

Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Section 3

Pauline McNeill

- 4 In section 2, page 1, line 14, leave out <E> and insert <D>

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- 5 In section 2, page 2, line 1, leave out subsections (4) and (5)

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- 6 In section 2, page 2, line 6, at end insert—
- <() Condition C is that the offence was alleged to have been committed in connection with—
- (a) the carrying on of a post office business, or
 - (b) a person working in a post office (whether under a contract of employment or otherwise) for the purposes of a post office business.>

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- 7 In section 2, page 2, line 7, leave out <E> and insert <D>

After section 6

Maggie Chapman

- 8 After section 6, insert—
- <Review of options for legal action*

Review of options for legal action

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must carry out a review of the options available under Scottish law for agencies or individuals to pursue legal action against those responsible for the miscarriages of justice relating to persons alleged to have committed a relevant offence.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than one year after Royal Assent—
 - (a) publish a report on the review under subsection (1),
 - (b) lay the report before the Scottish Parliament.>

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- 9 After section 6, insert—
- <Review of support*

Review of support

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must carry out a review of the support available to enable persons alleged to have committed a relevant offence to pursue legal action against those responsible for the miscarriages of justice.

- (2) A review under subsection (1) must include consideration of whether any additional support is required.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than one year after Royal Assent—
 - (a) publish a report on the review under subsection (1),
 - (b) lay the report before the Scottish Parliament.>

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10 After section 6, insert—

<Review of relevant law

Review of relevant law

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within one year of Royal Assent—
 - (a) carry out a review of the legal processes by which persons were convicted of a relevant offence, and
 - (b) consider, in discussion with the Scottish Law Commission, where any changes to the law are required.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) publish a report of the review under subsection (1), and
 - (b) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.>

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11 After section 6, insert—

<Review of relevant law

Review of relevant law

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within one year of Royal Assent—
 - (a) carry out a review of the options available to allow for the prosecution of those responsible for the miscarriages of justice relating to persons alleged to have committed a relevant offence, and
 - (b) consider, in discussion with the Scottish Law Commission, where any changes to the law are required.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) publish a report of the review under subsection (1), and
 - (b) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.>