

Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill

Revised Groupings of Amendments for Stage 3

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);
- The text of amendments to be debated on the day of Stage 3 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

Group 1: Engagement with trade unions

1, 3, 4, 8, 9

Group 2: Training in relation to policing of railways and railway property

2, 5

Group 3: Review

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Group 4: Commencement

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Amendments in debating order

Group 1: Engagement with trade unions

Neil Bibby

- 1 In section 1, page 4, line 19, after <operators> insert <and relevant trade unions>

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- 3 In section 1, page 5, line 10, at end insert—
<(da) relevant trade unions, and>

Neil Bibby

- 4 In section 1, page 5, line 32, at end insert—
<“relevant trade unions” means those trade unions which are recognised to represent in negotiations with employers—
(a) employees of Network Rail,
(b) employees of railway operators,
(c) constables.>

Humza Yousaf

- 8 In section 1, page 5, line 10, at end insert—
<() the Police Federation for Scotland,
() such persons or bodies as appear to the Authority to be representative of senior officers,
() such persons or bodies as appear to the Authority to be representative of superintendents (including chief superintendents), and>

Humza Yousaf

- 9 In section 1, page 5, line 32, at end insert—
<“relevant trade unions” means those trade unions which appear to the Authority to be representative of—

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() employees of railway operators, and

() police staff.>

Group 2: Training in relation to policing of railways and railway property

Neil Bibby

2 In section 1, page 4, line 37, at end insert—

<(4) An agreement reached under subsection (1) must include arrangements for constables, who are assigned duties that relate to the policing of railways and railway property, to have completed personal track safety training.

(5) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations—

(a) specify the level of personal track safety training to be completed by constables under subsection (4), and

(b) define the circumstances which require a constable to complete personal track safety training.>

Neil Bibby

5 After section 2, insert—

<Training in relation to policing of railways and railway property

After section 21 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (direction and control of the police service), insert—

“21A Policing of railways and railway property

(1) The chief constable must ensure that constables assigned duties that relate to the policing of railways or railway property receive the necessary training to police railways and railway property.

(2) Training provided to police railways and railway property under subsection (1) must include the completion of personal track safety training.

(3) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations specify the level of personal track safety training to be completed by constables under subsection (2).

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- (4) Prior to making regulations under subsection (3), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) the Office of Rail and Road,
 - (b) Network Rail,
 - (c) the Scottish Police Authority,
 - (d) the chief constable of Police Scotland,
 - (e) relevant trade unions,
 - (f) such other bodies as the Scottish Ministers may determine.
- (5) In this section, “relevant trade unions” means those trade unions which are recognised to represent in negotiations with employers—
 - (a) employees of Network Rail,
 - (b) employees of railway operators,
 - (c) constables.>

Group 3: Review

Neil Bibby

- 6 After section 6, insert—
 - <Review of operation of Act
 - (1) The Parliament must make arrangements to appoint a body independent of the Parliament to report on the operation of this Act during the review period.
 - (2) In this section, the “review period” means the period—
 - (a) beginning on the day on which section 4 of this Act comes into force, and
 - (b) ending 12 months after that day or on such earlier day as may be determined by the body appointed under subsection (1).
 - (3) A report under subsection (1)—
 - (a) may be made in such form and manner as the body appointed under subsection (1) considers appropriate, but

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- (b) must be made no later than 6 months after the end of the review period.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than 6 months after the report under subsection (3) has been made, lay before the Parliament a report setting out—
 - (a) their response to the report under subsection (1), and
 - (b) what plans they have for the future operation of this Act.
- (5) In preparing a report under subsection (4), the Scottish Ministers must consult the Parliament.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision for modifications to this Act identified as being required by the report laid before the Parliament under subsection (4).
- (7) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

Group 4: Commencement

Liam McArthur

- 7 In section 7, page 8, line 15, after <appoint> insert <but no sooner than 1 April 2027>