

## POLICY NOTE

### THE FUEL POVERTY (TARGETS, DEFINITION AND STRATEGY) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2019 (COMMENCEMENT NO. 2) REGULATIONS 2021

SSI 2021/332 (C. 22)

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 20(2) of the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019. The instrument is subject to no procedure.

**This instrument is the second set of Commencement Regulations and will commence section 7(2)(g) of the 2019 Act which requires the Scottish Ministers to consult with the Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel as part of the preparation of the fuel poverty strategy.**

#### Policy Objectives

The commencement of section 7(2)(g) of the 2019 Act brings into force the requirement for the Scottish Ministers to consult with the Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel on the preparation of the fuel poverty strategy. Once the Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel has been formally appointed we will make arrangements to consult with them on the fuel poverty strategy.

#### Consultation

A consultation was carried out on the draft fuel poverty strategy that included gathering views on what should be included in the 2019 Act. The comments provided by stakeholders informed the content of the 2019 Act. Individual stakeholder responses as well as an independent consultation analysis report have been published on the Scottish Government website<sup>1</sup>

#### Impact Assessments

A children's rights and wellbeing impact assessment<sup>2</sup>, an equality impact assessment<sup>3</sup>, a Fairer Scotland duty assessment<sup>4</sup> and a health impact assessment<sup>5</sup> were carried out before the introduction of the Bill and published on the Scottish Government website. During the

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<sup>1</sup> Fuel Poverty Strategy for Scotland: consultation analysis - gov.scot ([www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot))

<sup>2</sup> Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill and Fuel Poverty Strategy: children's rights and wellbeing impact assessment - gov.scot ([www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot))

<sup>3</sup> Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill and Fuel Poverty Strategy: equality impact assessment - gov.scot ([www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot))

<sup>4</sup> Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill and Fuel Poverty Strategy: Fairer Scotland duty assessment - gov.scot ([www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot))

<sup>5</sup> Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill and Fuel Poverty Strategy: health impact assessment - gov.scot ([www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot))

passage of the Bill an island communities impact assessment was carried out and this has also been published on the Scottish Government website<sup>6</sup>.

### **Financial Effects**

No Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared for this order as no financial effect or impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

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<sup>6</sup> Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill: island communities impact assessment - gov.scot ([www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot))