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PRISONS

The Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Amendment Regulations 2026

Made - - - - at 11.40 a.m. on 10th February 2026

Laid before the Scottish Parliament at 2.00 p.m. on 10th February 2026

Coming into force - - 11th February 2026

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the power conferred by section 116(2) of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Act 2025(**a**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Amendment Regulations 2026 and come into force on 11 February 2026.

Amendment of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025

2.—(1) The Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025(**b**) are amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) In regulation 2(2) (appointed days), for "23 March 2026" substitute "11 February 2026".

ANGELA CONSTANCE
A member of the Scottish Government

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh
At 11.40 a.m. on 10th February 2026

(**a**) 2025 asp 12.
(**b**) S.S.I. 2025/393.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025. Regulation 2 substitutes the date on which sections 55 (Parole Board rules: decisions where prisoner has information about victim's remains) and 56 (Parole Board rules: safety and security of victims and victims' family) come into force. Sections 55 and 56 will come into force on 11 February 2026, instead of 23 March 2026.

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