

## **Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee**

### **Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Bill**

#### **Remit and Terms of Reference**

##### **Remit**

1. The Scottish Parliament's Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee is seeking views on the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Bill.

2. The Bill was introduced by the Scottish Government to the Scottish Parliament on 27 March 2013. The Bill aims to enable provision to be made for the purpose of promoting regulatory consistency; to enable provision to be made, and to make provision, as respects regulatory activities, and offences, relating to the environment; to make provision about regulatory functions relating to marine licensing, planning and street traders' licences; and for connected purposes. A copy of the Bill and accompanying documents can be found at:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/61582.aspx>

3. The Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee is examining parts 1, 3 and 4 of the Bill relating to regulatory functions, miscellaneous and general provisions. Any written submissions in relation to these parts of the Bill should therefore be directed to the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee.

4. The Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee is examining part 2 of the Bill relating to environmental regulations and on the element of part 1, as it relates to the RACCE Committee's remit, that places a duty on stakeholders in respect of sustainable economic growth. Written submissions on these parts of the Bill should be submitted to that Committee. The Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee's call for written evidence on these provisions can be found at:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/29876.aspx>

##### **Key issues**

5. Responses should address all or any of the following points in turn—
- The proposals for regulatory reform, such as: the provision of a regulation making-power for Scottish Ministers to encourage or improve consistency in the exercise by regulators of regulatory functions; to exercise those functions in a way that contributes to achieving sustainable economic growth; and the proposed code of practice in relation to the exercise of regulatory functions.
  - The proposals for the process and appeal mechanisms for marine licensing decisions;

- The proposals for Scottish Ministers to make provision for the charge or fee payable to different planning authorities to be of different amounts dependent on performance;
- The proposal to amend the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to enable the certificate of compliance for street traders' food licences; to be produced by the food authority with which the business is registered.
- Any other aspects within parts 1, 3 and 4 of the Bill.

6. The Committee intends to take evidence in May, June and September 2013 and to report to the Parliament by 11 October 2013.

### **How to submit written evidence**

You may wish to respond to any or all of the points above. Evidence should be reasonably brief and typewritten in Word format (normally no more than 4-6 sides of A4 in total).

The deadline for receipt of written submissions is **Thursday 6 June 2013**. Owing to the timescale normally required for the processing and analysis of evidence, late submissions will only be accepted with the advance agreement of the clerk.

The Committee prefers to receive written submissions electronically. These should be sent to:

[regreformbill@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:regreformbill@scottish.parliament.uk)

You may also send a hard copy of written submissions to:

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee  
 Scottish Parliament  
 Holyrood  
 Edinburgh  
 EH99 1SP

We welcome written evidence in any language.

### **Policy for Handling Written Evidence**

Before you submit your written evidence, please ensure that you have read our [policy on treatment of written evidence received by subject and mandatory committees \(pdf 15kb\)](#). Written submissions will be handled in accordance with this policy.

### **Contact:**

For details about the Committee's work on the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Bill please contact Diane Barr, Assistant Clerk, 0131 348 5214.