

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

TIMETABLING OF BILLS AT STAGE 1

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

1. The Parliament agreed on 14 June 2023 to designate the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee as lead Committee in consideration of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

2. The Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee is currently undertaking scrutiny of the Bill.

3. The Parliamentary Bureau is now invited to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 19 January 2024.

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

1. The Parliament agreed on 14 June 2023 that Stage 1 consideration of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill be completed by Friday 15 December 2023.

2. The Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee has requested an extension to the Stage 1 deadline. The request is being made in relation to scrutiny it will undertake on Reconsideration Stage of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill and a busy work programme. The Committee has rescheduled some of its evidence sessions on the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill to accommodate this scrutiny.

3. The Parliamentary Bureau is now invited to recommend to the Parliament that the deadline for consideration of the Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 23 February 2024.

**Parliamentary Business Team
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