

POLICY NOTE

THE PUBLIC SERVICES REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 (PART 2 EXTENSION) ORDER 2015

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This instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 134(4) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (“the 2010 Act”). The instrument is subject to the affirmative procedure.

Background

The overarching purpose of the 2010 Act is to help simplify and improve the landscape of Scottish public bodies, to deliver more effective, co-ordinated government that can better achieve its core functions for the benefit of the people of Scotland. The Act provides for general powers to effect organisational and other changes to the public sector landscape or to remove or reduce burdens.

Purpose of the Instrument

Sections 14 to 30 of, and schedules 5 to 7 to, the 2010 Act allow Ministers to make orders to add, remove or change the functions of public bodies to improve efficiency, effectiveness and economy, and to remove burdens. These provisions form a package of inter-related measures that will all (but for this Order) cease to have effect 5 years after the date that they initially came into force (1st August 2010). The Order continues the provisions in effect so that they will now cease to have effect (unless further renewed) 5 years after the date of making of the Order.

Consultation

As this Order seeks only to extend the duration of Part 2 of the 2010 Act, we do not believe there is a requirement for a formal public consultation. No public consultation has been carried out for this Order.

Financial Implications

There are no financial effects associated with this Order.

Impact Assessments

The Order will have no impact on equality or environmental issues.

Scottish Government
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