

The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018



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The Islands Team

Leading on Implementation of the Act:

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Background

- The Act was granted Royal Assent on 6 July 2018. The first Commencement Regulations for the Island Act were laid on 20 September 2018 and came into force on 4 October 2018.
- The Islands Act introduces a number of measures to underpin the Scottish Government's key objective of ensuring that there is a sustained focus across Government and public sector to meet the needs of island communities now and in the future.



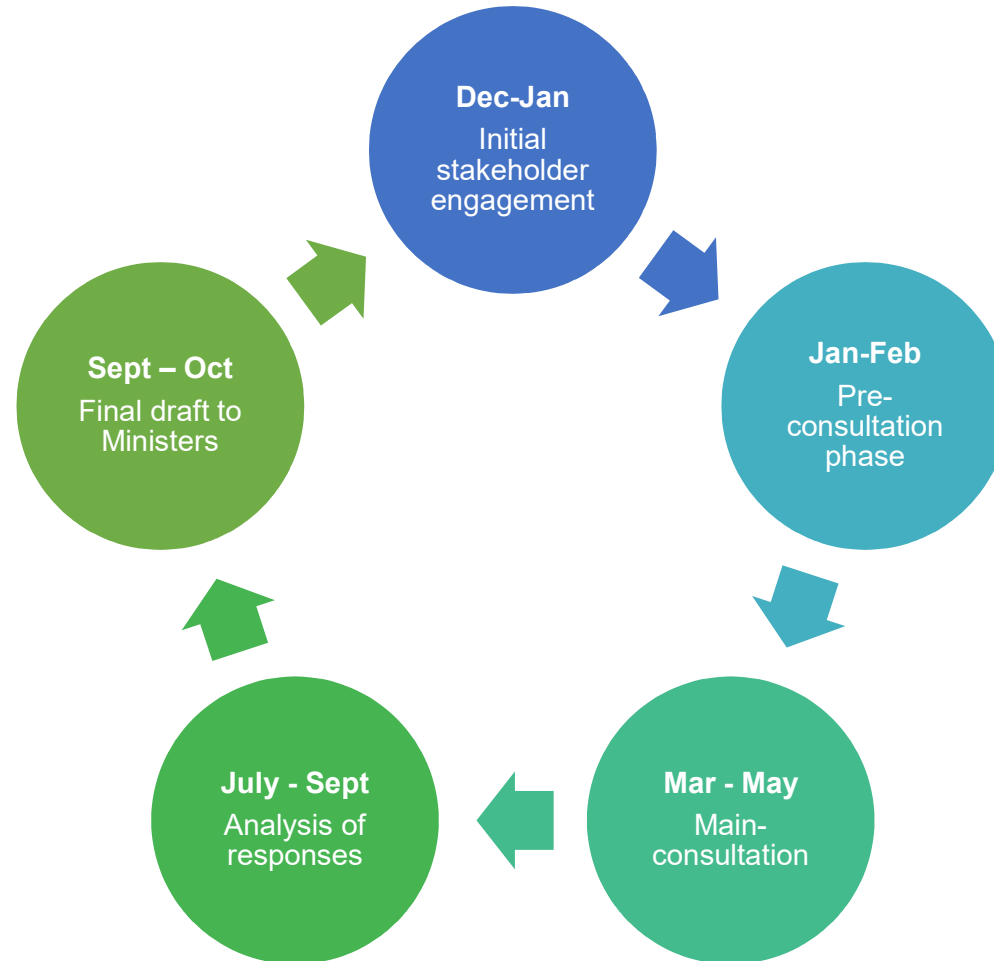
Work currently underway National Islands Plan (NIP)

- The first National Islands Plan must be laid before the Scottish Parliament before the end of the period of one year beginning on the day it comes into force – that is by 4 October 2019.
- The Plan will require significant consultation with a range of key stakeholders and plans for engagement are currently being finalised.

Island Communities Impact Assessments (ICIAs)

- This provision has not yet been formally commenced but work on the guidance and templates are being progressed in tandem with work on the National Islands Plan - with a view to ensuring that this is in place as soon as possible.

Our Work Programme



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