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PART 3

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS SCHEME, CHILD RIGHTS AND
WELLBEING IMPACT ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTING DUTIES

Children's Rights Scheme

PROSPECTIVE

16 Reviewing and reporting on the Scheme

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as practicable after the end of each reporting period—
 - (a) review the Scheme and its operation, and
 - (b) publish a report of their findings.
- (2) In reviewing the Scheme, the Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) must take into account the following things if they have occurred in the reporting period—
 - (i) the Committee making a suggestion or general recommendation under article 45(d) of the Convention based on a report submitted by the United Kingdom under paragraph 1(b) of article 44 of the Convention,
 - (ii) an amendment to the Convention or to an optional protocol to the Convention entering into force,
 - (iii) the Committee making a General Comment,
 - (iv) the Committee adopting views and findings under the third optional protocol,

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- (v) the Committee making recommendations following days of general discussion,
 - (vi) the United Kingdom ratifying a protocol to the Convention,
 - (vii) a court making a strike down declarator or an incompatibility declarator, and
 - (b) may take into account any international law or comparative law that they consider to be relevant,
 - (c) may take into account any other document or matter that they consider to be relevant.
- (3) A report under [subsection \(1\)](#) must include—
- (a) a summary of the actions taken by the Scottish Ministers for the purpose of—
 - (i) ensuring compliance with the duty under [section 6\(1\)](#) during the reporting period, and
 - (ii) securing better or further effect of the rights of children,
 - (b) a statement as to whether or not they intend to amend the Scheme or make a new scheme to replace it in light of the findings of their review, and
 - (c) a summary of any actions that they intend to take in the next reporting period.
- (4) A report under [subsection \(1\)](#) may include such other material as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate, whether relating to the operation of the Scheme or to the rights of children generally.
- (5) Before publishing a report under [this section](#), the Scottish Ministers must consult the following in relation to the action to be taken in pursuance of [subsection \(3\)\(c\)](#)—
- (a) children,
 - (b) the Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland,
 - (c) the Scottish Commission for Human Rights, and
 - (d) such other persons as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (6) Each report published under [this section](#) must be—
- (a) accompanied by a version of the report that children can understand,
 - (b) published in such manner as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate,
 - (c) laid before the Scottish Parliament as soon as practicable after it is published.
- (7) In [this section](#)—
- “General Comment” means a comment prepared by the Committee under rule 77 of its rules of procedure,
- “recommendations following days of general discussion” means recommendations made by the Committee following days of general discussion under rule 79 of its rules of procedure,
- “reporting period” means—
- (a) the period beginning with the date on which the Scheme is made and ending on the date specified for such a report in the Scheme (see [section 14\(4\)](#)), and
 - (b) each subsequent period of a year,
- “the Committee” means the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child,
- “views and findings under the third optional protocol” means—

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- (a) views adopted by the Committee under article 10, paragraph 5 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, and
- (b) findings, comments and recommendations adopted by the Committee under article 13, paragraph 4 of that Protocol.

Commencement Information

II S. 16 comes into force in accordance with s. 47(2)

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- s. 16 coming into force by [2024 asp 1 s. 47\(2\)](#)