



# Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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### PART 1

#### TENETS AND OVERSIGHT

##### *Accountability*

#### **22 Commission functions**

- (1) The Scottish Commission on Social Security has the following functions—
  - (a) to scrutinise legislative proposals in accordance with section 97,
  - (b) to prepare and submit to the Scottish Ministers a report on any matter, relevant to social security, that the Ministers request the Commission to report on,
  - (c) to prepare and submit to the Scottish Parliament a report on any matter, relevant to social security, that the Commission is requested to report on by the Parliament after the Parliament has resolved that the request should be made,
  - (d) to prepare and submit to the Ministers and the Parliament, from time to time, a report containing—
    - (i) an assessment of the extent to which any or all of the expectations set out in the Scottish social security charter are being fulfilled, and
    - (ii) recommendations for improvement where the assessment is that those expectations are not being fulfilled,
  - (e) any functions the Ministers confer on the Commission by regulations.
- (2) In performing any of the functions mentioned in subsection (1), the Commission may have regard to any relevant international human rights instruments (see also section 97(6)).
- (3) The Commission must make publicly available by such means as it considers appropriate any report that it prepares in pursuance of a function mentioned in subsection (1).
- (4) The Commission must consider preparing a report under subsection (1)(d) if it receives evidence which suggests that expectations set out in the charter are frequently not being fulfilled.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (5) In subsection (2), “international human rights instruments”—
- (a) means any international convention, treaty or other international instrument ratified by the United Kingdom, subject to—
    - (i) any amendments in force in relation to the United Kingdom for the time being, and
    - (ii) any reservations, objections or interpretative declarations by the United Kingdom for the time being in force, and
  - (b) includes, in particular, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 2200A (XXI) of 16 December 1966.