

Executive Note

The Parental Responsibilities and Parental Rights Agreement (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 SSI/2006/255

The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4(2) and 103(2) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995. This instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objective

The purpose of the instrument is to amend the Parental Responsibilities and Parental Rights Agreement (Scotland) Regulations 1996 to update references in the Schedule to the law in relation to fathers who automatically obtain parental responsibilities and rights in terms of section 3 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 as amended by section 23 of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006. The instrument will come into effect on 3 June 2006.

The Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006 received Royal Assent on 20 January. The Act introduces a range of reforms to family law and includes provisions on marriage, divorce, cohabitation and the parental responsibilities and rights of unmarried fathers.

Financial Effects

This instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Executive, local government or on business.

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