

Economic Activity of Public Bodies

Purpose

This paper updates the SAB on progress of the Economic Activity of Public bodies Bill. The SAB received an update from Jerney Hughes from the English and Welsh SAB at its meeting on 6th September. At that point the House of Commons was taking evidence on the Bill and the SAB provided a response, along with the E&W SAB setting out reasons for not supporting the Bill.

Update

The Bill has now passed the House of Commons without amendment and is due to be considered by the House of Lords. It is disappointing but not surprising that the SAB representations were ignored, however there is opportunity to seek to influence the Lords' consideration of the Bill.

In discussion with the E&W SAB Secretariat and SPPA officers, the joint secretaries now propose to facilitate representation through Scottish Ministers, setting out the concerns shared with the E&W SAB.

Recommendation

The SAB is therefore asked to agree that the SAB Chair writes to the Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance, Tom Arthur, on this matter.

The SAB's representation lines are available [here](#)