

Disclosure (Scotland) Bill

Groupings of Amendments for Stage 3

This document provides procedural information which will assist in preparing for and following proceedings on the above Bill. The information provided is as follows:

- the list of groupings (that is, the order in which amendments will be debated). Any procedural points relevant to each group are noted;
- the text of amendments to be debated during Stage 3 consideration, set out in the order in which they will be debated. **THIS LIST DOES NOT REPLACE THE MARSHALLED LIST, WHICH SETS OUT THE AMENDMENTS IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY WILL BE DISPOSED OF.**

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Amendments in debating order

Group 1: Minor and drafting

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- 1 In section 29, page 15, line 25, after <of> insert <the inclusion of>

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- 2 In section 29, page 15, line 27, after <of> insert <the inclusion of>

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- 3 In section 31, page 17, line 6, leave out <details> and insert <inclusion>

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- 20 In section 73, page 48, line 33, leave out <subsection> and insert <subsections>

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- 21 In section 73, page 48, line 33, after <(3)(b)(i)> insert <and (3A)(a)>

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- 27 In section 82, page 58, line 14, at end insert—
<() The PVG Act is amended as follows.>

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- 28 In section 82, page 58, line 15, leave out <of the PVG Act>

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- 30 In schedule 2, page 84, line 26, leave out <1> and insert <2>

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- 31 In schedule 2, page 84, line 28, leave out <1> and insert <2>

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- 32 In schedule 2, page 84, line 31, leave out <1> and insert <2>

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- 33 In schedule 2, page 84, line 35, leave out <1> and insert <2>

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- 34 In schedule 2, page 84, line 39, leave out <1> and insert <2>

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Group 2: Level 2 disclosures: disapplication of provisions of section 4 of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

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- 4 In section 34A, page 21, line 4, after <where> insert <—
(a)>

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- 5 In section 34A, page 21, line 7, at end insert <, or
(b) a review is to be carried out—
(i) by the Scottish Ministers under section 28, or
(ii) by the independent reviewer under section 29,
of the inclusion of a removable conviction in a Level 2 disclosure.>

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- 6 In section 34A, page 21, line 11, after <and> insert <, in the case of a review by the independent reviewer,>

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- 7 In section 34A, page 21, line 13, leave out from <information> to <hearing> in line 14 and insert <conviction or>

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- 8 In section 34A, page 21, line 16, after <review> insert <as mentioned in subsection (1)>

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- 9 In section 34A, page 21, line 16, leave out from <under> to <applicant,> in line 19 and insert <or, as the case may be, the Scottish Ministers,>

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- 10 In section 34A, page 21, leave out lines 20 to 32 and insert—
<() the effect of the final outcome of the proceedings (within the meaning of section 34(7)) on the Level 2 review application giving rise to the review is that—
(i) the spent childhood conviction, children’s hearing outcome or removable conviction is relevant for the purpose of the Level 2 disclosure, and
(ii) information about or, as the case may be, details of the conviction or outcome ought to be included in the disclosure, and>

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- 11 In section 34A, page 21, line 33, leave out <the information is> and insert <information about or, as the case may be, details of the conviction or outcome is or are>

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- 12 In section 34A, page 21, line 38, leave out <or> and insert <,>

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- 13 In section 34A, page 21, line 38, after <outcome> insert < or removable conviction>

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- 14 In section 34A, page 21, line 39, leave out <which is> and insert <or, as the case may be, details of which is or are>

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- 15 In section 34A, page 21, line 40, after <where> insert <—
(a)>

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- 16 In section 34A, page 22, line 1, at end insert <or
(b) details of a removable conviction of an applicant,>

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- 17 In section 34A, page 22, line 2, after <is> insert <or are>

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- 18 In section 34A, page 22, line 5, leave out first <or> and insert <,>

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- 19 In section 34A, page 22, line 5, after <outcome> insert <or removable conviction>

Group 3: PVG Act: power to require organisations to stop using individuals for regulated roles without scheme membership

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- 22 In section 74, page 49, line 43, at beginning insert—
<(1) The PVG Act is amended as follows.
(2)>

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- 23 In section 74, page 49, line 43, leave out <of the PVG Act>

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- 24 In section 74, page 51, line 35, at end insert—
<() In section 100 (orders and regulations), in subsection (4), after the entry in the list for section 35(2) insert—
“Section 45DA(1)”.>

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- 29 In section 85A, page 62, line 17 after <45D> insert <, 45DA>

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Group 4: PVG Act: review and report on application of scheme to elected representatives and political activity

Alex Cole-Hamilton

39 After section 75, insert—

<Review and report on application of scheme to elected representatives and political activity

- (1) The PVG Act is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 92 insert—

“92A Examination and report on application of scheme to elected representatives and political activity

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, before the end of the period of one year beginning with the day of Royal Assent, establish an expert working group to examine and report on the matters in subsection (2).
- (2) The matters are—
 - (a) how, and in which circumstances—
 - (i) being an elected representative,
 - (ii) being in charge of, supervising or directing the activities of children or protected adults in the course of holding a position of responsibility in a political party (including, but not limited to, being a candidate for election, an election agent or an office-bearer),

could be regarded as a regulated role, due to involving the opportunity to have unsupervised contact with children or contact with protected adults,
 - (b) how the Scottish Ministers may be required to make provision to disapply or modify the application of—
 - (i) sections 34 to 37,
 - (ii) sections 45C to 45F,
 - (iii) schedule 2 or 3,

for the purpose of ensuring the effective application of those provisions to the activities of elected representatives,
 - (c) any provision or practical arrangements that would need to be made to enable an elected representative to fulfil the duties of that office where the elected representative is not a scheme member in relation to a regulated role with children or adults,
 - (d) any further measures that should be put in place to enable such a person to continue to hold office as an elected representative or carry out political activity in a manner that best secures the safety and wellbeing of any child or protected adult with whom such a person has contact.
- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, the expert working group is not to recommend anything that would mean that—

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- (a) a person seeking office as an elected representative is subject to any barrier, condition or qualification that is not already provided for in any enactment,
- (b) the Scottish Ministers would have any role that is not already provided for in any enactment to determine—
 - (i) the conditions or qualifications required to be an elected representative,
 - (ii) the circumstances in which an elected representative can be disqualified from holding office.
- (4) The membership of the expert working group is to comprise such people as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate, having knowledge or experience relevant to considering the matters in subsection (2).
- (5) The Scottish Ministers are to provide the expert working group with such staffing and resources as it reasonably requires to fulfil its duties under this section.
- (6) In conducting its examination, the expert working group is to consult—
 - (a) the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body,
 - (b) the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland,
 - (c) the Standards Commission for Scotland,
 - (d) bodies representing the interests of local authorities in Scotland,
 - (e) bodies representing the interests of elected representatives in Scotland, and
 - (f) such other persons as it considers appropriate.
- (7) The expert working group is to submit its report to the Scottish Ministers as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (8) On receiving the report, the Scottish Ministers are to—
 - (a) lay the report before the Scottish Parliament,
 - (b) publish the report in such manner as they consider appropriate.
- (9) No later than one year after the date on which they receive the report, the Scottish Ministers must publish and lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement setting out—
 - (a) the steps they intend to take in response to the report,
 - (b) whether they intend to bring forward proposals for legislation in response to the report,
 - (c) where they intend to bring forward proposals for legislation, the expected timescale within which this will be done,
 - (d) where they do not intend to take any steps or bring forward proposals for legislation in response to the report, their reasons for this.
- (10) In this section—
 - “bring forward proposals for legislation” means—
 - (a) introduce a Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament,

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- (b) lay before the Parliament regulations or draft regulations under an Act of the Scottish Parliament,

“elected representative” means—

- (a) a member of the House of Commons,
- (b) a member of the Scottish Parliament,
- (c) a councillor of a council.”.>

Group 5: PVG Act: meaning of “protected adult”: definition of “domestic abuse” and consequential amendments

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25 In section 76, page 53, line 2, at end insert—

<() After subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) In subsection (1)(aa)(ii), “domestic abuse” means behaviour (whether or not amounting to a criminal offence) that—

- (a) is perpetrated between partners or ex-partners, whether in the home or elsewhere or by means of electronic or other forms of communications, and
- (b) involves any form of physical, verbal, sexual, psychological, emotional or financial abuse of one of the partners or ex-partners by the other.

(2B) For the purposes of subsection (2A), a person is a partner of another person if they are—

- (a) married to each other,
- (b) civil partners of each other,
- (c) living with each other as if they were married to each other, or
- (d) otherwise in an intimate relationship with each other,

and the references to ex-partners are to be construed accordingly.”.>

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26 In section 76, page 53, line 3, leave out subsection (3) and insert—

<(3) In subsection (3)—

- (a) in paragraph (a), for “paragraph (a) of subsection (1)” substitute “sub-paragraphs (i) to (iv) of subsection (1)(c)”,
- (b) paragraphs (b) and (c) are repealed.

(4) In subsection (4)—

- (a) after “In” insert “sub-paragraph (v) of”,
- (b) the definition of “direct payment” is repealed.

(5) In subsection (5), for “subsection (1)(d)” substitute “sub-paragraph (vi) of subsection (1)(c)”.>

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Group 6: PVG Act: regulated roles – definition of “elected representative”

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35 In schedule 3, page 91, leave out lines 14 and 15

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36 In schedule 3, page 91, leave out line 16

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37 In schedule 4, page 96, leave out lines 32 and 33

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38 In schedule 4, page 96, leave out line 34

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