



Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004

2004 asp 3

PART 2

CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

Evidence of children and other vulnerable witnesses: special measures

22 Supporters

- (1) Where the special measure to be used is a supporter, another person (“the supporter”) nominated by or on behalf of the vulnerable witness in respect of whom the special measure is to be used may be present alongside the witness for the purpose of providing support whilst the witness is giving evidence.
- (2) Where the person nominated as the supporter is to give evidence in the proceedings, that person may not act as the supporter at any time before giving evidence.
- (3) The supporter must not prompt or otherwise seek to influence the vulnerable witness in the course of giving evidence.

Commencement Information

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| I1 | S. 22 in force at 1.4.2005 for specified purposes by S.S.I. 2005/168, art. 2, Sch. (with art. 4) |
| I2 | S. 22 in force at 30.11.2005 for specified purposes by S.S.I. 2005/590, art. 2, Sch. (with art. 4) |
| I3 | S. 22 in force at 1.4.2006 for specified purposes by S.S.I. 2006/59, art. 2, Sch. (with art. 4) |
| I4 | S. 22 in force at 1.11.2007 in so far as not already in force by S.S.I. 2007/447, art. 3, Sch. (with art. 4) |

Changes to legislation:

Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004, Section 22 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 01 July 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 11A11B inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 4\(3\)](#)
- s. 12(3A) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 4\(4\)](#)
- s. 12(6A) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 5\(2\)](#)
- s. 22B-22D inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 4\(5\)](#)