



Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 45

Central administration

[^{F1}7G. SPT visits

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must make arrangements to ensure that members of the SPT may—
 - (a) visit prisoners,
 - (b) access information relevant to the treatment of prisoners and the conditions in which they are detained,
 - (c) monitor the conditions in prisons and the treatment of prisoners, and
 - (d) monitor the arrangements operated by prisons for the temporary release of prisoners in accordance with rules made under section 39.
- (2) The arrangements may, in particular, authorise members of the SPT to—
 - (a) access, without prior notice, any prison (accompanied by such experts as the members think fit),
 - (b) examine prison records relating to the detention of prisoners,
 - (c) meet any prisoners in private to discuss their treatment while detained and the conditions in which they are detained,
 - (d) inspect the conditions in which prisoners are detained (including cell accommodation, washing and toilet facilities and facilities for the provision of food), and
 - (e) meet such other persons as the members think may have information relevant to the treatment of prisoners and the conditions in which they are detained.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must keep the arrangements under review and revise them as they think fit.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 7A-7G inserted (31.8.2015) by [The Public Services Reform \(Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons\) \(Scotland\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/39\)](#), arts. 1, **2(4)** (with art. 5)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989, Section 7G.