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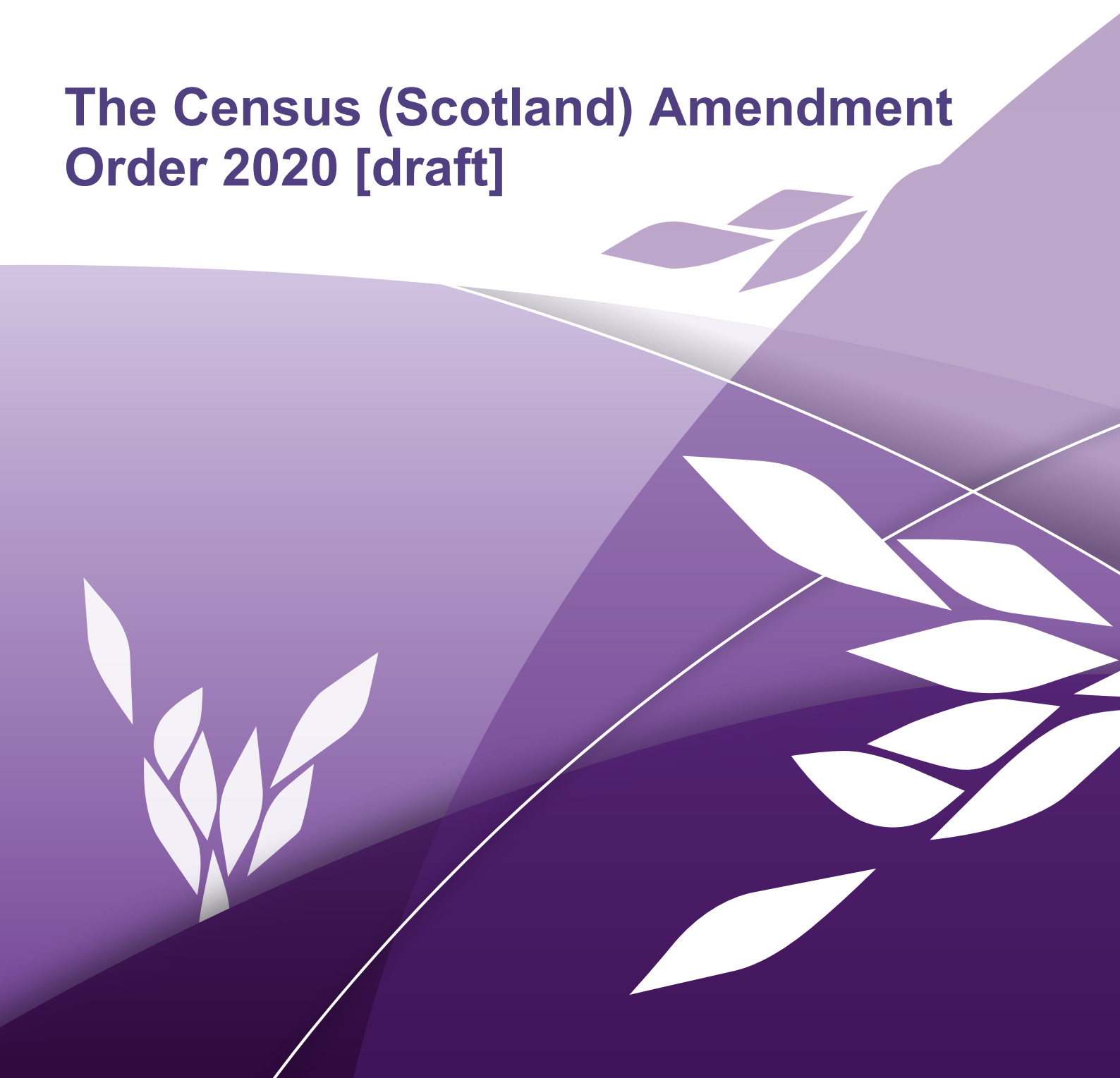
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The Census (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]



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Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

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- (a) proposals for European Union legislation;
- (b) the implementation of European Communities and European Union legislation;
- (c) any European Communities or European Union issue;
- (d) the development and implementation of the Scottish Administration's links with countries and territories outside Scotland, the European Union (and its institutions) and other international organisations; and
- (e) co-ordination of the international activities of the Scottish Administration.
- (f) culture matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture; tourism matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Tourism, and migration matters falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Public Finance and Migration.



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Introduction

1. The Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee reports to the Parliament as follows-
2. The Census (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] was laid before Parliament on 17 September 2020 and referred to the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee for consideration.
3. The purpose of these regulations is to amend the Census (Scotland) Order 2020 to change the date on which the next census will be taken to 20 March 2022.
4. The Census (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] provides the framework to change the date set out in the Census (Scotland) Order 2020 (“the principal Order”) on which the census is to be taken to 20 March 2022; and to make further amendments to the principal Order which are consequential to that change.
5. The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered this instrument at its meeting on 29 September 2020 and determined that it did not need to draw the attention of the Parliament to the instrument on any grounds within its remit.

Committee Consideration

1. The Committee took evidence from National Records of Scotland (NRS), on 17 September 2020, regarding the process undertaken by NRS which led to the advice, to Scottish Ministers, to change the date of the Census. Following the evidence session, the Committee wrote to NRS seeking additional informationⁱ.
2. On 12 October, NRS wrote to the Committee to provide the requested additional informationⁱⁱ.
3. The Committee formally considered the draft Order at the following meeting—

25th Meeting, Thursday 29 October 2020

- [Papers for meeting 29 January 2020](#)
- [Official Report of Meeting 29 January 2020](#)
- [Minute of proceedings of meeting 29 January 2020](#)

i [Correspondence](#) from the Committee dated 21/09/20

ii [Correspondence](#) from NRS dated 12/10/20

Motion

6. Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs ('the Cabinet Secretary'), lodged Motion S5M-22767 on 21 September 2020 and proposed that the Committee should recommend the approval of this statutory instrument. The Committee debated the motion at its meeting on 29 October 2020.

7. After the debate was concluded, the Cabinet Secretary moved Motion S5M-22767—

That the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee recommends that the Census (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

8. The Motion was agreed to by the Committee without a division.

Conclusions

The Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee recommends that the Census (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

