

Post-legislative scrutiny: The National Fraud Initiative

Call for written submissions

The Scottish Parliament's Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee is undertaking its first ever piece of post-legislative scrutiny.

The Committee has agreed to examine Section 97 of the [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010](#), which put the [National Fraud Initiative](#) on a statutory footing, to determine whether any improvements can be made.

Full information about our work can be viewed here: <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/103301.aspx>

The remit for our post-legislative scrutiny is:

To consider whether:

- *the policy intentions of putting the National Fraud Initiative in Scotland on a statutory basis have been realised;*
- *any further policy or legislative changes are required to improve the effectiveness of the National Fraud Initiative.*

Questions to consider

You are invited to submit written views to the Committee on our remit and the following questions:

- What have been the benefits, financial and otherwise, of putting the National Fraud Initiative on a statutory footing?
- Could the legislation be strengthened in any way?
- Should participation in the National Fraud Initiative be improved? Are there any bodies who do not participate in the National Fraud Initiative who should do so?
- Are there any other issues you would like to raise in connection to this particular part of the legislation?

It is not necessary to answer every question and you can also provide any other information that you consider could be relevant.

It is important to point out that we are seeking views only on Section 97 of the Act and **not the Act as a whole**.

Submitting evidence

The deadline for sending written submissions is **close of play Friday 31 March 2017**.

Before submitting evidence to the Committee, you should read and accept the Scottish Parliament's [policy on the treatment of written evidence](#). In line with this policy, submissions would normally be published on the Parliament's website.

Those submitting are invited to restrict their submission, if possible, to the equivalent of approximately four sides of A4. Evidence should be submitted in electronic (preferably MS Word) format by email to papls.committee@parliament.scot .

Organisations and individuals who do not have access to a PC and the internet may submit a hard copy to:

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