

Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill

2nd Groupings of Amendments for Stage 2

This document provides procedural information which will assist in preparing for and following proceedings on the above Bill. The information provided is as follows:

- the list of groupings (that is, the order in which amendments will be debated). Any procedural points relevant to each group are noted;
- a list of any amendments already debated;
- the text of amendments to be debated on the second day of Stage 2 consideration, set out in the order in which they will be debated. **THIS LIST DOES NOT REPLACE THE MARSHALLED LIST, WHICH SETS OUT THE AMENDMENTS IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY WILL BE DISPOSED OF.**

Groupings of amendments

Pursuer's liability for court fees in personal injury claim

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With 34 - 40, 47, 48, 49, 17

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Amendments in debating order

Pursuer's liability for court fees in personal injury claim

Daniel Johnson

11 After section 8, insert—

<Fees in respect of cases to which section 8(1) applies

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide that a person bringing civil proceedings to which section 8(1) applies is not to be liable for fees payable in respect of such proceedings until the proceedings are concluded.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must include provision setting out when proceedings are concluded for the purposes of this section.>

John Finnie

64 After section 8, insert—

<Restriction on liability for court fees in personal injury claims

Where section 8(2) applies, the person is not to be liable for fees payable in respect of the civil proceedings.>

Daniel Johnson

16 In section 19, page 10, line 22, leave out <or 7(3)> and insert <, 7(3) and (*Fees in respect of cases to which section 8(1) applies*)(1)>

Free representation

Annabelle Ewing

37 In section 9, page 5, line 22, at end insert—

<() The party must disclose to the court the fact that some (or all) of the representation is provided free of charge.>

Annabelle Ewing

38 In section 9, page 5, line 24, at end insert—

- <() In considering whether to make an order under subsection (2) and the terms of such an order, the court must have regard to—
- (a) whether, had the representation not been provided free of charge, the court would have awarded expenses in respect of the representation, and
 - (b) if so, what the terms of the award would have been.>

Annabelle Ewing

39 In section 9, page 5, line 29, at end insert—

<() Subsection (2) does not apply in relation to representation provided under section 28 of the Equality Act 2006 (legal assistance).>

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Third party funding

Annabelle Ewing

- 41 In section 10, page 6, line 4, leave out from <but> to <proceedings> in line 5

Annabelle Ewing

- 42 In section 10, page 6, line 7, at beginning insert <if known to the party,>

Annabelle Ewing

- 43 In section 10, page 6, leave out lines 9 to 12

Annabelle Ewing

- 44 In section 10, page 6, line 12, at end insert—

<(2A) If the funder has a financial interest in respect of the outcome of the proceedings—

- (a) the party receiving the assistance must disclose that interest to the court once the substantive issues in dispute in the proceedings have been decided or otherwise resolved, and
- (b) the court may make an award of expenses against the funder and any intermediary.

(2B) Subsection (2A) does not apply where the assistance is provided under a success fee agreement (within the meaning of section 1).>

John Finnie

- 61 In section 10, page 6, line 12, at end insert—

<() Subsection (2A) does not apply where the assistance is provided by a trade union or similar body which represents the interests of workers.>

Annabelle Ewing

- 45 In section 10, page 6, line 12, at end insert—

<() This section does not apply where the assistance is provided in respect of family proceedings by—

- (a) the spouse or civil partner of the party receiving the assistance,
- (b) a person living with the party as if they were married to each other,
- (c) a parent of the party,
- (d) a child of the party,
- (e) a sibling of the party (whether of the full-blood or of the half-blood).>

Annabelle Ewing

- 46 In section 10, page 6, line 13, after <section> insert <—

“family proceedings” has the same meaning as in section 135 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014,>

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Daniel Johnson

- 12 In section 10, page 6, line 13, after <include> insert <—
() support from a trade union,
()>

Auditors of court

Annabelle Ewing

- 51 In the schedule, page 12, line 12, at end insert—
<*Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980*
In the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980, in section 51(3) (complaints to the Scottish Solicitors' Discipline Tribunal), after paragraph (c) insert—
“(ca) the auditor of the Sheriff Appeal Court,”.>

Annabelle Ewing

- 52 In the schedule, page 12, line 15, at end insert—
<*Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007*
In the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007, in section 2(2)(b) (receipt of complaints by Scottish Legal Complaints Commission: preliminary steps), after subparagraph (v) insert—
“(va) the auditor of the Sheriff Appeal Court,”.>

Annabelle Ewing

- 50 After section 13, insert—
<**Temporary Auditor of the Court of Session**
(1) Subsection (2) applies during any period when—
(a) the office of the Auditor of the Court of Session is vacant, or
(b) the holder of that office is for any reason unable to carry out the functions of the office.
(2) The Lord President may appoint a person to act as the Auditor of the Court of Session during that period.
(3) A person appointed under subsection (2)—
(a) is to be appointed on such terms and conditions as the Lord President determines,
(b) while acting as the Auditor of the Court of Session, is to be treated for all purposes, other than those of sections 13(4), (5) and (6) and 15(1) and (5), as the Auditor of the Court of Session.>

Annabelle Ewing

- 53 In section 15, page 8, line 1, leave out <must> and insert <may>

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Annabelle Ewing

54 In section 15, page 8, line 2, at end insert—

<() When preparing the guidance, the Auditor of the Court of Session must have regard to the desirability of auditors of court exercising their functions in a manner which is consistent and transparent.>

Group proceedings: opt-out proceedings

Liam McArthur

13 In section 17, page 8, line 38, leave out subsection (3) and insert—

<(3) The Court must specify the proceedings as opt-in group proceedings or opt-out group proceedings.

(3A) “Opt-in group proceedings” are group proceedings which are brought on behalf of each group member who opts in by notifying the representative party, in a manner and by a time specified, that the claim should be included in the group proceedings.

(3B) “Opt-out group proceedings” are group proceedings which are brought on behalf of each group member except any group member who opts out by notifying the representative party, in a manner and by a time specified, that the claim should not be included in the group proceedings.>

Liam McArthur

14 In section 17, page 9, line 6, at end insert—

<() The Court must designate a description of a group of persons whose claims are eligible for inclusion in the group proceedings.>

Liam McArthur

15 In section 17, page 9, line 10, at end insert—

<() only if it is satisfied that a group or the representative party has made all reasonable efforts to identify and notify all potential members of the group, and>

Post-legislative review

Annabelle Ewing

55 After section 18, insert—

<PART 4A

REVIEW OF OPERATION OF ACT

Review of operation of Act

(1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare a report, for each of Parts 1 to 4, on the operation of the provisions of the Part during the 5 year period.

(2) The Scottish Ministers must—

(a) prepare each report as soon as practicable after the end of the 5 year period,

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- (b) consult such persons as they consider appropriate when preparing each report,
 - (c) lay each report before the Scottish Parliament as soon as practicable after it has been prepared,
 - (d) publish each report, in such manner as they consider appropriate, as soon as practicable after it has been so laid.
- (3) In this section, “the 5 year period” means—
- (a) in relation to Part 1, 2 or 3, the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which the Part comes into force for all purposes,
 - (b) in relation to Part 4, the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which the first act of sederunt under section 18(1) comes into force.>

Margaret Mitchell

62 After section 18, insert—

<PART

REVIEW OF OPERATION OF ACT

Review of operation of Act

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as practicable after the end of the 5 year period, review the operation of this Act and lay before the Scottish Parliament a report on that review.
- (2) The report must, in particular, contain information about the effect of the operation of—
 - (a) section 8,
 - (b) section 17,on access to justice and the administration of Scottish courts.
- (3) The report must include a statement by the Scottish Ministers setting out—
 - (a) whether they intend to bring forward proposals to modify any provision of this Act, and
 - (b) where no such proposals are to be brought forward, their reasons for not doing so.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as practicable after the report has been laid before the Parliament, publish the report in such a manner as they consider appropriate.
- (5) In this section, “the 5 year period” means the period of 5 years beginning with the day of Royal Assent.>

Annabelle Ewing

56 In section 22, page 11, line 2, at end insert—

- <() Part 4A comes into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day of Royal Assent.>

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