

Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

Groupings of Amendments for Stage 3

This document provides procedural information which will assist in preparing for and following proceedings on the above Bill. The information provided is as follows:

- the list of groupings (that is, the order in which amendments will be debated). Any procedural points relevant to each group are noted;
- the text of amendments to be debated on the day of Stage 3 consideration, set out in the order in which they will be debated. **THIS LIST DOES NOT REPLACE THE MARSHALLED LIST, WHICH SETS OUT THE AMENDMENTS IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY WILL BE DISPOSED OF.**

Groupings of amendments

Group 1: Postal voting arrangements for 2021 election

2, 3, 4

Group 2: Power to provide for polling on additional days

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Amendments in debating order

Group 1: Postal voting arrangements for 2021 election

Graeme Dey

2 In section 4, page 2, line 7, at end insert—

<(1A) The report—

- (a) must specify any funding provided to local authorities by the Scottish Ministers for the purpose of ensuring that electoral registration officers have adequate resources to deal with any increase in applications for a postal vote for the 2021 election arising as a result of coronavirus,
- (b) may include such further information relating to postal voting at the 2021 election as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.>

Graeme Dey

3 In section 4, page 2, line 9, at end insert—

<() In subsection (1A)(a), “electoral registration officer” means an officer appointed under section 8(3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.>

Anas Sarwar

4 After section 4, insert—

<Communication about 2021 election

- (1) Where the Electoral Commission is to send information to each household for the 2021 election, a postal vote application form and a means to return the application form must be included.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the means to return the application form must be at no financial cost to the voter.>

Group 2: Power to provide for polling on additional days

Graeme Dey

Supported by: Adam Tomkins

1 In section 8, page 3, line 9, leave out subsection (1) and insert—

<(1) If—

- (a) the convener of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland recommends to the Scottish Ministers that polling at the 2021 election should take place on one or more specified days, as well as on the day of the poll, and
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers consider that giving effect to that recommendation is necessary for a reason relating to coronavirus,
- the Scottish Ministers may by regulations give effect to that recommendation.>

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