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Education, Children and Young People Committee Subordinate Legislation: The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022, 3rd Report 2022 (Session 6)

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Education, Children and Young People Committee

To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and matters relating to the Historical Abuse Inquiry within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.



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Introduction

- 1. At its meeting on 9 March 2022, the Education Children and Young People Committee considered a piece of subordinate legislation which is subject to the affirmative procedure.
- 2. The minutes of the meeting have been published on the Committee's web pages. The Official Report of the meeting can be accessed here.
- 3. This report summarises the purpose and the scrutiny of the instrument as well as confirming the Committee's decision.

Instrument Overview

- 4. The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 was laid before the Scottish Parliament on 26 January 2022.
- 5. The purpose of the order is to amend the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Order 2014, ('the 2014 Order'), in light of increases to the National Living Wage, in order to protect eligibility for those 2 year old children who qualify for access to funded early learning and childcare ('ELC') due to their parents' receipt of Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit.
- 6. The policy note published to accompany the statutory instrument can be accessed here.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

7. The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee at its meeting on 1 February 2022, considered the instrument and made no comment.

Education, Children and Young People Committee

- 8. At its meeting on 9 March 2022 the Committee considered the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022.
- 9. The Committee heard evidence from the Minister for Children and Young People, Clare Haughey MSP.

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Conclusion

- 10. Clare Haughey MSP, Minister for Children and Young People, moved, S6M-02961 -That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 be approved.
- 11. The Committee agreed motion S6M-02961 unanimously.

