

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

REFERRAL OF BILL AT STAGE 1

CIRCULAR ECONOMY (SCOTLAND) BILL

1. The Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill was introduced in the Parliament on 13 June 2023 by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition, Màiri McAllan MSP.
2. The Bill includes a wide range of provisions, some of which are freestanding and others which amend existing Acts. Specifically, the Bill provides for –
 - a duty on Scottish Ministers to prepare and publish, and thereafter to review and revise, a circular economy strategy
 - targets to be set in relation to developing a circular economy
 - restrictions to be placed on the disposal of unsold consumer goods
 - the suppliers of goods to charge for specified single-use items
 - a code of practice for local authorities and targets relating to collection and recycling of household waste
 - a householder's duty of care and associated enforcement
 - penalty charges in relation to littering from vehicles
 - enforcement powers in relation to certain environmental offences
 - a duty to report on waste surplus
3. The Bill appears to engage the remits of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee and the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee.
4. The remit of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee is to consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition. The Bill makes a range of provisions related to the circular economy, including the publication of a strategy and targets. Accordingly, the remit of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee is engaged.
5. The remit of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee is to consider and report on matters relating to local government and planning falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance. The Bill includes provisions relating to the collection and recycling of household waste by local authorities. Accordingly, the remit of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee is engaged.
6. It would appear that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee has the primary interest in the Bill. The Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee is not seeking to be designated as a secondary committee. Designation of one committee as lead committee does not preclude any other

committee whose remit is engaged from considering the Bill if it wishes to do so.

- 7. The Bureau is invited to consider recommending to the Parliament by motion that it agrees, under Rule 9.6.1, to designate the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee as lead committee for consideration of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.**

**Parliamentary Business Team
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