Monday 12 August 2024

Business Bulletin

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Royal Assent

The Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024 received Royal Assent on 8 August 2024.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 26 June 2024

Tuesday 3 September 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 September 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 September 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 September 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 September 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

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Future Committee Meetings

The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

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Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

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- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
- *...* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

*S6M-14053 Sharon Dowey: Addressing Retail Crime and Antisocial Behaviour—That the Parliament notes the view that addressing retail crime and antisocial behaviour should be a priority for both the Scottish and UK governments; acknowledges and deplores the reported significant increase in abuse and violence towards shop workers and rise in shoplifting, which it understands is often the main factor behind abuse and threats, with official data reportedly showing a 21% annual increase in shoplifting incidents; understands that the British Retail Consortium's latest crime survey reveals that there are 1,300 incidents of violence or abuse against retail workers daily, double the number prior to the COVID-19 pandemic; expresses concern over the reported £1.8 billion cost of retail theft in the last reporting year and the £1.2 billion spent by shops on crime prevention measures such as CCTV and body-worn cameras; highlights what it sees as the importance of the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Act 2021 in improving visibility and legal protection for retail workers in Scotland, including in the South Scotland region; notes the Scottish Retail Consortium's call for a greater prioritisation of retail crime by government and law enforcement; further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to provide the police and courts the necessary direction and resources to prosecute offenders; notes the calls for better reporting of incidents by retailers to ensure a fuller picture of the problem, and further notes what it sees as the need for public communication campaigns to explain any new mandated rules on the selling of regulated products in store, which can often be a common trigger for flashpoints, and to make clear that poor customer behaviour will not be tolerated.

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Murdo Fraser*, Pam Gosal*, Tim Eagle*, Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Russell Findlay*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Ben Macpherson*

*S6M-14024 Graham Simpson: Retrofitting and Tenement Maintenance—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, *Meeting Scotland's Retrofit Challenge: solutions from the industry*, jointly published by 14 leading built environment sector organisations; recognises that this paper follows a "Retrofit Roundtable" meeting convened at the Scottish Parliament in May 2023; notes the support for the report's key policy recommendations to establish a Ministerial Oversight Group on Retrofit and to develop a long-term Retrofit Delivery Plan with a joined-up approach to funding, regulating and incentivising retrofit work across Scotland, including in the

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Central Scotland region; further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to significantly increase the pace and scale of retrofit projects being undertaken across the country; welcomes the publication of the Scottish Law Commission's discussion paper on the proposed scheme for owners' associations; recognises that this discussion paper follows the work of the Tenement Maintenance Working Group, convened at the Scottish Parliament in March 2018, which was established to explore actions that could be taken to improve the condition of Scotland's tenements; acknowledges that the Scottish Law Commission's discussion project responds to the Tenement Maintenance Working Group's recommendation that every tenement building in Scotland should have an owners' association to coordinate work to the building and a corresponding reference received from the Scottish Government to that effect in January 2022, and notes the discussion paper's proposals concerning the functions, powers and duties of a tenement owners' association, including the role of an association manager, decision-making procedures, liability of owners for costs and the implementation of an annual budgeting system. Supported by: Brian Whittle*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Annie Wells*, Mark Griffin*, Michael Marra*, Jeremy Balfour*, Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Ben Macpherson*, Sharon Dowey*, John Mason*

*S6M-14008 David Torrance: Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club Awarded £90,000 of Funding—That the Parliament congratulates Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club on securing £90,000 of funding from Foundation Scotland's Tackling Inequalities Fund; understands that the Fife-based motorbike charity will use the money over a three-year period to go towards supporting local young people and harnessing their energy through the adrenaline-inducing sport; acknowledges the club's aim to make safe, off-road motorcycling more accessible for people of all ages in a bid to reduce the antisocial and illegal use of off-road motorcycles; understands that the club works in partnership with Police Scotland and other organisations and has sustained an 80% reduction in antisocial behaviour over the last couple of years; commends the club on the opportunities that it provides for people, as well as the reported social impact that it has had in the Fife area, and wishes the club the very best for the future.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*S6M-13967 Gordon MacDonald: Celebrating the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership—That the Parliament celebrates the work of the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership (SEHP) and its reported success in bringing almost 11,000 long-term empty properties back into use since its establishment in 2010; understands that 1,875 long-term empty homes were brought back into use in 2023-24 alone, a record annual figure for the partnership; recognises the role of the SEHP in facilitating collaborative work between Shelter Scotland, local authorities and the Scottish Government, which it understands has invested over £3.7 million in the partnership to date; considers that joint efforts to bring long-term empty properties back into use must continue, with over 46,000 properties reportedly still identified as empty or void across Scotland, including 7,200 in the City of Edinburgh Council area; believes that SEHP's recent milestone is a vital step towards achieving the Scottish Government's ambition to tackle the housing emergency and provide a further 110,000 affordable homes by 2032; understands that over 131,000 social and affordable homes have been provided by Scottish National Party administrations since 2007 and that this is the highest figure per head of population in the UK; further understands that more than 21,000 homes have already been delivered against the 2032 target; highlights that over £600 million is reportedly being committed to the Affordable Housing Supply Programme in 2024-25, despite what it sees as unprecedented pressure on Scotland's public finances as a result of rising costs and the budgetary decisions of the UK Government, and notes the calls on the UK Government to use its upcoming Budget to reverse what it sees as harmful cuts to Scotland's

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capital funding allocation, to enable the Scottish Government to invest further in the provision of warm, affordable housing for all.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

- *S6M-14071 Clare Adamson: Robin McArdle—That the Parliament recognises the passing of Robin McArdle from Newmains; understands that Robin was a popular publican of the local pub, Robin's Bar; further understands that Robin was always a figure in the community, from local shopkeeper and mobile grocer to his final role as a publican; acknowledges his commitment to the community of Newmains and his support for Newmains Gala Day, and expresses its condolences to his family and friends at this sad time.
- *S6M-14070 Clare Adamson: Precision Windows and Doors Ltd 20th Anniversary—That the Parliament congratulates Precision Windows and Doors Ltd in Newmains on its 20th anniversary; understands that Precision Windows and Doors Ltd was launched in 2004 by husband and wife team, John and Katherine Cassidy, and employs over 100 staff; further understands that Precision Windows and Doors Ltd marked the company's magical milestone with T in the (car) Park, a free day for staff and their families, as well as customers and members of the public, and wishes John, Katherine and all the staff at Precision Windows and Doors Ltd all the best for the future.
- *S6M-14069 Clare Adamson: Social Enterprise Academy 2024—That the Parliament congratulates all of the young people who participated in the Social Enterprise Academy; understands that the theme for the 2024 campaign focused on "impact and legacy", and that schools were awarded for demonstrating outstanding creativity and commitment to social good, significantly impacting their communities; further understands that over 200 schools across Scotland participated, including pupils from Bothwell Park High in Motherwell, who launched a successful school café, and St Aidan's Primary School pupils, who sold seasonal goods to fund parcels for babies and their families at the nearby Wishaw Maternity Neonatal Unit; notes that the annual awards event provides an exciting opportunity for young people to share their learning, network with other Social Enterprise Schools and swap ideas for future ventures; acknowledges the importance of celebrating and recognising all young people, and thanks them for all their hard work, as well as the teachers and schools that support them.
- *S6M-14068 Clare Adamson: 104 Years of Cathy Hillock—That the Parliament congratulates Cathy Hillock, of Wishaw, who celebrated her 104th birthday; understands that Cathy has been a pillar of the community over the last century, including as justice of the peace for four decades, and vice-president and commissioner for Motherwell and Wishaw Trefoil Guild; further understands that the staff of Beechwood Care Home celebrated the special day dressed as guides; notes that Cathy was awarded a British Empire Medal in The Queen's birthday honours list in 2014 for services to the community in Lanarkshire; thanks all the staff and residents of Beechwood for making Cathy's day special, and wishes Cathy a happy birthday.
- *S6M-14067 Clare Adamson: Martin Corcoran, 20 years at Reeltime Music—That the Parliament commends Martin Corcoran for his dedication to the Reeltime Music organisation; understands that Martin has been a cornerstone at Reeltime, empowering disadvantaged young people through music, for over 20 years; further understands that, since joining Reeltime Music in 2004, Martin has provided informal music-making opportunities for thousands of young people, many of whom face significant barriers or disadvantage, helping to develop their personal and creative skills; notes that Reeltime Music delivers a range of activities across North Lanarkshire,

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all of which are designed in collaboration with partners and participants; welcomes what it sees as the removal of barriers to allow for accessibility and inclusiveness across the cultural sector, and wishes Reeltime and Martin all the best for the future.

*S6M-14066 Clare Adamson: TRACS, UNESCO Advisor on Intangible Cultural Heritage—
That the Parliament acknowledges that TRACS has been officially appointed as a UNESCO
advisor on Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH); understands that Steven Byrne of TRACS and David
Francis, Director of the Traditional Music Forum, witnessed the designation of TRACS as an NGO
advisor to UNESCO in Paris; acknowledges that the appointment means that TRACS is now
officially recognised internationally for the work on ICH; notes that it is only one of two
organisations in Scotland that are experts and advisors on ICH, alongside Museums and Galleries
Scotland; further notes that Historic Environment Scotland and Creative Scotland are part of the
ICH Scotland Partnership Group, which was set up to safeguard ICH in Scotland to drive forward
UK ratification of the 2003 UNESCO Convention for Safeguarding of ICH; welcomes that
ratification finally took place in April 2024, with the convention coming into force in the UK on 7
June 2024; understands that TRACS was founded in 2012 and has been key to developing and
showcasing Scotland's rich cultural heritage, advocating for traditional arts and making music,
storytelling and dance inclusive and accessible to everyone across Scotland, and wishes everyone
involved all the best for the future. R

*S6M-14065 Clare Adamson: North Lanarkshire Country Sports Championship—That the Parliament congratulates all the pupils from across Lanarkshire who recently participated in the North Lanarkshire Country Sports Championship, held in Grangemouth; understands that over 1,000 students from 26 schools participated in a range of track and field events; notes that pupils from St Aidan's High School in Wishaw won a staggering 13 medals, including six gold, three silver and four bronze; believes that the championship promotes teamwork and healthy lifestyles, supporting the emerging talent and bringing young people together, and wishes all the pupils and staff all the best for the future.

*S6M-14064 Alexander Stewart: Conservation Work at Dumyat—That the Parliament welcomes the news that a group of community volunteers, made up of members of the Ochils Mountain Rescue Team and Forth Valley Orienteers, along with staff from the University of Edinburgh, carried out repair works to the well-trodden path to Dumyat; understands that the hill, overlooking Stirling, is one of the most popular walking routes in Stirling and Clackmannanshire, enjoyed by more than 50,000 people each year; believes that, over the course of four days in July 2024, the team cleared ditches and repaired drainage features in an effort to prevent further erosion caused by rain and the wear and tear of footfall; notes that, in addition to the path maintenance, the team rebuilt a collapsed section of dry stone wall at the start of the trail; understands that the work took place on land that the University of Edinburgh acquired in 2022 as part of a large-scale project to tackle climate change through woodland creation and peatland restoration across Scotland, and that the university is planning further community-focused conservation days over the following 12 months, and commends everyone involved in this excellent conservation work.

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*S6M-14063 Elena Whitham: Charity of the Year Award—That the Parliament congratulates the Honeypot Childrens Charity on being selected as a finalist in the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2024; understands that it is a national young carers charity based in Dalleagles,

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New Cumnock, and that its countryside respite breaks and wraparound service give young carers the opportunity to make happy memories and build brighter futures, and wishes it all the very best for the awards ceremony on 4 October 2024.

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*S6M-14062 Elena Whitham: Ayrshire's Growth Business of the Year Award—That the Parliament congratulates Foundation Solutions HV Limited (FSHV) on being selected as finalist in the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2024; understands that FSHV was founded in 2015 and has vast experience of installation of all types of OHL foundations and has a combined total of over 20 years' experience in the energy sector; notes its achievement in being selected as a finalist, and wishes it well for the awards ceremony on 4 October 2024.

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*S6M-14061 Elena Whitham: Apprentice of the Year Award—That the Parliament congratulates Mason Kidd on being selected as a finalist in the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2024; understands that Mason has carried out his apprenticeship with TheWayForward 2045 in Cumnock and has been an asset to the team; acknowledges that this is a fantastic achievement, and wishes Mason all the very best for the awards ceremony on 4 October 2024.

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*S6M-14060 Annabelle Ewing: Inverkeithing Highland Games 2024—That the Parliament notes the success of the Inverkeithing Highland Games, which were held on 3 August 2024 at Ballast Park; understands that there was lots to see and do, with various stalls and performances; further understands that there were events held in advance of the games on 2 August, including the Hat and Ribbon Race; understands that the event was well attended both by people from the community and further afield; recognises that the Chieftain of the Games was David Barratt, who is a councillor for the area; believes that David did an excellent job; thanks all of the volunteers for their hard work and effort that has gone into organising the games over the last year; believes that events like this would not be possible without volunteers, who are a credit to their community, and thanks them for this.

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*S6M-14057 Clare Adamson: Gas Safety Week 2024—That the Parliament marks Gas Safety Week 2024, which runs from 9 to 15 September and is coordinated by Gas Safe Register; notes that this year's Gas Safety Week theme, "Checking—Every Check Counts", emphasises the importance of regular safety checks, including annual checks, checking that your engineer is Gas Safe registered, and that your carbon monoxide alarm is functioning; understands that Gas Safety Week is an annual, pan-industry event, which brings everyone together for the common goal of keeping the nation gas safe while raising awareness of the dangers of poorly maintained appliances, which can cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide poisoning; acknowledges that Gas Safe Register provides a host of support and resources, including an interactive tool, GasMap, which allows consumers to find out how many unsafe gas job have been

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carried out in their area, as well as providing helpful safety tips; notes efforts to raise gas safety awareness for people who live in rented accommodation, including holidaymakers, and to ensure that the law and regulations are fully understood; commends the efforts of all of the organisations and volunteers involved in Gas Safety Week 2024, and wishes everyone success in raising awareness of an issue that could save lives.

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*S6M-14056 Kevin Stewart: Calls on the UK Government to Listen to Industry—That the Parliament notes with concern the reported comments from Serica Energy's chairman that companies like Serica will have to cease investment in the North Sea if the UK Government follows through with plans to reduce capital allowances, which it understands will lead to reduced tax revenues overall, significant job losses and less energy security; believes that the UK Government must listen to voices from the industry to ensure that government and industry are working together to safeguard the journey to a net zero economy; urges the Chancellor to meet with representatives from the industry ahead of her scheduled Budget on 30 October 2024 to hear their concerns, and calls on the UK Government to adhere to its reported pre-election pledge that there would be "no cliff-edge" for oil and gas workers under a Labour administration.

Supported by: Michelle Thomson*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*, Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Fulton MacGregor*

*S6M-14055 Willie Rennie: Great Taste Awards for East Neuk Kilnhouse—That the Parliament recognises the achievement of East Neuk Kilnhouse in winning three awards for its products in the Great Taste Awards; understands that the awards are the world's largest food and drink accreditation scheme, based entirely on taste; notes that, among more than 14,000 entries, the company's hot smoked trout was one of only 1.8% of products to be awarded a three-star award for extraordinarily tasty food and drink; further notes that East Neuk Kilnhouse also won two-star awards for its hot smoked salmon and its traditional smoked salmon, for outstanding taste; commends the business for its hard work in achieving this recognition, and wishes it well in its continued endeavours.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, Liam McArthur*, Fulton MacGregor*, Miles Briggs*

*S6M-14054 Foysol Choudhury: Congratulating Edinburgh's Josh Kerr on Winning Silver in the 1500 Metres at the 2024 Paris Olympics—That the Parliament congratulates Edinburgh's Josh Kerr on winning a Silver medal in the 1500 metres at the 2024 Paris Olympics, setting a new British record in the process; recognises what it sees as Kerr's incredible achievements in middle distance running, with his latest medal in the 1500 metres adding to Bronze at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, a World Indoor Championship victory in Glasgow in 2024, and a World Championship victory in 2023; understands that Kerr is the first Scot to claim track medals at more than one Olympic Games; notes the success of Team GB at the Paris Olympics, and wishes all Team GB athletes yet to compete the best of luck.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackie Dunbar*, Tim Eagle*, Brian Whittle*, Kenneth Gibson*, Kevin Stewart*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*

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*S6M-14052 Pam Gosal: Pakistan Marks its 78th Independence Day—That the Parliament recognises the 78th Independence Day of the Republic of Pakistan on 14 August 2024; congratulates people from Pakistan in Scotland, the rest of the UK and across the world on celebrating their independence day; recognises what it sees as the considerable achievements of the republic since its independence; notes the well-established relationship between Scotland and Pakistan; commends the ongoing work to maintain meaningful links between the two nations; understands that Pakistani diaspora in Scotland number over 80,000, and appreciates them for their contributions in making Scotland a more vibrant and culturally diverse place to live.

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*S6M-14051 Pam Gosal: India Marks its 78th Independence Day—That the Parliament recognises the 78th Independence Day of the Republic of India on 15 August 2024; congratulates people from India in Scotland, the rest of the UK and across the world on celebrating their independence day; understands that this year's theme is "Viksit Bharat," which emphasises India's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047; commends the long-established relationship between Scotland and India; notes what it sees as the success of India in trade, infrastructure, poverty alleviation, education, healthcare and, most recently, space exploration, and recognises the positive contribution that the Indian diaspora has made to Scotland.

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*S6M-14050 Karen Adam: The Welcome Launch of Farm Talk—That the Parliament applauds the launch of Farm Talk, which is a service that has been set up to provide peer-to-peer mental health support in the farming sector; notes that it is a collaboration between the National Farmers Union Scotland, NFU Mutual and the Peterhead-based mental health charity, Men United, and provides an innovative and lifesaving service to anyone who needs it: acknowledges what it sees as what can be the impact of loneliness and isolation among people in farming and the challenges of rurality in accessing mental health support services, and thanks NFU Scotland and Men United in playing a leading role in providing support and breaking down long-held stigma regarding the subject of mental health.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*S6M-14049 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Foodie Fortnight—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that Aberdeen Restaurant Weeks will return to the city in September 2024; notes that the "Foodie Fortnight" event, which is run by Aberdeen Inspired, will run from 2 September to 15 September, with 65 restaurants already signed up to take part, offering special lunch and dinner menus priced at £10, £15, £20 or £25, as well as special dishes; understands that the previous event, in January 2024, saw a boost of £455,000 to the Aberdeen economy and an increase in footfall of 20%; notes that this event will see the introduction of a "Foodie Passport", which aims to encouraging diners to take advantage of as many deals as possible for the chance to win a free meal for two every month for a year; believes that, since their inception in 2018, Aberdeen Restaurant Weeks have been important events for encouraging people into the city centre, and hopes that this September's event will be every bit as successful as the previous ones.

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*S6M-14048 Willie Rennie: A Fruit Tree for Every Garden in Fife—That the Parliament recognises the role that fruit trees have in supporting biodiversity and tackling the climate emergency; understands that Climate Action Fife's A Fruit Tree for Every Garden in Fife campaign distributed more than 380 pear, plum and apple trees to local gardeners in spring 2024; further understands that more than 1,000 individual trees have been added to an online map; welcomes the initiative as a practical contribution that citizens can make to solving the climate crisis through individual action, and believes that this project could bear fruit in other parts of Scotland.

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*S6M-14047 Tim Eagle: Cowal Gathering Celebrates its 130th Anniversary—That the Parliament marks the 130th year of the Cowal Highland Gathering; acknowledges that the event is one of Scotland's most renowned Highland Games and that it boasts a rich history; understands that the first Cowal Gathering was held in 1894 and was attended by around 2,000 people, and that it now attracts around 23,000 spectators and includes competitions in piping, highland dancing and heavy athletics, along with musical entertainment; recognises the hard work that goes into making the event a success each year, and the number of dedicated people involved who ensure that the event runs smoothly, and wishes all those involved with the gathering the best in putting on another fantastic event this year, and in all future years.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Murdo Fraser*, Kenneth Gibson*, Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Russell Findlay*, Pam Gosal*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jackie Dunbar*, Brian Whittle*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

*S6M-14046 Liam Kerr: Mackintosh of Glendaveny Wins Three Great Taste Awards—That the Parliament congratulates the Peterhead-based company, Mackintosh of Glendaveny, on securing three coveted Great Taste Awards; understands that the company won awards for its extra virgin cold pressed rapeseed oil infused with basil, its extra virgin cold pressed rapeseed oil, and its extra virgin cold pressed rapeseed oil infused with garlic; further understands that the Great Taste Awards are recognised as a stamp of excellence in the food and drink industry, which it considers confirms that the rapeseed oil produced by Mackintosh of Glendaveny is among the best tasting products available; recognises the company's commitment to sustainability through local sourcing, renewable energy use and zero-waste policies, which it understands significantly contribute to its product quality and business growth, and wishes the company every future success with its products.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*S6M-14045 Karen Adam: Retirement of Banffshire Community Champion—That the Parliament applauds the community work of Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire, Vinay Ruparelia, on his retirement from the role; recognises Vinay's dedication and passion for the community of Banffshire and its people over the years, offering wise words, encouragement and kindness; considers that Vinay has been an inspiration to so many, and wishes Vinay a long and happy retirement.

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*S6M-14044 Karen Adam: Lonely Thoughts —That the Parliament applauds Banffshire and Buchan Coast ethical clothing brand, Lonely Thoughts, and its hat campaign; understands that for each hat that is sold, Lonely Thoughts donates another to charities who help those affected by the cost of living crisis; notes that Aberdeen Cyrenians, Shelter Scotland, The Peoples Kitchen and Life Share are 2024's partners in the campaign, and recognises the work of Lonely Thoughts in breaking down social stigmas surrounding mental health challenges in an innovative manner.

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*S6M-14043 Douglas Ross: The 150th Anniversary Keith Show—That the Parliament notes that the 150th Anniversary Keith Show will take place on 10 and 11 August 2024; celebrates what it sees as the outstanding success and longevity of the show, noting that it continues to hold true to its agricultural roots, as well as providing outstanding entertainment throughout the two-day event; congratulates the show president, chairman, secretary, and all members of the committee and volunteers on their preparations for this year's show; acknowledges the efforts and commitment of their predecessors, who helped the show reach this impressive milestone and made Keith Show one of the top events in the north east, attracting exhibitors and visitors from across the country, and wishes everyone a successful Keith Show in this significant anniversary year.

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*S6M-14042 Alexander Burnett: Susi McLarty, from Huntly, Awarded a Clean Up Scotland Hero Award for Litter Picking—That the Parliament congratulates Susi McLarty, from Huntly, who was awarded a Clean Up Scotland Hero award for litter picking; understands that the award from the charity Keep Scotland Beautiful was in recognition of Susi's efforts to reverse what it considers to be the country's litter emergency; notes that Susi has actively been encouraging people through social media to get involved in litter picks, and that she received a micro grant to purchase litter picking equipment, which she distributed throughout the community and which is being used throughout the summer holidays as part of litter picks for children, encouraging them to look after their environment; commends Susi for what it sees as her enduring determination and for being a great role model in her community, and wishes her all the best for the future in keeping her local environment litter-free.

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*S6M-14041 Joe FitzPatrick: HMS Unicorn Funding—That the Parliament congratulates the Unicorn Preservation Society in Dundee on securing £471,860 in funding, made up of a £250,000 award from the Northwood Charitable Trust and an award of £221,860 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund; understands that 2024 is HMS Unicorn's 200th anniversary year, and that the funding will be used to celebrate the anniversary, improve awareness of the ship and its significance, and to progress plans to move HMS Unicorn to East Graving Dock, and further

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understands that HMS Unicorn is one of the six oldest ships in the world and Scotland's only representative of the sailing navy.

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*S6M-14040 Christine Grahame: Gold Medal for Scott Brash, from Peebles, in Team Jumping at the Paris Olympics —That the Parliament congratulates Scott Brash, from Peebles, and his teammates Ben Maher and Harry Charles, on winning a Gold medal in team jumping at the Paris Olympics on his horse, Hello Jefferson; notes that this is his second Gold medal in the event, having previously won in the London 2012 Olympics; understands that Scott went last in the event, with his calm demeanour helping to build on his teammates' efforts and secure the gold; considers that this will serve as an inspiration for local aspiring athletes, and wishes him and all Team GB athletes the best of luck in their future events.

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*S6M-14039 Audrey Nicoll: Recognising the Generosity of the Portlethen Town Association and the Clochandighter Magazine—That the Parliament recognises and applauds the generosity of the Portlethen Town Association and the Clochandighter community magazine in donating £500 to Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA); considers that this donation will help to support the organisation to continue to carry out its crucial life-saving work, and wishes SCAA every success in its vital role in continuing to serve communities across Scotland.

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*S6M-14038 Audrey Nicoll: Congratulating Lochside Academy's Pupils and Staff on their Sponsored Walk Fundraising—That the Parliament recognises and applauds the efforts of Lochside Academy pupils and staff for completing a sponsored walk around Kincorth Hill, Aberdeen; commends their efforts in raising over £5,000 to be donated to local good causes and charities, including Cancer Research UK; acknowledges the ongoing commitment of the Lochside Academy pupil and staff body in a range of activities that benefit the wider community, and wishes the school every success in its future fundraising endeavours.

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*S6M-14037 John Mason: Single-person Households—That the Parliament recognises recent data showing that Scotland now has the highest percentage of single-person households in the UK, driven partly by an ageing population; acknowledges that, in 2023, 37% of Scottish households consisted of one person living alone, according to National Records of Scotland; considers that this marks a significant rise, contributing to the overall 14% increase in households over the past 20 years despite a relatively stable overall population; further considers that this trend intensifies the housing crisis as the demand for individual housing units rises; notes that the construction sector reportedly struggles to keep up and is unable to build homes at the pace required to meet the needs of a growing number of single-person households; recognises reports that the gap between housing supply and demand continues to widen, and believes that this underscores the need for a range of initiatives to address what it sees as this pressing issue.

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*S6M-14036 Ash Regan: Duncan Scott's Eighth Swimming Medal makes him Scotland's most Decorated Olympian—That the Parliament honours the outstanding achievements of Scotland's most decorated Olympian, Duncan Scott; congratulates the super swimmer from Alloa and his coach, Steven Tigg, from the National Swimming Academy at the University of Stirling, on the remarkable achievement of eight Olympic medals, making Duncan Scott Scotland's most decorated Olympian at the age of 27; considers that Duncan's unprecedented Olympic career record of individual and relay Team GB Olympic medals is matched only by his commitment to inspiring the next generation of swimmers in Scotland and advocating for the considerable health and wellbeing benefits of swimming for all, as one of Scottish Swimming's Learn to Swim Ambassadors, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that Duncan Scott's incredible achievements have an enduring legacy by engaging with Scottish Swimming and others on what Scotland needs to do to achieve ongoing competitive success into the future, and to ensure that the immediate benefits of swimming are accessible to everyone across Scotland.

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*S6M-14035 Craig Hoy: Congratulating Scott Brash MBE and the Olympic Show Jumping Team—That the Parliament congratulates Peebles-born Scott Brash MBE and horse, Jefferson, for their outstanding performance in the Olympic show jumping arena, helping secure a gold medal for Great Britain in the team show jumping event; acknowledges what it considers to be the immense pressure and the remarkable achievement of delivering a clear round; commends the entire British team, including Ben Maher with Dallas Vegas Batilly, and Harry Charles with Romeo 88, for their exceptional performances and teamwork, which helped to secure the first gold medal in the event since the London 2012 games; recognises the invaluable support of background staff, and commits to supporting equestrian sports and the continued development of athletes and horses in pursuit of excellence on the global stage.

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*S6M-14034 Tim Eagle: Taynuilt's Euan Sim Secures First Major Win at the TrialGP World Championships—That the Parliament congratulates Euan Sim on his first major win in the Trial3 class of the TrialGP World Championships; understands that Euan's win came during the fourth round of the championship in Belgium; further understands that Euan had already secured two podium spots in the second and third rounds of the World Championships in Italy and Germany respectively; acknowledges the support that Euan has received from his team at Sherco UK, as well as a host of local businesses from Oban and surrounding areas that support him; understands that Euan is currently second in the World Championship standings going into round five, which takes place in France later in August 2024, and wishes Euan the best of luck for the rest of this tournament and in future competitions.

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*S6M-14033 Michelle Thomson: Grangemouth Hairdresser's Decade of Generosity Recognised —That the Parliament congratulates Jill Lauder of Lady J Hair in Grangemouth, on being awarded the British Empire Medal in recognition of her initiative, the Feel Good Project; understands that the Project got up and running in 2014 with the support of her friend and Macmillan Cancer Support nurse, Sandra Campbell, to offer free pamper services to women who have been diagnosed with cancer; understands that the award of the British Empire Medal follows

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Jill being named Macmillan's Volunteer of the Year in 2012, as well as winning the Scotswoman of the Year award in 2019; welcomes the generosity of spirit shown by Jill in demonstrating kindness and compassion for individuals going through an extremely difficult period, and wishes Jill and everyone involved in the Feel Good Project all the best in the future.

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*S6M-14032 Tim Eagle: Kintyre Schools Pipe Band Secures Podium Finish—That the Parliament congratulates Kintyre Schools Pipe Band on finishing third in its grade at the Scottish Pipe Band Championships in Dumbarton; understands that the group competed against 16 other pipe bands, including a band visiting from Australia, in the Novice Juvenile Grade of the competition; recognises the work and dedication required to be able to put on such an impressive performance, and wishes the group good luck at the upcoming European and World Pipe Band Championships, and in all other future performances.

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*S6M-14031 Jackson Carlaw: East Renfrewshire Golf Club Fundraising Efforts for Health Charity—That the Parliament congratulates the members of the ladies team at East Renfrewshire Golf Club in Newton Mearns for their fantastic fundraising efforts to support a health charity in Scotland; understands that the ladies team raised a total amount of £1,720 for Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland; acknowledges that £600 was raised at a Christmas event and the further £1,120 was generated at on open day in June 2024; recognises that Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland supports people who have experienced a stroke or been diagnosed with a chest or heart condition, and commends the ladies team at East Renfrewshire Golf Club for organising the festive and summer fundraising events to support the charity.

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*S6M-14030 Jackson Carlaw: Newton Mearns Charity Sets up New Dementia-friendly Support Group—That the Parliament congratulates Mearns Kirk Helping Hands for its work to establish another dementia-friendly support group; understands that the Newton Mearns-based charity has established the weekly event of "Wonderful Wednesday"; recognises that the core aim of the weekly Wednesday event is to provide a space for people who are living with dementia to participate in quieter activities such as crafts; acknowledges that Mearns Kirk Helping Hands already provides extensive support to people living in Eastwood who have received a diagnosis of dementia, and commends the charity for its latest initiative.

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*S6M-14029 Jackson Carlaw: Rouken Glen Park and Whitelee Windfarm Maintain Green Flag Status—That the Parliament welcomes continued recognition for two greenfield sites in Eastwood for the provision of safe, clean and well-maintained areas; understands that both Rouken Glen Park in Giffnock and Whitelee Windfarm in Eaglesham have received the Green

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Flag Award by Keep Scotland Beautiful for 2024; acknowledges that the core purpose of the Green Flag Award is to offer formal recognition to the best parks and greenspaces, which are found across Scotland and with first-rate management and environmental standards; recognises that Rouken Glen Park has received the award for 14 consecutive years and Whitlee Windfarm for the previous four years, and considers that this demonstrates the consistent standards of excellence at both sites; notes that a total of 80 greenspaces have been awarded the Green Flag status for 2024, and commends the continued recognition of Rouken Glen Park and Whitelee Windfarm as two of the best greenspaces in Scotland.

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*S6M-14028 Collette Stevenson: Kyle McGrath's Fundraising Efforts for New Defibrillators in East Kilbride—That the Parliament congratulates Kyle McGrath, son of retired Station Commander, Stephen McGrath, for his fundraising efforts which went towards the purchase of two life-saving defibrillators, one of which was donated to the East Kilbride Community Fire Station, and believes that this generous donation honours his father's legacy and that this act of community spirit and dedication to helping others will ensure members of the local community have access to emergency medical support.

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*S6M-14027 Paul Sweeney: Scottish Young Carers Festival 2024—That the Parliament acknowledges the 17th Scottish Young Carers Festival from 7 to 9 August 2024; welcomes the three-day residential event, funded by the Scottish Government and hosted by Carers Trust Scotland, which will bring together over 500 young carers from all across Scotland; recognises that the Scottish Young Carers Festival offers a fun short break experience for young carers so that they can try out exciting activities that are different from those normally available in their dayto-day lives, and that, importantly, it allows them time away from their caring responsibilities to have fun and be children and young people first and foremost; appreciates that the Scottish Young Carers Festival provides a place for young people to meet others with a shared experience, allowing them to make friends in the knowledge that all participants have an understanding of how an unpaid caring role can impact the life of a young person; understands that the Scottish Young Carers Festival also offers designated spaces for consultation with young carers, giving them an opportunity to share their lived experiences in a way that is comfortable and appropriate for them, which contributes to an understanding of the young carer landscape at a national level; further understands that the Scottish Young Carers Festival also offers valuable networking opportunities for youth professionals working directly with young carers, as well as organisations working with young people at a national level to gain insight and connections that are useful in delivering comprehensive services to young carers; values what it sees as the immense contribution that young carers make to society; appreciates the vital support that local carer organisations provide for young carers and unpaid carers across Scotland; recognises what it sees as the importance of the Scottish Young Carers Festival; believes that appropriate services and support should be available to all young carers across Scotland to ensure that their rights are upheld, and that they have a fair chance to follow their aspirations, achieve their full potential and live fulfilled lives, and wishes all young carers taking part a very enjoyable Scottish Young Carers Festival.

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*S6M-14023 Neil Bibby: Commending Sir Andy Murray on an Exceptional Tennis Career-That the Parliament commends Sir Andy Murray on his outstanding tennis career, following his retirement from professional tennis; acknowledges his remarkable achievements in an era widely considered to be the most competitive in men's tennis, including winning three Grand Slam singles titles, two Olympic Gold medals, leading Great Britain to Davis Cup success, and reaching the world number one ranking as the first Briton ever to do so, where he stayed for 41 consecutive weeks; notes his final match in the Olympic guarter-finals doubles with Dan Evans against American opponents, where he displayed characteristic determination and sportsmanship: recognises what it sees as the significant impact of his accomplishments on tennis participation in Britain, with over 5.6 million adults and 3.6 million children playing tennis last year, and particularly in Scotland, where adult annual participation reportedly increased by 19% to 374,000 and the number of children playing annually rose by 23% to 275,000 since 2020; welcomes the Lawn Tennis Association's (LTA) commitment to investing £5 million towards a new community tennis and sports centre at Park of Keir, near Dunblane, led by Judy Murray; celebrates the continued investment in Scottish tennis infrastructure and programs, including the LTA Youth programme, which has trained 22,000 teachers, including 1,800 in Scotland, and aims to ensure that Andy Murray's legacy endures through future generations, and notes the LTA's announcement that the centre court seating arena at The Queen's Club Championships will be named the Andy Murray Arena from 2025, as a fitting tribute to one of Britain's greatest athletes.

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*S6M-14021 David Torrance: Dunnikier Country Park Development Group Achieves
Funding Target—That the Parliament congratulates Dunnikier Country Park Development Group
on achieving its funding goal thanks to a donation from a local gym; commends Templehall Gym's
committee and members who, it understands, became aware of the shortfall and offered a
donation of £2,500 towards the community project; understands that the group has been edging
closer to its goal since it reached £200,000 in September 2023, but after funding from a contributor
fell through earlier in 2024, there were fears that the project could grind to a halt; applauds
Templehall Gym for its donation as this final piece of funding will now release the full funding
package, allowing the park to go ahead as planned this year, and wishes both Templehall Gym
and Dunnikier Country Park Development Group the very best for the future.

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*S6M-14020 Keith Brown: Celebrating the Career of Sir Andy Murray—That the Parliament congratulates Dunblane's Sir Andy Murray on what it sees as his outstanding tennis career; celebrates the many records that he set during his 19-year career, including winning three Grand Slams, 14 Masters 1000 titles, two Olympic Gold medals, leading his country to Davis Cup success and achieving the world number one ranking; acknowledges his status as Scotland's most successful tennis player; believes that his achievements have inspired many more people to take up tennis; wishes him an enjoyable and fulfilling retirement, and all the best for his future endeavours.

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*S6M-14019 Alexander Stewart: Duncan Scott Becomes Most Decorated Scottish Olympian with Eight Olympic Medals, Including Seven Golds—That the Parliament congratulates Olympic Team GB swimmer, Duncan Scott, on making history as he secured a seventh Olympic Gold medal to his name on 30 July 2024, and his eighth Olympic medal by winning Silver in the men's 200 metres individual medley final on 2 August 2024, putting him ahead of Sir Chris Hoy; understands that Duncan, who grew up in Alloa, earned the seventh gold with the 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay team in Paris; considers that this achievement puts Duncan ahead of Sir Chris Hoy, as Scotland's most decorated Olympic athlete; acknowledges that the relay team, which also included James Guy, Tom Dean and Matt Richards, also made history by becoming the first four swimmers to successfully defend an Olympic 4 x 200 metres relay title, having won in Tokyo 2020, and commends Duncan, who trains at the University of Stirling, as well as Team GB for what it sees as their excellent endeavours in this regard.

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*S6M-14018 Alexander Stewart: Four-figure Sum Raised at Forth Valley Sensory Centre Garden Party—That the Parliament welcomes the news that over £1,000 has been raised toward what it considers to be vital services supporting people with sensory loss around the Forth Valley; understands that Forth Valley Sensory Centre recently hosted its Summer Garden Party in 2024 to celebrate its work within the community, whilst actively raising £1,351.51, which will go toward the running of events, activities and support services for people in Clackmannanshire, Stirling and Falkirk who are living with loss or partial loss of senses, such as sight and/or hearing; acknowledges that a range of information stalls from partner organisations were also in attendance; considers that the good cause has been supporting people with sensory loss and their families for more than 15 years, and that the initial aim was to raise £750 from this event, so more than double was realised by the end; wishes the centre all the very best with the preparations for its annual Winter Fayre, which is planned for 29 November 2024, and commends everyone involved for what it sees as their sterling endeavours in this regard.

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*S6M-14017 Ash Regan: Honouring the Achievements of Sir Andy Murray—That the Parliament offers its thanks to Sir Andy Murray on his retirement from tennis; congratulates what it sees as his unprecedented career record, which includes 1,001 singles matches, 739 victories, 105 top 10 wins, 46 ATP titles, 41 weeks as world number one, 29 wins over the "Big 3", 14 Masters 1000 titles, 11 Grand Slam finals, three Grand Slam titles and two Olympic gold medals; believes that, not only was Sir Andy Murray a champion on the court, he was also a supportive influence to young players off the court and one of the leading supporters of pay equality for women in tennis, and calls on the Scottish Government to mark the career of Sir Andy Murray and the positive impact that it believes he has had on Scottish society by bringing forward a suitable proposal to the Scottish Parliament to honour his achievements and legacy.

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*S6M-14015 Kenneth Gibson: Commemorating Warsaw Uprising Day and Honouring the Heroic Polish Resistance of 1944 80 Years On—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the significance of Warsaw Uprising Day, observed annually on 1 August, to commemorate the heroic efforts of the Polish resistance during the Warsaw Uprising of 1944; understands that the uprising, a valiant and decisive armed struggle by the Polish Home Army against the occupying Nazi German forces, occurred within the broader context of the Second World War after five years of occupation; further understands that the revolt was part of Operation Tempest, a broader initiative orchestrated by Tadeusz "Bór" Komorowski and the Polish Government-in-exile to liberate Polish territories from German occupation while the Germans were preparing their defences against the advancing Soviet Red Army; believes that the uprising was a response to the barbaric conditions under Nazi rule, which saw the Holocaust of European Jewry conducted primarily on Polish soil, as well as suppression of the Polish nation and culture, forced labour, and mass deportation, and the extermination of Polish nationals to create an ethnically German living space; understands that the uprising, which lasted 63 days, resulted in the tragic loss of approximately 200,000 Polish civilian lives and the near-total destruction of the city of Warsaw, with German forces carrying out mass executions and severe reprisals against the civilian population; notes that the bloodiest action took place between 5 and 7 August 1944, when approximately 40,000 men, women, and children were murdered during massacres in the district of Wola; is aware that the uprising was intended to last only a few days until Soviet forces arrived, however, Soviet assistance never materialised; considers that, despite their courageous resistance, the lightly armed Polish fighters faced overwhelming odds, and eventually the uprising was brutally suppressed; believes that the aftermath of the uprising led to significant changes in Poland, including post-war repression under the Soviet-backed communist regime, and that the uprising's leaders faced political persecution, and supports fostering international solidarity with Polish organisations and communities to ensure that the memory of those who sacrificed their lives for a free Poland is honoured and preserved, recognising that the uprising's legacy continues to inspire people worldwide in their pursuit of justice and liberty.

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*S6M-14014 Stephanie Callaghan: ACS Clothing Ltd Shortlisted for VIBES Scottish Environment Business Awards 2024—That the Parliament congratulates Lanarkshire-based ACS Clothing Ltd, Europe's largest circular fulfilment fashion hub, on being shortlisted as a finalist for the 25th SEPA-led VIBES Scottish Environment Business Awards in the Circular Scotland category; applauds the B-Corp accredited pioneer in re-use and resale for its environmental innovation; believes that this nomination reflects its commitment to circular economy principles, business sustainability, reducing resource use, and driving progress towards net zero by retaining high-quality clothing in use for as long as possible; considers that, in addition to revolutionising the global fashion industry, ACS Clothing has positively impacted lives by revamping its employability strategy so that 15% of its workforce now comprises of disabled people; believes that it is ambitiously advancing gender equality through the UN Global Compact Target Gender Equality Accelerator, showcasing its commitment to prioritising people and the planet across its business; eagerly anticipates the announcement of the VIBES winners at the awards ceremony on 12 November 2024 at the Radisson Blu in Glasgow, and extends its best wishes to ACS Clothing for continued success in all its future endeavours.

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*S6M-14013 Marie McNair: Cahonas Celebrates 15th Anniversary—That the Parliament congratulates Cahonas, based in Clydebank, on marking 15 years providing what it sees as lifesaving education and support for those living with testicular cancer; understands that it is Scotland's leading charity dedicated to testicular cancer education, awareness and support; notes that it is committed to ensuring early diagnosis and open discussions around testicular health; believes that its "You've Got This Box", chemo care pack and peer support groups are making a real difference; welcomes that it is celebrating its anniversary with a Charity Ball to celebrate and raise funds; sincerely thanks all of the Cahonas team for what it sees as their vital work helping those with testicular cancer, and wishes them every success for the future.

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*S6M-14012 David Torrance: Congratulating Drugs, Alcohol and Psychotherapies Limited (DAPL) on its 30th Anniversary—That the Parliament congratulates Drugs, Alcohol and Psychotherapies Limited (DAPL) on marking its 30th anniversary; understands that DAPL, based in Leven, is a longstanding commissioned provider, delivering a range of counselling and support services to both adults and young people affected by substance use throughout Fife; further understands that DAPL was established in 1994 from a small room in Buckhaven and has progressed to an almost 30-strong team of staff plus volunteers providing what it sees as vital counselling across the whole of Fife, whilst remaining deeply rooted in the community; pays credit to all the staff and volunteers at DAPL on their commitment, dedication and tireless efforts over the past 30 years, and wishes them an enjoyable event celebrating this milestone anniversary on 16 August 2024.

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*S6M-14011 David Torrance: Congratulating the Clued Up Project on its 30th Anniversary —That the Parliament congratulates the Clued Up Project, in Kirkcaldy, on marking its 30th anniversary; understands that Clued Up provides a comprehensive youth-friendly support service, including education, prevention, early intervention and diversion, for young people under 26 in the Fife area affected by their own or someone else's drug, alcohol, or substance use; recognises what it sees as the importance of this service, which, it understands, is delivered in a range of forms, including one-to-one, whole family support, groupwork, drop-ins, street work, specialist employability, volunteers and peer mentoring; pays credit to all the staff and volunteers at Clued Up who are marking 30 years of their commitment, dedication and tireless efforts to support the young people of Fife, and wishes them an enjoyable AGM celebrating this milestone anniversary at the Dean Park Hotel on 29 August 2024.

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*S6M-14010 Kenneth Gibson: 50th Anniversary of the Invasion of Cyprus by the Republic of **Turkey—**That the Parliament acknowledges that July 2024 marked the 50th anniversary of the invasion of Cyprus by the Republic of Turkey; understands that this violent conflict inflicted thousands of casualties, alleged atrocities and led to Turkey's occupation of 36.2% of the territory of Cyprus, the exiling of 180,000 Greek Cypriots, more than 99% of the local Greek population, from areas that had been Greek for millennia, with 60,000 Turkish Cypriots fleeing from other parts of the island; further understands that the invasion led to the establishment of a self-declared Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus under the auspices of the Turkish military, including part of the capital, Nicosia; is aware that Cyprus gained independence from the UK in 1960 under a constitution that established a power-sharing arrangement between the two communities, with the 1960 United Nations Treaty of Guarantee pledging the United Kingdom, Greece and Turkey to respect Cyprus' independence and territorial integrity; considers that while the reported justification given for the initial Turkish invasion was protecting Turkish Cypriots from intercommunal violence, this quickly expanded into a broader military occupation, which has divided the island until the present day; believes that, since 1974, Turkish authorities have encouraged settlers from the Turkish mainland to migrate to Turkish-controlled Cyprus to change the demographic character of the island, a course of action that it considers is contrary to Article 49 of the 4th Geneva Convention of 1949, which stipulates that occupying powers "shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies"; further believes that the conflict has left long-lasting damage, with once-thriving Greek settlements such as Varosha left as ghost towns, churches and monasteries being damaged, desecrated or converted, and significant damage to the cultural heritage of Greek Cyprus, and urges the United Nations and EU to press for a diplomatic solution that will end what it sees as the military occupation of northern Cyprus and the island's division, while recognising the rights of displaced Greek and Turkish Cypriots to return to their homes and properties.

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*S6M-14009 Keith Brown: Celebrating the University of Stirling's Swimming Success at the Paris Olympics —That the Parliament congratulates Alloa's Duncan Scott, former student of the University of Stirling, on securing gold in the men's 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay at the Olympics in Paris alongside team mates, James Guy, Matt Richards and Tom Dean; understands that they are the first four swimmers to ever successfully defend an Olympic 4 x 200 metres relay title, which has featured in the Olympics since the early 20th century; further congratulates the University of Stirling's Jack McMillan, who helped secure the Olympic 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay title through winning Gold in the morning 4 x 200 metres heats, and wishes Duncan and his team mates continued success for the future.

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*S6M-14007 Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Family Collects 13 Tonnes of Litter—That the Parliament commends the efforts of the Aberdeen Donside resident, Mike Scotland, his partner, Nikki Dalton, and their young children, who have helped to collect 13 tonnes of litter through regular litter picks across Aberdeen, particularly around the River Don and Bucksburn areas; understands that Mike started the community clean-up group in Aberdeen in January 2020 and that it now has thousands of members online; further understands that the efforts of the family and members of the group have resulted in the return of wildlife such as otters to the River Don, which

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have not been spotted in the river in 40 years; recognises the positive impact that litter picking has on nature and on mental health; congratulates Mike and his family on their tremendous efforts, and wishes them all the very best going forward.

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*S6M-14006 Jackie Dunbar: Bikes for Northfield Academy Pupils—That the Parliament welcomes the donation of 26 refurbished bicycles from Aberdeen-based Sodexo Energy and Resources to pupils at Northfield Academy; understands that a partnership with AberNecessities and HMP Addiewell in West Lothian saw bikes refurbished as part of a programme to equip prisoners with skills for post-release employment; further understands that Northfield Academy has provided HMP Addiewell with a further 13 bikes to be reconditioned as part of the programme; commends the efforts of all those involved, and wishes them the best of luck moving forward.

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*S6M-14005 Jackie Dunbar: P&J Live's Fifth Birthday —That the Parliament welcomes that Aberdeen's P&J Live will be celebrating its fifth birthday on 13 August 2024; understands that the venue, which is Scotland's largest indoor arena with a maximum capacity of 15,000 people, will mark the occasion with a series of free-to-attend events, including a nature trail walk around the venue, a doors open day, and, in line with the venue's recently launched sustainability campaign, a ceremony with five trees being planted by special guests, and commends the efforts of all staff at P&J Live for their continued hard work in bringing top acts to the north east.

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*S6M-14004 Emma Roddick: Congratulating the Uist Virtual Archaeology Project on Boosting Archaeology Tourism in the Outer Hebrides—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the role of the Uist Unearthed app in boosting archaeology tourism across the Outer Hebrides; notes that the app was developed by the award-winning Uist Virtual Archaeology Project, which is led by the archaeology team from UHI North, West and Hebrides in partnership with Comhairle nan Eilean Siar; understands that the app, which uses a GPS map to highlight and promote heritage sites and visitor attractions, has been downloaded over 6,500 times since its launch in 2021; further understands that 90% of app respondents said that they had learnt something new about the islands' archaeology and that 96% agreed that the project had provided more things to see and do for visitors; celebrates the news that visitors to archaeological sites across the Outer Hebrides have more than doubled since 2017, and wishes the team all the best as they seek to extend their approach and thinking to develop similar heritage interpretation for archaeological sites across neighbouring Hebridean islands.

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*S6M-13988 Katy Clark: Child Hunger and Malnutrition in Gaza—That the Parliament recognises what it considers to be the urgent need for the international community to take action to address the reported scale of acute child hunger and malnutrition in the Gaza Strip; notes the finding by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

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(UNRWA) that more than 50,000 children require treatment for acute malnutrition in Gaza; expresses concern at reports that hospitals across Gaza are considered to be at breaking point due to supply shortages and patient influxes; notes that UNICEF reports that an estimated 3,000 children in southern Gaza have been cut off from accessing treatment for malnutrition; understands that treatment for acute malnutrition usually necessitates between six and eight weeks of uninterrupted care, and that only two of the three stabilisations centres in Gaza that are able to provide this care are still functioning; believes that efforts to distribute food and medical aid to assist these children have been constrained by the ongoing fighting, and have been hampered by the limited number of trucks that are allowed access to Gaza and what it considers to be the high risk to aid workers in distributing them; condemns reported attacks on aid workers; notes reports that Israel's ground and air campaign has killed more than 39,000 people since 7 October 2023, and that 70% of these have been women or children; welcomes the UK Government's decision to restore funding to UNRWA to spend on food, emergency shelter and other basic services, and urges the UK Government to engage in diplomatic action towards securing a sustainable and durable ceasefire, and to double efforts to ensure that what it considers to be vital supplies reach the Gaza Strip.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*S6M-13986 Daniel Johnson: Celebrating Team Scotland's Victory in the World Schools Debating Championships—That the Parliament congratulates Team Scotland for its victory in the World Schools Debating Championships; recognises the stellar performance by Logan Moss from Dollar Academy, Miya Turner from Portobello High School, Lena Zielinksa from Broxburn Academy, and Sophie Hannigan and Callum Hendry from St Columba's in Kilmacolm, who overcame New Zealand, Pakistan, England and Qatar to meet Bulgaria in the final; celebrates Team Scotland's record, and understands that the team was crowned the winner for the fifth time in the history of the competition.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*S6M-13953 Christine Grahame: Condemning the Charlotte Dujardin Horse Whipping Incident—That the Parliament strongly condemns the reported actions of Team GB equestrian and Olympic gold medallist, Charlotte Dujardin, who is seen to repeatedly strike a horse with a whip during a coaching session in a widely circulated video online; believes that this is irrefutable evidence of animal abuse, and urges the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) to urgently investigate the incident; is concerned that what it sees as this disturbing behaviour, displayed by a renowned Olympic rider towards a clearly distressed horse, may be an indicator of a wider problem of animal abuse in equestrian sport; understands that, whilst Dujardin has admitted to and apologised for her behaviour, this was only after the footage was released, and emphasises its belief that there is never any excuse for mistreating animals.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Rona Mackay*, John Mason*, Audrey Nicoll*, Karen Adam*

*S6M-13921 Kevin Stewart: Compensate the WASPI Women—That the Parliament regrets the UK Government's reported failure to announce a compensation package for the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) women in the King's Speech; believes that the WASPI women have waited far too long for justice, and calls on the Prime Minister and the UK Government to right what it sees as this wrong now.

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Annabelle Ewing*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Karen Adam*

<u>S6M-13913</u> Paul O'Kane: Tackling Child Poverty—That the Parliament believes that tackling child poverty should be a priority for both the Scottish and UK governments; welcomes the establishment by the UK Government of a ministerial taskforce to work on measures across government to reduce child poverty; considers that that the UK Government has received the worst economic inheritance in modern times from the previous Conservative administration and that economic stability is crucial for improving living standards and reducing inequality; welcomes, therefore, what it sees as the commitments by the UK Government to enhance fiscal responsibility, deliver economic growth, create wealth in every part of the country and tackle low pay and insecure work by improving workers' rights as an immediate priority; believes that these measures will address in-work poverty, and further believes that the so-called "two-child cap" should be removed as soon as the financial circumstances allow.

Supported by: Martin Whitfield, Pam Duncan-Glancy, Michael Marra, Monica Lennon, Mark Griffin, Daniel Johnson, Colin Smyth, Paul Sweeney, Pauline McNeill, Foysol Choudhury, Neil Bibby, Jackie Baillie, Sarah Boyack, Claire Baker, Ash Regan

*S6M-13913.1 Collette Stevenson: Tackling Child Poverty—As an amendment to motion S6M-13913 in the name of Paul O'Kane (Tackling Child Poverty), leave out "as soon as the financial circumstances allow." and insert "immediately; considers that the country cannot afford child poverty and that a commitment to remove the two-child cap should be announced as a matter of urgency ahead of the upcoming UK Budget; understands that the Child Poverty Action Group estimates that families in Scotland have lost £341 million as a result of the two-child limit since 2017, while the Institute for Fiscal Studies estimates that 360,000 children could be lifted out of poverty across the UK if it was abolished this year, and commends the Scottish Government's interventions to date, which it understands are preventing an estimated 100,000 children from falling into relative poverty in 2024-25."

Supported by: Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Bill Kidd*, Audrey Nicoll*, Emma Roddick*, Kevin Stewart*, Christine Grahame*, Karen Adam*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

<u>S6M-14025</u> Tess White: Safety of Female Athletes at the 2024 Paris Olympics (lodged on 02 August 2024)

New Support: Craig Hoy*, Pam Gosal*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Michelle Thomson*, Liam Kerr*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Edward Mountain*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*, Jeremy Balfour*

<u>S6M-14016</u> Tim Eagle: Glorious Twelfth Boosts Biodiversity and Rural Economy in the Highlands and Islands (lodged on 02 August 2024)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Tess White*, Pam Gosal*, Annie Wells*, Russell Findlay*, Liam Kerr*, Alexander Burnett* **R**, Sharon Dowey*, Brian Whittle*

<u>S6M-14003</u> Marie McNair: Harlyy Software Ltd Receives Scottish EDGE Award (lodged on 02 August 2024)

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New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Pam Gosal*, Audrey Nicoll*, Emma Roddick*, Annabelle Ewing*, Rona Mackay*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Karen Adam*, Jeremy Balfour*

<u>S6M-14002</u> Beatrice Wishart: Shetland Successes at Senior Inter-County (lodged on 02 August 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*, Tess White*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-14001</u> David Torrance: Cosy Kingdom's Safe and Warm Fife Project (lodged on 02 August 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Audrey Nicoll*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Rowley*, Karen Adam*

<u>S6M-14000</u> Sharon Dowey: Congratulating Girvan's Friday Night Fitba Programme (lodged on 02 August 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Craig Hoy*, Pam Gosal*, Murdo Fraser*, Alexander Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jackie Dunbar*, Brian Whittle*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Annie Wells*, Russell Findlay*, Tim Eagle*

<u>S6M-13999</u> Carol Mochan: Celebrating Intergenerational Excellence Award Winners (lodged on 02 August 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Stuart McMillan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Alex Rowley*, Karen Adam*

<u>S6M-13998</u> Monica Lennon: Congratulating Hamilton Judo Club on Receiving the Outstanding Achievement Award at South Lanarkshire Disability Sports Awards. (lodged on 02 August 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Stuart McMillan*, Neil Bibby*, Karen Adam*

<u>S6M-13997</u> Tim Eagle: Schools Across Argyll and Bute Achieve UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Award (lodged on 02 August 2024)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Pam Gosal*, Russell Findlay*, Liam Kerr*, Bill Kidd*, Sharon Dowey*, Brian Whittle*, Karen Adam*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-13996</u> Tim Eagle: Rotary Club of Oban celebrates 75th anniversary (lodged on 02 August 2024)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*, Kenneth Gibson*, Tess White*, Pam Gosal*, Russell Findlay*, Liam Kerr*, Bill Kidd*, Sharon Dowey*, Brian Whittle*, Karen Adam*

<u>S6M-13995</u> Tim Eagle: Argyll Trio Achieve Recognition from the Orwell Foundation (lodged on 02 August 2024)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Pam Gosal*, Russell Findlay*, Liam Kerr*, Bill Kidd*, Sharon Dowey*, Brian Whittle*, Karen Adam*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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<u>S6M-13994</u> Audrey Nicoll: Congratulating Nominees of the Scottish Thistle Awards (lodged on 01 August 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Rona Mackay*, Annabelle Ewing*, Fulton MacGregor*, Kevin Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Bill Kidd*, Foysol Choudhury*, Karen Adam*

<u>S6M-13993</u> Audrey Nicoll: Celebrating the Arrival of the Costa Favolosa at Port of Aberdeen South (lodged on 01 August 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Michelle Thomson*, Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Kevin Stewart*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Karen Adam*

<u>S6M-13992</u> Audrey Nicoll: Commending Portletico FC for Charitable Endeavours (lodged on 01 August 2024)

New Support: Michelle Thomson*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Karen Adam*

<u>S6M-13991</u> Audrey Nicoll: Celebrating the Aberdeen Hydrogen Hub Project (lodged on 01 August 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Karen Adam*

<u>S6M-13990</u> Sharon Dowey: Girvan Academy Wins South Ayrshire Provost's Footprint Challenge (lodged on 01 August 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Annie Wells*

<u>S6M-13989</u> Liam Kerr: Aberdeen University Students Speed Toward Success at International Motorsport Competition (lodged on 01 August 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Ash Regan*, Brian Whittle*

S6M-13987 John Mason: 100 Years of Glasgow Buses (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Ash Regan*

<u>S6M-13985</u> Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Bonhill Primary School on its Sportscotland School Sport Award (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Bill Kidd*, Foysol Choudhury*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Jackie Dunbar*, Pam Gosal*, Edward Mountain*, Stuart McMillan*

<u>S6M-13984</u> Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Man Launches Wrist Bands for Men's Mental Health (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Ash Regan*, Annie Wells*

<u>S6M-13983</u> Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Dance Group Travels to Perform in New York (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Ash Regan*, Annie Wells*

<u>S6M-13982</u> Alexander Stewart: 40 Years of Scottish Fire Service for Clackmannanshire Watch Commander (lodged on 31 July 2024)

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New Support: Tess White*, Annie Wells*

<u>S6M-13981</u> Alexander Stewart: Over 300,000 Trees Planted at Dumyat (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

<u>S6M-13980</u> Craig Hoy: Congratulating Belhaven Brewery and Winton Brewery (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Tess White*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*

<u>S6M-13979</u> Sharon Dowey: Congratulating the Six Green Spaces across South Ayrshire on Receiving a 2024 International Green Flag Award (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Annie Wells*

<u>S6M-13976</u> Liz Smith: Team Scotland, World Schools Debating Champions (lodged on 29 July 2024)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

<u>S6M-13975</u> Neil Bibby: Paisley Chip Shop Joins with Paolo Nutini to Raise Money for Charity (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Russell Findlay*, Tess White*

<u>S6M-13973</u> Pam Gosal: Water Safety Open Day 2024 Held at Loch Lomond Shores (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

<u>S6M-13972</u> Sharon Dowey: Congratulating Robbie Quinn of Scotts Bar and Restaurant in Troon (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-13968</u> Audrey Nicoll: Commending Tor-Na-Dee Care Home and Celebrating Investment (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-13966 Stuart McMillan: Gourock Schools Tackling Racism (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

<u>S6M-13965</u> Stuart McMillan: Greg Middleton, RISE Leader of the Year (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

<u>S6M-13964</u> Annabelle Ewing: Westfield Wind Farm: Benarty Community Fund Awards (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-13963</u> Annabelle Ewing: Hyperclub Sensory Rooms Officially Opens (lodged on 31 July 2024)

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New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-13961</u> Annabelle Ewing: Lumphinnans Primary School Hosts Big Thank You Event (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

S6M-13959 Annabelle Ewing: Social Eyes Fife Fundraising Efforts (lodged on 29 July 2024)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

S6M-13958 Annabelle Ewing: Inverkeithing Children's Gala 2024 (lodged on 29 July 2024)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-13957</u> Sue Webber: Roy and Laura Johnston Foster Care over 200 Dogs for Dogs Trust West Calder (lodged on 29 July 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Foysol Choudhury*

<u>S6M-13955</u> Alexander Burnett: Women Sewing their Way to Save the NHS Money and Energy Receive Green Star Award (lodged on 29 July 2024)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Craig Hoy*, Kenneth Gibson*, Audrey Nicoll*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Ross*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Miles Briggs*, Jackie Dunbar*, Tim Eagle*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Stuart McMillan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Liam Kerr*, Annie Wells*

S6M-13954 Liz Smith: Sir Andy Murray Retirement (lodged on 29 July 2024)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-13946</u> Claire Baker: National Lottery Awards for All Funding for Fife Community Groups (lodged on 25 July 2024)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

<u>S6M-13937</u> Jackson Carlaw: **40th Anniversary of the Brighton Bomb Blast** (lodged on 01 August 2024)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Tess White*, Russell Findlay*, Liam Kerr*, Brian Whittle*, Douglas Ross*, John Mason*, Stuart McMillan*

<u>S6M-13925</u> Edward Mountain: Generosity of John Munro Butchers Will Replace Stolen **Defibrillator in Inverness** (lodged on 22 July 2024)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Annie Wells*

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<u>S6M-13907</u> Pam Duncan-Glancy: Support for Accessible Venues Campaign (lodged on 17 July 2024)

New Support: Martin Whitfield*, Jackie Baillie*, Sarah Boyack*

<u>S6M-13861</u> Alexander Burnett: Aberdeenshire School, Elrick Primary, Win National Glee Choir Competition (lodged on 31 July 2024)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Craig Hoy*, Alexander Stewart*, Pam Gosal*, Audrey Nicoll*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Liam Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Colin

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S6M-13821 Edward Mountain: Congratulating Steve Farrell (lodged on 22 July 2024)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Brian Whittle*, Annie Wells*

<u>S6M-13722</u> Tim Eagle: Drumlemble Primary School Receives Gold School Sport Award (lodged on 20 June 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-13700</u> Tim Eagle: Liam Renton Wins Third British Pipe Band Title (lodged on 19 June 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

<u>S6M-13683</u> Foysol Choudhury: Congratulating Willy Barr of the Citadel Youth Centre in Leith (lodged on 18 June 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-13673 Foysol Choudhury: Pauline Nicol Bowie MBE (lodged on 19 June 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-13605 Maggie Chapman: Access to Environmental Justice (lodged on 18 June 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

<u>S6M-13503</u> Murdo Fraser: Retirement of SCAA's Longest-serving Pilot (lodged on 05 June 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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Written Questions

Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

Written questions lodged from 05 August 2024 to 09 August 2024

<u>S6W-28674</u> **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on any proposals to make legislative reforms in relation to MSPs' privilege when speaking in the Scottish Parliament.

<u>S6W-28675</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has implemented the recommendations of James Hamilton's report on the conduct of former First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon.

<u>S6W-28676</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-27595 by Kate Forbes on 30 May 2024, whether its special advisers are now subject to the Scottish Ministerial Code, and, if this is not the case, when it plans to extend the application of the Scottish Ministerial Code to special advisers.

<u>S6W-28680</u> **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent on (a) internal and (b) external legal costs in pursuing or defending any court action involving former First Minister, Alex Salmond.

<u>S6W-28681</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent on legal fees for (a) former First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, (b) the former First Minister's chief of staff and (c) the former Permanent Secretary, in connection with the inquiry of the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints.

<u>S6W-28682</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent on coaching (a) former First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and (b) civil servants on how to answer questions before the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints.

<u>S6W-28683</u> **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of all of the recommendations from the report of the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints.

<u>S6W-28738</u> **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many public sector (a) grants and (b) contracts that have been awarded since 1 July 2023 have required the receiving body to comply with the Fair Work First principle, broken down by the receiving body.

<u>S6W-28739</u> **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many public sector (a) grants and (b) contracts that have been awarded since 1 July 2023 have exempted the receiving body from complying with the Fair Work First principle, broken down by the (i) receiving body. and (ii) reason for exemption.

<u>S6W-28810</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) will be granted taught degree awarding power through secondary legislation, and, if so, within what timeframe.

<u>S6W-28811</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will grant Scotland's Rural College taught degree awarding powers through secondary legislation for its veterinary training programme, and, if so, when.

<u>S6W-28813</u> **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what its timescale is for reviewing the recommendations contained in the UK Animal Welfare Committee's update to the 2014 Farm Animal Welfare Committee's (FAWC) opinion on the welfare of farmed fish at the time of killing. <u>S6W-28829</u> **Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government what specific measures are being implemented to enhance investment in equipment aimed at ensuring early diagnosis and prompt treatment for cancer patients.

<u>S6W-28830</u> Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to boost the cancer diagnostic workforce.

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<u>S6W-28895</u> Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to begin consultation on its previously proposed cruise ship levy.

S6W-28896 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many vessels have been reported to have run aground on the Cuan Sound in each year since 2021, broken down by month.

S6W-28897 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the study carried out by the Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (ALACHO), including the reported finding that (a) 25 local authorities are breaching the law around homelessness, amid a "general deterioration" in councils' confidence of meeting their statutory obligations, (b) the majority of local authorities had registered a red flag on at least one of the three key aspects of homelessness services, which are the legal obligation to offer temporary accommodation to those assessed as unintentionally homeless, meeting statutory requirements not to place people in "unsuitable" homes, and the ability to supply permanent lets, and (c) a total of 15 local authorities registered red flags on all three aspects of their services, which is an increase from 12 in 2023 and two in November 2021.

<u>S6W-28898</u> **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to reduce infant mortality, which rose to four per 1,000 live births in 2023, the highest since 2011.

<u>S6W-28899</u> **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to prevent and reduce the number of still-births, in light of National Records of Scotland data showing that still-births remained unchanged in 2023 at 3.7 per 1,000 births.

<u>S6W-28900</u> Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans on undertaking a (a) quantitative and (b) qualitative evaluation of the revised payment system for NHS dentistry, which was rolled out on 1 November 2023.

<u>S6W-28901</u> **Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans on undertaking a Health Inequalities Impact Assessment on the revised payment system for NHS dentistry, which was rolled out on 1 November 2023.

<u>S6W-28902</u> **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government when the provisions of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Act 2024 will come into force.

<u>S6W-28903</u> **Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Transport Scotland's Aviation Statement, which was published on 24 July 2024, and in relation to the Highlands and Islands Air Discount Scheme, what process it will pursue when it states that it will "consider how it could be made fairer and more effective, and to ensure it is providing value for money".

<u>S6W-28904</u> Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the further education sector in advance of any potential industrial action.

<u>S6W-28905</u> **Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the Independent Review of the Skills Delivery Landscape.

<u>S6W-28906</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps have been taken to review the stroke awareness campaign, including exploring alternatives such as BE FAST (Balance, Eyes, Face, Arms, Speech, and Time/Throwing Up). <u>S6W-28907</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what research it or Public Health

Scotland has undertaken to discover the rate of "false negatives" after the application of the FAST (Face, Arms, Speech, Time) test for stroke.

Scotland to tackle rural crime, in light of new figures from insurance company, NFU Mutual, which show that rural crime in Scotland was up 34.9% in 2023 compared with the previous year.

<u>S6W-28909</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to reduce mobile phone addiction among teenagers.

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<u>S6W-28912</u> Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government how many applicants that had previously been approved by local authorities for the Place Based Investment Programme will now no longer receive funding, and what options are now available to them.

<u>S6W-28913</u> Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Place Based Investment Programme.

<u>S6W-28914</u> **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that nursing graduates are able to reduce the NHS vacancy list.

<u>S6W-28915</u> **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what the annual spend is on the NHS iMatter survey.

<u>S6W-28916</u> **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the roll-out of universal free school meals to all P6 and P7 pupils will be completed by March 2026.

<u>S6W-28917</u> **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet last discussed the (a) expansion of universal free school meals to P6 and P7 pupils and (b) establishment of a pilot scheme for free school meals in secondary schools, and whether it will provide details of any such discussion.

<u>S6W-28918</u> **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had since May 2024 with local authorities regarding the expansion of universal free school meals.

<u>S6W-28919</u> **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how many P6 and P7 pupils in receipt of the Scottish Child Payment currently receive free school meals.

<u>S6W-28920</u> **Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it is giving to addressing agricultural equipment theft by introducing legislation similar to the Equipment Theft (Prevention) Act 2023 in England and Wales.

<u>S6W-28921</u> **Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the national code of practice for GP premises, agreed between the Scottish Government and the BMA Scottish GP committee, which sets out how the Scottish Government will support a shift to a new model in which GPs will no longer be expected to provide their own premises.

<u>S6W-28922</u> **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it reportedly does not have a departmental structure with direct ministerial oversight and leadership.

<u>S6W-28923</u> **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met with SEPA to discuss the enforcement of environmental legislation.

<u>S6W-28924</u> **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet last discussed (a) the enforcement of environmental laws and (b) funding for SEPA.

<u>S6W-28925</u> **Stephanie Callaghan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the UK Government's reported decision to means test Winter Fuel Payment on Social Security Scotland's Pension Age Winter Heating Payment, and any subsequent effects on pensioner poverty levels in Scotland.

<u>S6W-28926</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the immediate stabilisation of ill or premature babies born at University Hospital Wishaw or within the NHS Lanarkshire area, following the reported proposal to downgrade Wishaw's Neonatal Unit from level 3 to level 2.

<u>S6W-28927</u> **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of safe staffing numbers in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's Neonatal Unit as part of its Best Start programme for maternity and neonatal care.

<u>S6W-28928</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will guarantee that there will be no deterioration of neonatal clinical outcomes following the proposed reconfiguration of services outlined in *The Best Start: A Five-Year Forward Plan for Maternity and Neonatal Care in Scotland.*

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<u>S6W-28929</u> **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on what lessons can be learnt from neonatal consolidation in NHS England, similar to what is being proposed in the Best Start programme for maternity and neonatal care.

<u>S6W-28930</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will share what clinical outcomes data it has gathered on the proposed reconfiguration of services outlined in *The Best Start: A Five-Year Forward Plan for Maternity and Neonatal Care in Scotland.*

<u>S6W-28931</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government who carried out the independent review of maternity and neonatal services for *The Best Start: A Five-Year Forward Plan for Maternity and Neonatal Care in Scotland.*

<u>S6W-28932</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government which consulting firm has been hired to oversee the implementation of Best Start programme for maternity and neonatal care, and how much the firm has been paid for its services.

<u>S6W-28933</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government, following the recent statement on spending inheritance by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 29 July 2024, what it estimates the impact will be on (a) revenue and (b) capital funding in (i) the Scottish Budget 2024-25 and (ii) subsequent budget years.

<u>S6W-28934</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with (a) the City of Edinburgh Council and (b) other stakeholders regarding the regeneration of Niddrie, and whether it has considered any further financial support for the area.

<u>S6W-28935</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-28571 by Ivan McKee on 30 July 2024, when it plans to announce the Investing in Planning proposals, and whether industry bodies have been consulted on these.

<u>S6W-28936</u> Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recently reported decision by the UK Government to retract the £800 million of support for the University of Edinburgh exascale supercomputer, and whether it has had any recent discussions with the UK Government regarding this matter.

<u>S6W-28937</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what resources it is providing to Police Scotland to tackle any anti-social behaviour issues caused by (a) off-road bikes, (b) e-bikes and (c) e-scooters in communities across Scotland, and whether it has had any recent discussions with (i) Police Scotland and (ii) local authorities regarding how best to tackle this issue.

<u>S6W-28938</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the scope of the role of Transport Scotland, including any duplication of (a) responsibility and (b) funding in the period (i) before and (ii) after the new structures were put in place regarding the nationalisation of ScotRail.

<u>S6W-28939</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the economic value of a new train fleet procurement programme for ScotRail.

<u>S6W-28940</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has consented to Transport Scotland issuing a notice for the procurement of new rolling stock for ScotRail, and, if it is not the case, when it expects to do so.

<u>S6W-28941</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will reintroduce the simplified Royal Coat of Arms of Scotland as a visual identity of the Scottish Government.

<u>S6W-28942</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the opinion of the Court of Session regarding the case of Weiss Development Company Limited v The Scottish Ministers in the appeal under section 58 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997, and what subsequent measures it will take to strengthen policy on the designation of buildings as listed, in instances where they are deemed worthy of listing, but threatened by demolition proposals.

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<u>S6W-28943</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that there are enough apprenticeship opportunities available to all young people who wish to undertake one.

<u>S6W-28944</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is in place for students receiving their exam results on 6 August 2024.

<u>S6W-28945</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what dedicated support is in place for students who are unsatisfied with their exam results, and whether the SQA has been provided with additional resources for the appeals process in the current academic year.

<u>S6W-28946</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the "no wrong path" approach is working within the education system, and what changes are being made in light of changes within the Scottish economy.

<u>S6W-28947</u> Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that the Young Person's Guarantee is successfully encouraging young people into further opportunities.

<u>S6W-28948</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact that the Young Person's Guarantee has had in the Edinburgh Eastern constituency since its introduction.

<u>S6W-28949</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that the Young Person's Guarantee is offering equal opportunities to deprived communities to encourage young people into further opportunities.

<u>S6W-28950</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the potential impact on its energy policy in Scotland, what its response is to the reported critical national energy infrastructure security risks inherent in Ming Yang Wind Power Group Limited's plan to build a wind turbine manufacturing facility in Scotland.

<u>S6W-28951</u> Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government whether an environmental impact assessment will be required to be carried out before any licence is granted for the trial being proposed to keep adult salmon broodstock for the aquaculture industry in a trout fish farm at the headwaters of the River Annan.

<u>S6W-28952</u> Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what grant support (a) is currently available and (b) it plans to introduce for egg producers to upgrade their farms and to improve animal welfare.

<u>S6W-28953</u> Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will outline how it is encouraging schools to identify young carers to (a) ensure that they receive the support that they need to successfully transition to university or college and (b) increase their awareness of targeted support and resources that might be available at university or college.

<u>S6W-28954</u> Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will outline how it is encouraging schools to designate young carers school leads.

<u>S6W-28955</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that affordable homes as part of new developments are not of a lesser quality than other properties on the site.

<u>S6W-28956</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve building standards in new social housing developments.

<u>S6W-28957</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the provisions in the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill, what safeguards are in place for large landowners, such as farmers, to be protected from having their land split up on sale where this would be detrimental to their business. <u>S6W-28958</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what safeguards are in place to ensure that the provisions in the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill balance the protection of the principle of private ownership with the interests of the local community.

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<u>S6W-28959</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the provisions in the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill, what its position is on whether the holding of large amounts of land by private landowners is detrimental to Scotland.

<u>S6W-28960</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on what benefits the compulsory splitting up of land by the Scottish Ministers can have for local communities.

<u>S6W-28961</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it considered investing in new canals as part of the second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2).

<u>S6W-28962</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted any recent studies into the impact of coastal erosion in the Highlands and Islands region, and, if so, whether it will provide details of this.

<u>S6W-28963</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any canal repairs that may be needed in the future, and whether it will provide a breakdown of any such repairs by (a) section, (b) local authority area and (c) the date that the repair work (i) was first identified as required and (ii) is projected to be completed by.

<u>S6W-28964</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has allocated to canal maintenance in each year since 2016.

<u>S6W-28965</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government when it will introduce compulsory sale orders for vacant and derelict land and buildings, in light of the reported continuing loss and damage to the nation's built heritage.

<u>S6W-28966</u> Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what recent studies have been carried out to assess the potential effects of polycystic ovary syndrome in the workplace in Scotland.

<u>S6W-28967</u> Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle any stigma associated with symptoms of polycystic ovary syndrome, such as facial hair growth and male pattern baldness.

<u>S6W-28976</u> Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will implement menstrual wellbeing education to ensure mandatory age appropriate education in all primary and secondary schools.

<u>S6W-28977</u> **Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it has provided to private transport operators to provide transport for disabled people.

<u>S6W-28978</u> **Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what requirement there is for private car hire firms to provide transport for disabled people.

<u>S6W-28979</u> **Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it has provided to public transport operators to provide transport for disabled people.

<u>S6W-28980</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has given to the Stroke Association in each of the last five years.

<u>S6W-28981</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has given to Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland in each of the last five years.

<u>S6W-28982</u> **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish the full economic impact assessment of the potential closure of the Grangemouth Refinery.

<u>S6W-28983</u> **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-28593 by Gillian Martin on 6 August 2024, what action SEPA has taken towards any landowners who have received multiple notices under section 59 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

<u>S6W-28984</u> Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government, during the meeting with the Chinese ambassador in Bute House in August 2024, whether the First Minister raised the issue of reported threats from the Chinese consulate in Scotland to Scottish universities in relation to the City of Edinburgh Council entering into a friendship agreement with the city of Kaohsiung in Taiwan.

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<u>S6W-28985</u> Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government what matters of human rights and equalities were discussed by the First Minister and the Chinese ambassador at their meeting in Bute House in August 2024.

<u>S6W-28986</u> Foysol Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government whether its publication, Scotland's Long COVID Service, will be updated to reflect any research undertaken and guidance provided since 2021.

<u>S6W-28987</u> **Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available for early release prisoners to ensure that they are able to find and maintain stable accommodation upon release.

<u>S6W-28988</u> **Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans are in place to ensure that early release prisoners are not at risk of homelessness upon release.

<u>S6W-28989</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will include composite fillings as a treatment option for registered NHS dental patients when treating molar teeth, particularly in cases such as for women who are breastfeeding and are unable to have amalgam fillings.

<u>S6W-28990</u> **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the three-year small business productivity programme that was announced in its Programme for Government 2023-24 is operational, and, if so, what its outputs are.

<u>S6W-28991</u> Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-28656 by Ivan McKee on 6 August 2024, in light of reported concerns that paths, play parks and community halls may not be eligible for funding through the alternative funding stream that it refers to, in contrast to the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund, which does provide funding for such amenities, what funding plans it has for organisations such as Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, which constructs and maintains footpaths, cycle paths and trails.

<u>S6W-28992</u> **Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review options for extending the provision of financial support for the Veterans Community Support Service, which is run under the auspices of Legion Scotland, beyond the current end point for grant funding in 2026.

<u>S6W-28993</u> Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government what the current average waiting time is for a diagnosis of endometriosis, and what plans are in place to reduce the time for an endometriosis diagnosis.

<u>S6W-28994</u> Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will (a) implement a baseline for endometriosis care and (b) ensure that everyone with endometriosis gets access to care in line with NICE guidelines.

<u>S6W-28995</u> **Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the next quarterly report for the Social Housing Net Zero Heat Fund. **R**

<u>S6W-28996</u> **Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government when the next Social Housing Net Zero Heat Fund checkpoint will be. **R**

<u>S6W-28997</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how the single building assessment for housing developments will operate in relation to fire safety.

<u>S6W-28998</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made towards sharing a draft contract with housing developers in relation to undertaking cladding remediation works.

<u>S6W-28999</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it plans with housing developers towards agreeing a contract for undertaking cladding remediation works for buildings under their responsibility.

<u>S6W-29000</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making towards the introduction of a building safety levy, and by what date this will be introduced.

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<u>S6W-29001</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what the legislative process is for transferring the powers to the Scottish Parliament that are required to establish a building safety levy.

<u>S6W-29003</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many so-called "orphan" buildings have been identified as part of its cladding remediation programme, and how much it will cost to carry out the remediation work required on these buildings.

<u>S6W-29005</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the overall economic impact of its cladding remediation programme, including the impact of new homes being built as a result of this.

<u>S6W-29006</u> Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government since 5 July 2024 regarding delivering more homes across all housing tenures in Scotland, including the potential for increased funding for increasing unit output.

<u>S6W-29007</u> **Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government when CalMac's winter timetable for 2024-25 will be published.

<u>S6W-29008</u> Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on offering compensation to islanders using lifeline services, such as boats or airlines, when their trips are cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, and what measures it is taking to financially support island residents who need to attend NHS appointments on the mainland.

<u>S6W-29009</u> **Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the announcement of Hospital at Home Funding on 8 August 2024, how much funding NHS Fife originally applied for, and how the distribution of funding was decided that resulted in NHS Fife receiving £18,100.56, in light of it being the third largest NHS board area.

<u>S6W-29010</u> **Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-21294 by Michael Matheson on 22 September 2023, when it will confirm a start date for the review of the NHS Scotland patient travel scheme.

<u>S6W-29011</u> Foysol Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working to ensure that people using motorhomes for recreational activities such as camping do so in a manner that respects the environment and local area.

<u>S6W-29012</u> Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the development of more battery energy sites is crucial to the future energy mix of Scotland.

<u>S6W-29013</u> Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact that battery energy sites have on the health and wellbeing of those living nearby.

<u>S6W-29014</u> Beatrice Wishart: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether its Marine Directorate is adequately resourced, and what percentage of staff vacancies the directorate has had in each year between 2019 and 2024 to date.

<u>S6W-29015</u> **Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its Marine Directorate inspects all boxes of fish landed by non-UK vessels into Scottish ports.

<u>S6W-29016</u> **Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government, on average, how many boxes of landed fish from non-UK registered vessels are physically checked by its Marine Directorate each month.

<u>S6W-29017</u> **Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government what statistics it has on the quantity of fish, broken down by species, that is landed at Scottish ports by non-UK vessels.

<u>S6W-29018</u> **Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government how many observed landings there have been at Scottish ports of non-UK vessels over the last three years.

<u>S6W-29019</u> **Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many non-UK registered vessels are licensed to fish in Scottish waters.

<u>S6W-29020</u> **Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimates it has made of the percentage of fish catch that is routinely transported out of Scotland without appropriate landings documentation.

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S6W-29021 Beatrice Wishart: To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to ensure that fish caught in Scottish waters by non-UK vessels is appropriately landed.

S6W-29022 Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason young carers below the age of 11 do not have access to the Young Carers Package or an analogous scheme, and what support is in place instead.

S6W-29023 Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government what support is in place for young carers below the age of 16 who do not yet qualify for the Young Carer Grant, and what its position is on whether such support is sufficient.

<u>\$6W-29024</u> Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the annual Young Carer Grant of £385.75 for young carers aged 16 to 18 adequately reflects the responsibilities that a young carer undertakes.

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Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill (G)

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Assisted Dying for Terminally III Adults (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 21 May 2024 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 28 May 2024

Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

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Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 18 June 2024 Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 25 June 2024

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Lead committee - Education, Children and Young People

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 March 2021

Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

Following an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 made by the Secretary of State for Scotland, this Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its current form.

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 25 June 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)), 27 June 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 25 June 2024

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee) published, 14 June 2024

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 25 June 2024 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 June 2024

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Before Stage 2 (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 26 March 2024
Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Criminal Justice Committee) published, 2 July 2024

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 22 February 2024

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Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 14 May 2024

Lead committee - Health, Social Care and Sport

Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 20 June 2024

Lead committee - Education, Children and Young People

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 27 June 2024

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Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Education, Children and Young People Committee) published, 24 July 2024

Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 19 September 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 12 September with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam @parliament.scot)

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 23 April 2024

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Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 18 September 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 11 September with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Great British Energy Bill LCM-S6-48

Lodged on 8 August 2024

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill LCM-S6-47

Lodged on 1 August 2024

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 15 September 2024

Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) (3 June 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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Subject to approval by 19 September 2024

<u>Tied Pubs (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)</u> (7 June 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to approval by 22 September 2024

Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) (10 June 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 2 September 2024 Lead committee report due by 24 June 2024

<u>Sheriff (Removal from Office) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/148)</u> (21 May 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 11 September 2024 Lead committee report due by 9 September 2024

Food Additives and Novel Foods (Authorisations and Miscellaneous Amendments) and Food Flavourings (Removal of Authorisations) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/156) (30 May 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 2 October 2024 Lead committee report due by 30 September 2024

<u>Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/178)</u> (20 June 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

<u>Police Service of Scotland (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/179)</u> (20 June 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 9 October 2024 Lead committee report due by 7 October 2024

Waste (Materials Facilities) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/191) (27 June 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

<u>Valuation (Proposals Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/186)</u> (27 *June 2024)* (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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Petitions

The following petition was lodged by the Parliament on 06 August 2024:

PE2114: Ensure effective regulation and oversight of social care services in Scotland

PE2115: Ensure NHS dental patients have the option of white composite fillings for the treatment of molar teeth

https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions

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Committee Reports

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Legislative Consent Memorandums

The following memorandum was lodged on 8 August 2024—

Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Great British Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-48)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 6 August 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

HM Chief Inspector's Annual Report 2023-24 (SG/2024/148) laid under Section 7(5) of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 8 August 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Standards Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts Year Ending 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/159) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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