

Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill

2nd Marshalled List of Amendments for Stage 2

The Bill will be considered in the following order—

Sections 1 to 13

Long Title

Amendments marked * are new (including manuscript amendments) or have been altered.

Section 8

Pauline McNeill

- 34** In section 8, page 3, line 19, at end insert <, and
- () describe the effects of those measures on progress towards meeting the child poverty targets in respect of children living in households which include a person who has one or more protected characteristic (within the meaning of section 149(7) of the Equality Act 2010).>

Pauline McNeill

- 44** In section 8, page 3, line 19, at end insert <, and
- <() describe the effects of those measures on progress towards meeting the child poverty targets in respect of children living in households that include a person who has a long-term illness or disability.>

Pauline McNeill

- 45** In section 8, page 3, line 19, at end insert <, and
- () describe the effects of those measures on progress towards meeting the child poverty targets in respect of children living in households that include a person who—
 - (i) is not a member of a couple, and
 - (ii) is responsible for, and a member of the same household as, a child.>

Pauline McNeill

- 46** In section 8, page 3, line 19, at end insert—
- <() If, in preparing a progress report, the Scottish Ministers consider that the measures taken in accordance with the relevant delivery plan do not appear to be ensuring sufficient progress towards meeting the child poverty targets, the progress report must set out how the Scottish Ministers propose to rectify this.>

Pauline McNeill

47 In section 8, page 3, line 19, at end insert—

- <(2A) In preparing a progress report, the Scottish Ministers must consult the Commission on—
- (a) the progress made during the year towards meeting the child poverty targets,
 - (b) whether it appears that progress is sufficient to meet the child poverty targets,
 - (c) further progress that is required to meet the child poverty targets.
- (2B) A progress report must include any comments or recommendations made by the Commission on the matters in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (2A).
- (2C) In subsection (2A), references to progress towards meeting the child poverty targets include progress towards reducing inequality for the purpose of meeting those targets.>

Ben Macpherson

48 In section 8, page 3, line 22, at end insert—

<() make a statement, and>

After section 8

Angela Constance

23 After section 8, insert—

<Report on interim targets

- (1) This section applies to the report prepared under section 8(1) for the financial year beginning with 1 April 2024.
- (2) The report must include a statement of the percentage of children living in households in Scotland in the financial year beginning with 1 April 2023—
 - (a) who fell within section 2 (relative poverty),
 - (b) who fell within section 3 (absolute poverty),
 - (c) who fell within section 4 (combined low income and material deprivation),
 - (d) who fell within section 5 (persistent poverty).
- (3) Whether the interim targets have been met in the financial year beginning with 1 April 2023 is to be determined by reference to the percentages given in the report.
- (4) If any of the interim targets has not been met, the report must explain why it has not been met.>

Section 9

Angela Constance

24 In section 9, page 4, line 1, leave out <child poverty> and insert <2030>

Angela Constance

25 In section 9, page 4, line 3, leave out <child poverty> and insert <2030>

After section 9

Alison Johnstone

Supported by: Pauline McNeill

49 After section 9, insert—

<Impact of budget proposals on meeting the child poverty targets

Impact of budget proposals on meeting the child poverty targets

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, at the same time as laying before the Scottish Parliament any document setting out draft proposals for the use of resources in any financial year, lay before the Scottish Parliament a document describing the direct and indirect impact on meeting the child poverty targets of the activities to be funded by virtue of the proposals.
- (2) In this section, “use of resources” has the meaning given in section 1(3) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.>

Section 10

Richard Leonard

50 In section 10, page 4, line 7, leave out <authority and> and insert <authority,>

Richard Leonard

51 In section 10, page 4, line 7, after <Board> insert <and each of the local authority’s other community planning partners>

Adam Tomkins

2 In section 10, page 4, line 11, after <year> insert <, and any measures intended to be taken in that area during the subsequent reporting year,>

Richard Leonard

52 In section 10, page 4, line 13, at end insert—

<() each of the local authority’s other community planning partners,>

Angela Constance

26 In section 10, page 4, line 14, at end insert—

<(2A) A local child poverty action report must also describe any measures that—

- (a) the local authority,
- (b) each relevant Health Board,

proposes to take for the purpose of contributing to the meeting of the child poverty targets.

- (2B) Subsection (2A) does not apply in relation to a local child poverty action report prepared for the reporting year beginning with 1 April 2030.>

Alison Johnstone

53 In section 10, page 4, line 14, at end insert—

<(2A) A local child poverty action report prepared under subsection (2) must, in particular, describe income maximisation measures taken in the area of the local authority during the reporting year to provide pregnant women and families with children—

- (a) information, advice and assistance about eligibility for financial support, and
- (b) assistance to apply for financial support.>

Pauline McNeill

55 In section 10, page 4, line 14, at end insert—

<() A local child poverty action report must, where applicable, describe any measures taken, for the purpose of contributing to the meeting of the child poverty targets, by the bodies mentioned in subsection (2) in the area of the local authority in the reporting period in relation to persons who are either seeking or who have been recognised as having refugee, humanitarian or other form of international protection status.>

Richard Leonard

54 In section 10, page 4, line 15, at end insert—

<“community planning partner” has the meaning given by section 4(5)(b) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015,>

Section 11

Angela Constance

28 In section 11, page 4, line 25, at end insert—

<“2030 targets” has the meaning given by section 1(2),>

Angela Constance

29 In section 11, page 4, leave out line 30 and insert—

<“interim targets” has the meaning given by section (*Interim targets*)(2).

() In sections 7, 8 and 10, a reference to “child poverty targets”, in relation to a plan or a report, is a reference to—

- (a) the interim targets and the 2030 targets, to the extent that the plan or report relates to a period ending on or before 31 March 2024,
- (b) the 2030 targets, to the extent that the plan or report relates to a period beginning on or after 1 April 2024.>

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