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Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft]

The Committee reports to the Parliament as follows—

1. The Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] was laid before the Parliament on 11 September 2018 and referred to the Social Security Committee.
2. The Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] is subject to the affirmative procedure (Rule 10.6). It is for the Social Security Committee to recommend to Parliament whether the Regulations should be approved.
3. The purpose of this instrument is to provide detailed rules relating to the Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby payment only. The regulations cover eligibility, including residence, what assistance is available, the value of the payments and when to apply. The regulations also include provision for timescales for the processing of redeterminations and certain issues of process relating to application dates.
4. The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered this instrument at its meeting on 18 September 2018 and agreed that it did not need to draw it to the attention of the Parliament.
5. Following the evidence session, Shirley-Anne Somerville moved motion S5M-14101

That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to without division.

6. The evidence taken and debated can be found in the [Official Report](#) for 4 October 2018.
7. The Social Security Committee recommends to the Parliament that the Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the Social Security Chamber) Regulations 2018 [draft]

The Committee reports to the Parliament as follows—

8. The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the Social Security Chamber) Regulations 2018 [draft] was laid before the Parliament on 13 September 2018 and referred to the Social Security Committee.
9. The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the Social Security Chamber) Regulations 2018 [draft] is subject to the affirmative procedure (Rule 10.6). It is for the Social Security Committee to recommend to Parliament whether the Regulations should be approved.
10. This instrument forms part of a set of instruments, which when taken together amend the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Regulations 2016, which provide for the division of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland into chambers. A new chamber is brought into being, to be known as the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber. This new Chamber will enable decisions of Social Security Scotland to be challenged to an independent body.
11. The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered this instrument at its meeting on 2 October 2018 and agreed that it did not need to draw it to the attention of the Parliament.
12. Following the evidence session, Shirley-Anne Somerville moved motion S5M-14156

That the Social Security Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the Social Security Chamber) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to without division.

13. The evidence taken and debated can be found in the [Official Report](#) for 4 October 2018.
14. The Social Security Committee recommends to the Parliament that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the Social Security Chamber) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft]

The Committee reports to the Parliament as follows—

15. The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] was laid before the Parliament on 13 September 2018 and referred to the Social Security Committee.
16. The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] is subject to the affirmative procedure (Rule 10.6). It is for the Social Security Committee to recommend to Parliament whether the Regulations should be approved.
17. This instrument forms part of a set of instruments, which when taken together amend the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Regulations 2016, which provide for the division of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland into chambers. A new chamber is brought into being, to be known as the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber. This new Chamber will enable decisions of Social Security Scotland to be challenged to an independent body.
18. The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered this instrument at its meeting on 2 October 2018 and agreed that it did not need to draw it to the attention of the Parliament.
19. Following the evidence session, Shirley-Anne Somerville moved motion S5M-14157

That the Social Security Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to without division.

20. The evidence taken and debated can be found in the [Official Report](#) for 4 October 2018.
21. The Social Security Committee recommends to the Parliament that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

