

# 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".)

Member of the public

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.**

I agree due to the fact that there are more female staff members across most of not all job category's now than ever before and I think it's about time these policies are changed as some are quite archaic.

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.**

I think these are all great policies and items to put forward as it means that it can be monitored and also changed if required as some areas might need more attention than others.

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

More awareness of actual issues.

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 needs to be done this way to make it fair and also to gain background knowledge and information.

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
<b>(a) Government and the public sector</b>		X				
<b>(b) Businesses</b>		X				
<b>(c) Individuals</b>				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**

Businesses will obviously have some cost due to maybe having to put in new procedures but should benefit Individuals as they will be safer at work.

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

Maybe by going g on research about past injuries and putting procedures in place.

## 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.**

It doesn't matter make or female about safety at work although we do need more protocols and policies that protect women in the workplace.

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

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

If it is done we're timely and carried out under a strict scheme of rules and regulations it should work to the positive.

## General

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

*No Response*