

# Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments, UK Statutory Instruments and Laid Documents

## Affirmative Instruments

### [Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#)

1. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

**George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 (SI 2024/Draft) be approved.

#### Purpose

2. This UK SI allows for the statutory regulation of anaesthesia associates (AAs) and physician associates (PAs) by the General Medical Council (GMC). It provides a framework for AA and PA regulation and establishes the powers and duties in relation to the GMC, including the autonomy to set out the detail of its regulatory procedures in its rules.

#### Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 16 January 2024 the Health, Social care and Sport Committee agreed by division (For 8, Against 2, Abstentions 0) to recommend that the Regulations be approved. The Committee [report was published on 24 January 2024](#).

### [Bus Services Improvement Partnerships \(Objections\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

4. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

**George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Bus Services Improvement Partnerships (Objections) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

#### Purpose

5. To specify the processes whereby certain operators of particular local bus services may object to the making, variation or revocation of a bus services improvement partnership plan or scheme prepared by a local transport authority under the 2001 Act, and for determining whether a sufficient number of those operators have objected.

#### Consideration by committee

6. At its meeting on 16 January 2024 the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee agreed to recommend that the Regulations be approved. The Committee report will be published by 26 January 2024.

## Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)

7. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

**George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

### Purpose

8. To amend the Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Regulations 2010, to include the “Guidance for the Welfare of Pigs” (“Guidance”) in the definition of “animal welfare guidance”, placing certain requirements on persons responsible for farmed animals. The Guidance was published on 20 November 2023 and will replace the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs that was published in 2012 and is due to be revoked (*see the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2023 in the laid documents being considered below*).

### Consideration by committee

9. At its meeting on 24 January 2024 the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee agreed to recommend that the Regulations be approved. The Committee [report was published on 25 January 2024](#).

## Approval of Laid Documents

### Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2023 (SG/2023/304)

10. The Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2023 is a document laid for parliamentary approval. The laying power for the Notice is section 37(7)(a) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 which states that “a notice revoking an animal welfare code— (a) requires to be laid before, and approved by resolution of, the Parliament”. The Parliament considers the Code in the same way as it would consider an affirmative instrument and therefore the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

**George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2023 (SG/2023/304) be approved.

### Purpose

11. To revoke the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs, which was published by the Scottish Ministers on 23 April 2012. The Code is being replaced by the Guidance for the Welfare of Pigs, under the Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (*see the SSI being considered above*).

## Consideration by committee

12. At its meeting on 24 January 2024 the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee agreed to recommend that the Revocation Notice be approved. The Committee [report was published on 25 January 2024](#).

## Draft Funeral Director Code of Practice (SG/2023/300)

13. Section 97 of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 sets out provisions for a Funeral director: code of practice. Subsection (3) requires the Scottish Ministers to lay a draft of the funeral director's code before the Scottish Parliament, after taking account of any representations made by virtue of subsection (2) which requires Ministers to consult with funeral directors and any other relevant parties before issuing a funeral director's code. A funeral director's code may not be issued until it has been approved by a resolution of the Scottish Parliament. The Parliament considers the Code in the same way as it would consider an affirmative instrument and therefore the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

**George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Code of Practice for the Draft Funeral Director Code of Practice (SG/2023/300) be approved.

## Purpose

14. To set minimum standards for funeral director businesses in their care of the deceased and related procedures and behaviours.

## Consideration by committee

15. At its meeting on 23 January 2024 the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee agreed to recommend that the Code of Practice be approved. The Committee [report was published on 24 January 2024](#).

## Decision

16. Business Managers are invited to note that the above motions will be lodged.
17. Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.

Parliamentary Business Team  
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