

CHILDREN (WITHDRAWAL FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND AMENDMENT OF UNCRC COMPATIBILITY DUTY) (SCOTLAND) BILL

STATEMENTS ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

As required under Rule 9.3.1 and 1A of the Parliament’s Standing Orders, these statements on legislative competence are published to accompany the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill, introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 30 April 2025. The following other accompanying documents are published separately:

- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 66–FM);
 - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 66–EN);
 - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 66–PM);
 - a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 66–DPM).
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PRESIDING OFFICER’S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

On 30 April 2025, the Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

On 30 April 2025, the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

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