

Dear Michael,

You will be aware that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee has now started taking oral evidence on the above Bill. In response to some of the issues that have been raised so far, the committee has requested some further information on the following points.

1. Pension Trusts and a s 104 order – concerns have been raised in relation to the repeal of the Trusts (Scotland) Act 1921, combined with the fact that the Bill does not apply to pension trusts. Although it is understood that a s 104 order is being pursued, the committee is interested to know what steps are being taken to ensure that there will not be a gap during which neither the 1921 Act or the new Act will apply to pension trusts.
2. Succession law – the committee is aware of calls for much broader reform of succession law in Scotland. Though the committee appreciates that much of this would not be suitable for a SLC Bill, it would be interested to know whether any further legislative reform of succession law is planned and, if so, what the timescales are for that work.

We would be grateful for any information you are able to provide.

Kind regards

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