



# Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004

## 2004 asp 3

### PART 2

#### CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

##### *Evidence of children and other vulnerable witnesses: special measures*

#### 18 The special measures

- (1) The special measures which may be authorised to be used by virtue of section 12 or 13 of this Act for the purpose of taking the evidence of a vulnerable witness are—
- (a) taking of evidence by a commissioner in accordance with section 19,
  - (b) use of a live television link in accordance with section 20,
  - (c) use of screen in accordance with section 21,
  - (d) use of a supporter in accordance with section 22, and
  - (e) such other measures as the Scottish Ministers may, by order made by statutory instrument, prescribe.
- (2) An order under subsection (1)(e) above is not to be made unless a draft of the statutory instrument containing the order has been laid before and approved by a resolution of the Scottish Parliament.

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 18 in force at 30.11.2005 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2005/590](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#) (with [art. 4](#))
- I2** S. 18 in force at 1.4.2006 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2006/59](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#) (with [art. 4](#))
- I3** S. 18(1)(a) in force at 1.11.2007 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2007/447](#), [art. 3](#), [Sch.](#) (with [art. 4](#))
- I4** S. 18(1)(b)-(e) (2) in force at 1.4.2005 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2005/168](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#) (with [art. 4](#))
- I5** S. 18(1)(b)-(e) (2) in force at 1.11.2007 in so far as not already in force by [S.S.I. 2007/447](#), [art. 3](#), [Sch.](#) (with [art. 4](#))

**Changes to legislation:**

Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004, Section 18 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 26 April 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 11A11B inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 4\(3\)](#)
- s. 12(3A) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 4\(4\)](#)
- s. 12(6A) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 5\(2\)](#)
- s. 22B-22D inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 4\(5\)](#)