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**The Public Services Reform (Poverty and Inequality Commission) (Scotland) Order 2018**

**Amendment of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017**

2.—(1) The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017<sup>(1)</sup> is amended as follows.

(2) In section 8 (Poverty and Inequality Commission), for subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) In addition to the functions conferred on it by this Act, the functions of the Commission are—

- (a) to advise the Scottish Ministers on any matter relating to poverty or inequality in Scotland, including the impact of their policies and use of resources in reducing such poverty and inequality,
- (b) to monitor progress in reducing poverty and inequality in Scotland,
- (c) to promote the reduction of poverty and inequality in Scotland.

(2A) The Commission may do such things as it considers appropriate for the performance of its functions, including in particular—

- (a) gathering evidence,
- (b) carrying out research,
- (c) preparing and publishing such reports as it considers appropriate.

(2B) The Commission must publish any advice it provides to the Scottish Ministers.”.

(3) In the schedule, in paragraph 1 (membership)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) (number of members additional to chairing member), for “2 but no more than 4” substitute “4 but no more than 8”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (4) (experience and knowledge of proposed members), for the words from “securing” to the end of that sub-paragraph substitute—

“(a) securing that the Commission (taken as a whole) has experience in and knowledge of—

- (i) the formulation, implementation and evaluation of policy relating to poverty and inequality,
- (ii) research in connection with poverty and inequality,
- (iii) working with persons experiencing poverty or inequality (or both), and

(b) the Commission’s membership including persons who have experienced poverty or inequality (or both).”.