



# Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

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## PART 2

### ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS AND CONSULTATION

#### 14 Preparation of environmental report

- (1) In relation to any qualifying plan or programme, the responsible authority shall secure the preparation of an environmental report.
- (2) The report shall identify, describe and evaluate the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing—
  - (a) the plan or programme; and
  - (b) reasonable alternatives to the plan or programme,taking into account the objectives and the geographical scope of the plan or programme.
- (3) The report shall include such of the information specified in schedule 3 as may reasonably be required, taking account of—
  - (a) current knowledge and methods of assessment of environmental matters;
  - (b) the contents of, and level of detail in, the plan or programme;
  - (c) the stage of the plan or programme in the decision-making process; and
  - (d) the extent to which any matters to which the report relates would be more appropriately assessed at different levels in that process in order to avoid duplication of the assessment.
- (4) Information referred to in schedule 3 may be included in the report by reference to relevant information obtained at other levels of decision-making or through [<sup>F1</sup>other [<sup>F2</sup>assimilated] law].
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may by order modify schedule 3.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the  
Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, Section 14. (See end of Document for details)

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 14(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Environmental Assessment \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.S.I. 2019/178\)](#), regs. 1(2)(b), **3(4)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** Word in s. 14(4) substituted (1.1.2024) by [The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(S.S.I. 2023/374\)](#), reg. 1(1), **sch. 1 para. 5(6)**

### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 14 in force at 20.2.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/19](#), **art. 2**

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