

T: 0300 244 4000
E: scottish.ministers@gov.scot

Ed Pybus
Scottish Commission on Social Security
c/o Secretariat
Area 1C South, (Mail Point 6)
Victoria Quay
Edinburgh
EH6 6QQ
By Email: info@socialsecuritycommission.scot

17 September 2024

Dear Ed,

Funeral Support Payment Amendment Regulations

Thank you for your scrutiny report of 11 June on the Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024. I want to extend my sincere thanks to the Commission for looking at the amendment regulations and working collaboratively with my officials as questions arose.

These regulations make several changes to introduce improvements to the Funeral Support Payment. The Commission's comments on the amendment regulations are very helpful, and I am confident that the introduction of these regulations will further support bereaved families.

I am attaching a copy of the Scottish Government's response to the SCoSS recommendations which I am also sending to the Convener of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee. I can confirm that it is my intention to lay the amendment regulations on 17 September.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



SHIRLEY-ANNE SOMERVILLE