



Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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PART 2

GIVING OF ASSISTANCE BY SCOTTISH MINISTERS

CHAPTER 4

FURTHER PROVISION ABOUT DETERMINING ENTITLEMENT

Support during discussions and assessments

59 Right to support

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must comply with an individual's wish to have another person ("a supporter") present during any discussion or assessment relating to the individual's entitlement to a type of assistance described in Chapter 2, unless the wish is unreasonable.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers' duty under subsection (1) includes ensuring that any person acting on their behalf complies with such a wish, unless the wish is unreasonable.
- (3) The role of a supporter is to support the individual in question during the discussion or (as the case may be) assessment, and includes making representations on the individual's behalf.
- (4) Nothing in this section is to be read as requiring the Scottish Ministers to provide or pay for a supporter.