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Social Security Committee

To consider and report on matters relating to social security (including the delivery and payment of benefits that help address poverty) falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People.



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The Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 [draft]

1. The Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 [draft] were laid before the Parliament on 8 September 2020 and referred to the Social Security Committee.
2. The regulations are subject to the affirmative procedure (Rule 10.6) and it is for the Social Security Committee to recommend to Parliament whether they should be approved.
3. The Regulations will enable the Scottish Government to introduce a new benefit for children in lower income families, called the Scottish Child Payment. The new benefit will provide eligible families with £10 a week, per child under 6, with the first payments being made at the end of February 2021.
4. The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered the regulations at its meeting on 15 September 2020 and did not raise any issues.
5. Following the evidence session, Shirley-Anne Somerville moved motion S5M-22674

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That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to without division.

6. The evidence taken can be found in the Official Report for [24 September 2020](#).

The Social Security Committee recommends to the Parliament that the Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure and Composition) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]

7. The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure and Composition) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] were laid before the Parliament on 8 September 2020 and referred to the Social Security Committee.
8. The regulations are subject to the affirmative procedure (Rule 10.6) and it is for the Social Security Committee to recommend to Parliament whether they should be approved.
9. The regulations make minor, technical amendments to the Tribunal Regulations to ensure the handling of appeals in relation to the Scottish Child Payment (SCP) is consistent with the other devolved benefits.
10. The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered the regulations at its meeting on 15 September 2020 and did not raise any issues.
11. Following the evidence session, Shirley-Anne Somerville moved motion S5M-22675

That the Social Security Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure and Composition) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to without division.

12. The evidence taken can be found in the Official Report for [24 September 2020](#).

The Social Security Committee recommends to the Parliament that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure and Composition) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]

13. The Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] were laid before the Parliament on 31 August 2020 and referred to the Social Security Committee.
14. The regulations are subject to the affirmative procedure (Rule 10.6) and it is for the Social Security Committee to recommend to Parliament whether they should be approved.
15. The regulations will enable the Scottish Government to introduce a lump sum annual payment of £200 for children and young people in receipt of the highest rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance. This additional financial support is intended to support families with disabled children with the increased winter heating costs they incur.
16. The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered the regulations at its meeting on 8 September 2020 and did not raise any issues.
17. Following the evidence session, Shirley-Anne Somerville moved motion S5M-22602

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That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to without division.

18. The evidence taken can be found in the Official Report for [24 September 2020](#).

The Social Security Committee recommends to the Parliament that the Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

