of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom
- Standing Counsel to any department of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom
- Member of the Agricultural Wages Board for Northern Ireland appointed by the Head of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs for Northern Ireland. Any member of Social Care Wales
- Non-executive member of UK Health Security Agency
- Any member of the Board of the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority
- Any member of the Independent Office for Police Conduct
- Director of Great British Nuclear
- Non-executive director of the Oil and Gas Authority
- Chair and members of the board of directors of UK Anti-Doping Limited
- Chairman or ordinary member of the British Broadcasting Corporation Board
- Any member of the Charity Commission for England and Wales
- Senedd Commissioner for Standards
- British International Investment plc
- NHS England
- Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru
- National Highways Limited

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