



# Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019

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*Independent advisory panel*

### **14 Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel**

- (1) The Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel is established.
- (2) The Panel is to meet after the publication of each periodic report under section 11 in order to consider the matters mentioned in subsection (3).
- (3) The matters are—
  - (a) progress toward meeting the fuel poverty targets,
  - (b) the likelihood of meeting the fuel poverty targets, and
  - (c) the extent to which the four drivers of fuel poverty are being addressed.
- (4) The Panel must make a report to the Scottish Ministers on its consideration of the matters under subsection (3).
- (5) A report under subsection (4) may—
  - (a) propose changes to the fuel poverty strategy,
  - (b) make such other recommendations to the Scottish Ministers as the Panel considers appropriate.
- (6) The Panel may from time to time provide advice to a committee of the Scottish Parliament with the subject of fuel poverty within its remit on—
  - (a) the matters mentioned in subsection (3),
  - (b) such other matters as are prescribed in regulations under subsection (7).
- (7) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—
  - (a) make further provision about the Panel,
  - (b) make provision about the dissolution of the Panel after the target year for the time being mentioned in section 1 has passed.
- (8) Regulations under subsection (7)(a) or (as the case may be) (b) may, in particular—

- (a) make provision about the membership of the Panel (including the process for appointment of members),
  - (b) make provision about the remuneration and expenses that may be paid to members of the Panel,
  - (c) make provision about the preparation and publication of reports,
  - (d) make such other provision relating to the functioning of the Panel as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate,
  - (e) modify any enactment (including this Act).
- (9) The Scottish Ministers must bring forward regulations under subsection (7)(a) within 1 year of this section coming into force.
- (10) In this section the “four drivers of fuel poverty” are—
- (a) low net adjusted household incomes,
  - (b) high household fuel prices,
  - (c) homes having low levels of energy efficiency, and
  - (d) inefficient use of fuel in homes.
- (11) For the purpose of subsection (10), “adjusted”, “household” and “net income” have the same meanings as in section 3(10).