

Proposed Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill

Introduction

A proposal for a Bill to establish a Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council to shape, inform and scrutinise the social security available to people injured in the course of their employment. The consultation runs from 10 November 2020 to 1 February 2021. All those wishing to respond to the consultation are strongly encouraged to enter their responses electronically through this survey. This makes collation of responses much simpler and quicker. However, the option also exists of sending in a separate response (in hard copy or by other electronic means such as e-mail), and details of how to do so are included in the member's consultation document. Questions marked with an asterisk (*) require an answer. All responses must include a name and contact details. Names will only be published if you give us permission, and contact details are never published – but we may use them to contact you if there is a query about your response. If you do not include a name and/or contact details, we may have to disregard your response. Please note that you must complete the survey in order for your response to be accepted. If you don't wish to complete the survey in a single session, you can choose "Save and Continue later" at any point. Whilst you have the option to skip particular questions, you must continue to the end of the survey and press "Submit" to have your response fully recorded. Please ensure you have read the consultation document before responding to any of the questions that follow. In particular, you should read the information contained in the document about how your response will be handled. The consultation document is available here: [Consultation Document Privacy Notice](#)

I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Notice attached to this consultation which explains how my personal data will be used

About you

Please choose whether you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation. Note: If you choose "individual" and consent to have the response published, it will appear under your own name. If you choose "on behalf of an organisation" and consent to have the response published, it will be published under the organisation's name.

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what expertise or experience you have that is relevant to the subject-matter of the consultation:

Formerly: Health, Safety and Fire Risk Officer, West Dunbartonshire Council; West Dunbartonshire GMB Health & Safety Convenor; and, have been seconded to GMB Scotland as Health & Safety Officer.

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response

Please choose one of the following:

I am content for this response to be published and attributed to me or my organisation

Please provide your name or the name of your organisation. (Note: the name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication". Otherwise this is the name that will be published with your response).

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Please provide details of a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. We will not publish these details.

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Aim and approach

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of establishing in law a new, independent Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council (SEIAC)?

Fully agree

Please explain the reasons for your response.

It seems to me that if you are injured or disabled at your workplace through no fault of your own. There should be some sort of compensation for your suffering.

Q2. Which of the following best expresses your view of giving a statutory Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council the following functions?

	Fully agree	Partially agree	Neutral	Partially disagree	Fully disagree	Unsure
Scrutinise legislative proposals on the overarching design of the employment injuries assistance (EIA) system and its entitlement policy.	X					
Continually advise and recommend changes to EIA (including on policy design and entitlement)	X					
Investigate and review emerging industrial and employment hazards	X					
Commission its own research and make recommendations	X					

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Please explain the reasons for your response.

As this would be a new more up to date law for Scotland. It would need to be reviewed on a regular basis to keep it for purpose.

Q3. What (if any) do you think would be the main advantages of the proposed Bill?

The Bill if passed would encompass far more of the Scottish workforce and bring in more equality.

Q4. What (if any) do you think would be the main disadvantages of the proposed Bill?

None.

Q5. Which of the following best expresses your view of making it a legal requirement that the SEIAC's membership includes workers with experience of being exposed to the risk of workplace injury, and their representatives, including trade unions?

Fully agree

Please explain the reasons for your response.

It would be only natural to involve those who are at risk and/or have suffered a workplace injury.

Q6. Which of the following best expresses your experience of the current Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB) scheme (personally and/or professionally)?

No experience of the scheme

Financial Implications

Q7. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

	Significant increase in cost	Some increase in cost	Broadly cost-neutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
(a) Government and the public sector		X				
(b) Businesses			X			
(c) Individuals	X					

Q7. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

Please explain the reasons for your response

Cost neutral as employers would be more aware of there own costs i.e. employee's being off sick .

Q8. Are there ways in which the Bill could achieve its aim more cost-effectively (e.g. by reducing costs or increasing savings)?

Broad campaign pointing out savings benefits with less workplace injuries.

Equalities

Q9. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected characteristics (under the Equality Act 2010): age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Positive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

The Bill will bring in more employees who suffer from "industrial" injury.

Q10. In what ways could any negative impact of the Bill on equality be minimised or avoided?

No Response

Sustainability

Q11. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably, i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

Yes

General

Q12. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

No Response