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The Victim Surcharge (Scotland) Regulations 2019

PART 2

The Victim Surcharge Fund

The administration of the Victim Surcharge Fund

5.—(1) The Fund must be administered by the Scottish Ministers in accordance with this Part.

(2) The Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish guidance about the operation of the Fund.

- (3) The first guidance prepared and published under paragraph (2) must be—
 - (a) published by 25 May 2020, and
 - (b) laid before the Scottish Parliament as soon as reasonably practicable after publication.

(4) The guidance prepared and published by the Scottish Ministers under paragraph (2) may be revised by the Scottish Ministers from time to time.

(5) Where the guidance is revised by the Scottish Ministers under paragraph (4), the revised guidance must be laid before the Scottish Parliament as soon as reasonably practicable after it has been revised.

(6) In the administration of the Fund, the Scottish Ministers must have regard to the need to-

- (a) promote equality and diversity, and
- (b) prevent discrimination, harassment and victimisation on the basis of any of the protected characteristics listed in section 4 of the Equality Act 2010.