

SCJC BUSINESS TRACKER					
No.	Subject	Action	Lead	Key dates	Progress/next steps
B2	Children and Young People (Sc) Act 2014	Consideration of consequential changes to rules.	FLC	Earliest commencement anticipated spring 2014.	Bill passed by Parliament on 19 February 2014. The Scottish Government aim to bring a policy paper to the FLC meeting on 27 October.
B4	Marriage and Civil Partnership (Sc) Act 2014	Consideration of consequential changes to rules.	FLC	Earliest commencement anticipated Autumn 2014.	Bill passed by Parliament on 4 February 2014. SG brought a policy paper to the FLC meeting on 7 April. FLC has considered its general policy approach to implementation of the Act and agreed that LPPO and the Secretariat will liaise with the SG to coordinate draft rules with the implementation plan. Due for consideration at FLC 1 September meeting. Implementation of the provisions for same sex marriage anticipated December 2014.

<p>B16</p>	<p>EU Regulation on mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters.</p>	<p>Consideration and preparation of changes to rules.</p>	<p>SCJC</p>	<p>Implementation to be effected by January 2015</p>	<p>SG intends to prepare a paper for the 29 September meeting of the SCJC as the Regulation goes further than Family Law.</p>
<p>B17</p>	<p>The Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and other forms of Family Maintenance (The Hague 23 November 2007)</p>	<p>Consideration of draft rules to give effect to the Hague Convention which was ratified 9 April 2014.</p>	<p>FLC</p>	<p>Completed.</p>	<p>FLC considered a draft Act of Sederunt at its 2 June 2014 meeting and agreed draft rules be submitted to SCJC 30 June meeting. SCJC agreed draft rules be submitted to Court of Session. Act of Sedurunt laid before the Scottish Parliament 7 July and comes into force on 1 August 2014.</p>

C2	DWP Consultation: Strengthening Families, promoting parental responsibilities	Monitor the development of policy.	FLC	Secretariat to monitor progress. Completed	Consultation response published 12 July 2011. DWP 19 July 2012 consultation on fee charging for using new statutory scheme, (Child Maintenance Service replacing CSA) 'Supporting separated families: securing children's futures', including Draft SI for 'Child Support Fees Regs' 2013. Ministerial response published 20 May 2013; UKG response to consultation published November 2013.
C5	Scottish Government Bar (now Welfare) Reporters Working Group	Monitor work and consider recommendations/outputs as appropriate.	FLC	Monitor work and consider recommendations/outputs as appropriate.	Secretariat monitoring progress. The BRWG sub-committee met on 20 March 2014 and will be taking forward the preparation of guidance for Sheriffs and Solicitors. A further meeting was held on 2 July 2014 at which an SG paper on changes it would plan to suggest to rules of court was considered. SG provided a policy paper for consideration at 1 September FLC meeting.

C8	The Voice of the Child	SG is preparing papers and consideration is to be given to the SG policy proposals	FLC	Ongoing	SG intends to prepare a policy paper for later this year.
C9	Arbitration, ADR and Mediation in family cases	SG is preparing papers and consideration is to be given to the SG policy proposals	FLC	Ongoing	SG intends to prepare a policy paper for later this year.
D12	Extension of Simplified Divorce	Consideration to be given to the Scottish Government's suggestion that Simplified Divorce proceedings be extended to cases where there are children under 16.	FLC	Ongoing	Draft SG Consultation was considered by the FLC at 7 April Meeting and the SG plan to consult in 2014. Draft rules were considered further by FLC at 7 April meeting and it was agreed the policy is now in settled form. FLC considered draft of entire rules for extension of same sex marriage and dissolution of civil partnerships at 2 June meeting. FLC agreed that a paper should be prepared for SCJC meeting of 30 June recommending that it consult on the draft rules. SCJC agreed to carry out consultation on draft rules. Secretariat issued draft consultation paper 6 Sept seeking views of FLC with a view to seeking SCJC's subsequent approval and are liaising with SG on conducting parallel consultations.

D17	Adoption and Permanence	Changes to rules around sections 95 and 96 of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 to clarify and define administrative time limits and consider non-disclosure of sensitive information	FLC	Ongoing	The FLC considered a SG policy paper at its 7 April meeting. The Committee agreed to a minor change to the court rules and this will be included in a miscellaneous instrument in due course. Two pilots are being undertaken on section 95 reports and the SG will provide an update on these in due course. SG to bring paper around non-disclosure of sensitive information contained in s.95(2) reports to 27 October FLC meeting .
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