

DEFAMATION AND MALICIOUS PUBLICATION (SCOTLAND) BILL

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED AT STAGE 2

-In section 1, page 4, line 23, leave out <and (c) a statement is published when the recipient has seen or heard it>

-In section 1, page 1, line 11, leave out section 2(b) and insert

<(b)(i) Where B is a natural person, the publication of the statement has caused (or is likely to cause) harm to the reputation of B; or

(ii) where B is a non-natural person, the publication of the statement has caused (or is likely to cause) B serious financial loss>

-In section 1, page 1, line 13, delete subsection (3)

-In section 2, page 2, line 19, insert at end <(5) Where a non-natural person exercises functions of a public nature but would not otherwise be regarded as a public authority, the person may not bring defamation proceedings in respect of a defamatory statement, which relates to the exercise of those public functions or tasks.>

-In section 3, page 4, line 7, insert at end <in order to reflect technological developments and changes in use of technology for dissemination of materials and information>

- In section 32, page 15, line 31, leave out subsection (2)(b)