



Islands (Scotland) Act 2018

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PART 3

DUTIES IN RELATION TO ISLAND COMMUNITIES

Duty of the Scottish Ministers to consult island communities

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- (1) The Scottish Ministers must consult island communities before making a material change to any—
- (a) policy,
 - (b) strategy, or
 - (c) service,
- which, in the Scottish Ministers' opinion, is likely to have an effect on an island community which is significantly different from its effect on other communities (including other island communities) in Scotland.
- (2) The persons consulted under subsection (1)—
- (a) must include each local authority listed in the schedule, and
 - (b) may include such other bodies or persons as the Scottish Ministers determine.
- (3) No later than three months after the day on which a consultation under subsection (1) is concluded, the Scottish Ministers must publish—
- (a) the responses received to the consultation,
 - (b) information about the steps which it will take following the consultation.
- (4) Where the Scottish Ministers do not consider that a material change to any—
- (a) policy,
 - (b) strategy, or
 - (c) service,
- is likely to have an effect on an island community which is significantly different from its effect on other communities (including other island communities) in Scotland, a local authority listed in the schedule may request that the Scottish Ministers consult island communities under subsection (1) before making the change.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018,
Cross Heading: Duty of the Scottish Ministers to consult island communities. (See end of Document for details)

- (5) Where the Scottish Ministers receive a request under subsection (4), they must—
- (a) undertake a consultation under subsection (1), or
 - (b) publish an explanation of their reasons for not undertaking a consultation under subsection (1).

Commencement Information

II [S. 16](#) in force at 4.10.2018 by [S.S.I. 2018/282](#), [reg. 2](#)

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