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- 6. Amendment of the Parental Bereavement Leave and Pay (Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation) Regulations 2020
- 7. Amendment of the Tax Credits, Childcare Payments and Childcare (Extended Entitlement) (Coronavirus and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020
- 8. Amendment of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Commencement No. 33) and Sentencing Act 2020 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2022

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