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**By email only**

Dear Cabinet Secretary

**The draft Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026**

Thank you for your letter of 13 January 2026 regarding the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026. This letter is the Commission's report on these draft regulations.

We note that the draft regulations include miscellaneous amendments which were shared with us in advance. We reported on these on 5 December 2025. We were grateful for this advance referral which allowed more time for consideration. We have no further issues to raise on the draft regulations.

For the future, we recognise that a multi-criteria decision analysis of up-rating options was completed in 2024 and would like to reiterate our view that this process should be repeated in due course.

We hope you find this letter helpful and we welcome your feedback.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Pybus'.

Ed Pybus  
Chair  
Scottish Commission on Social Security