

Wednesday 4 December 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and
Parliamentary Business
Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish
Budget 2025-26

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

4:20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
15571 Emma Harper: The Open University
Supports the Scots Language

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
14602 Michael Matheson: Powering Futures -
Putting Young People at the Heart of the
Energy Transition

Committee Meetings

9:00am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects its preparatory work to conclude and the review into Creative Scotland, which was announced in September 2024, to get underway. ([S6O-04057](#))
- 2. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government how the planned review of Creative Scotland will improve compliance with fair work principles in the culture sector. ([S6O-04058](#))
- 3. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact it anticipates that the UK Government's decision to raise employer national insurance contributions will have on organisations in the culture sector that are in receipt of Scottish Government funding. ([S6O-04059](#))
- 4. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the culture secretary has had with the finance secretary regarding whether it will deliver its commitment to provide an additional £25 million to the culture sector in 2025-26. ([S6O-04060](#))
- 5. Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent reaffirmation of its commitment to increase culture funding by at least an additional £100 million a year by 2028-29, how much of this extra investment will be directed towards community arts and placemaking. ([S6O-04061](#))
- 6. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what it can do to support access to library services in rural areas. ([S6O-04062](#))
- 7. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work of Brand Scotland. ([S6O-04063](#))
- 8. Michael Marra:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-04064](#))

Justice and Home Affairs

- 1. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of it being the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to tackle violence against women and girls. ([S6O-04065](#))
- 2. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent assessment it has made of how successful the Bella Centre in Dundee and Liliias Centre in Glasgow have been in acknowledging the experience of trauma and adversity and supporting successful transitions for women back into the community. ([S6O-04066](#))
- 3. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government how much money recovered from the proceeds of crime has been committed to the CashBack for Communities programme since 2008. ([S6O-04067](#))
- 4. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to support the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in advance of the winter months. ([S6O-04068](#))
- 5. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to recent reports that many towns in Scotland are so-called legal aid deserts. ([S6O-04069](#))

6. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it is working to clear the criminal court backlog. ([S6O-04070](#))

7. Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with Police Scotland to increase law enforcement resources in Scotland's cities. ([S6O-04071](#))

8. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with South Lanarkshire Council regarding potential firework control zones in the local authority area. ([S6O-04072](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2025-26

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-15710](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—
That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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Thursday 12 December 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 Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Remote and Rural Healthcare Inquiry

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 December 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 December 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Education (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Education (Scotland) Bill

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 19 December 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 December 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-15711](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-15712](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Disability Assistance (Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

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Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-15571](#) Emma Harper: The Open University Supports the Scots Language—That the Parliament recognises that the Open University (OU) in Scotland, in conjunction with Education Scotland, has produced the first of its kind professional learning course for teachers on the Scots language; welcomes the partnership working between both organisations; understands that over 200 teachers have signed up to the course since January 2024 using Scottish Government-funded places; further understands that the course creates a Scotland-wide community of practice where teachers realise the transformative role of embedding Scots language and culture in the classroom; recognises what it sees as the educational, as well as equality, diversity and inclusion, benefits of embedding Scots in the classroom; believes that, with teachers participating from across 12 different secondary subject areas and all primary curricular areas, this demonstrates the strong interdisciplinary potential of teaching Scots; wishes all of the participants every success with their studies; applauds the OU's first research study into the needs and experiences of adult learners of the language, often New Scots, and notes its work in developing Scots and Gaelic language community education for refugees and migrants in the South Scotland region and across the country, as well as the OU's pioneering collaboration with NHS Education Scotland aimed at embedding the Scots language in health and social care to enhance staff and service users' experiences.

The Member has provided the following translation in Scots:

That the Parliament recognises that the Open University (OU) in Scotland in conjunction with Education Scotland has produced the first of its kind professional learning course for teachers on the Scots Leid; welcomes the partnership working between both organisations; understands that for January 2024 over two hundred teachers have signed up to the course, utilising Scottish Government funded places; further understands that the course creates a Scotland-wide community of practice where teachers realise the transformative role of embedding Scots language and culture in the class; further recognises the educational as well as equality, diversity and inclusion benefits of embedding Scots Leid in the class; believes that with teachers participating across two different secondary subject areas and across primary curricular areas it shows the strong interdisciplinary potential of teaching Scots and wishes all participants every success with their studies; moreover, applauds the OU's first ever research study into the needs and experiences of adult learners of Scots – after New Scots; this work developing Scots and Gaelic leids language community education for refugees and migrants, as well as the OU's pioneering collaboration with NHS Education Scotland aimed at embedding the Scots Leid in health and social care to enhance staff and service users' experiences. **R**

followed by Members' Business
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[S6M-14602](#) Michael Matheson: Powering Futures - Putting Young People at the Heart of the Energy Transition—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the important work of Powering Futures, which, it understands, has put young people at the heart of the energy transition, giving them the knowledge, skills and experience of real-life scenarios so that they are equipped to respond to the energy transition; notes that Powering Futures connects business and education to empower young people across Scotland, including in the Falkirk West constituency, to respond to the challenges of an energy transition; understands that, since Powering Futures launched in 2020, it has engaged with over 3,000 young people across Scotland and 150 businesses; notes that 45 schools across Scotland are currently participating in Powering Future's education programme, with a further 100 schools registered to participate in 2024, and believes that Powering Futures is doing important work to connect different sectors with schools and young people through the SCQF Level 6 accredited programme, which results in young people gaining a SCQF Level 6 qualification.

Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 32nd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

- The Promise - Staff Recruitment and Retention:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Claire Burns, Director, CELCIS;
Fiona Duncan, Independent Strategic Advisor;
Professor Trish McCulloch, Professor of Social Work and Deputy Dean in the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law, University of Dundee;
Fraser McKinlay, Chief Executive, The Promise Scotland;
and then from—
Alison Bavidge, National Director, Scottish Association of Social Work (SASW);
Laura Caven, Chief Officer, Children and Young People Team and Co-Chair of the Additional Support for Learning Project Board, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA);
Ben Farrugia, Director, Social Work Scotland;
Stephen Smellie, Chair of Social Work Issues Group, UNISON Scotland.
- SQA Higher History Review 2024:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Scottish Government;
Fiona Robertson, Chief Executive, Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA);
Clare Hicks, Director, Education Reform, Scottish Government;
Martyn Ware, Director of Policy, Analysis and Standards, Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).
- Subordinate legislation (in private):** The Committee will consider its draft report on the Regulated Roles (Prohibitions and Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft].
- Consideration of Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda items 1 and 2.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 32nd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- City Region and Regional Growth Deals:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stuart Bews, Programme Manager, Aberdeen City Region Deal;
Paul Lawrence, Chief Executive, Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal;
Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council and Chair of the Glasgow City Region Cabinet, Councillor Owen O'Donnell, Leader of East Renfrewshire Council and Depute Chair of the Glasgow City Region Cabinet, and Kevin Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth, Glasgow City Region Deal;
Matt Bailey, Programme Manager, Inverness and Highland City Region Deal.
- City Region Deals and Regional Growth Deals:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Criminal Justice Committee 38th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's intentions in relation to Stage 2 of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill from—
Sandy Brindley, Chief Executive, Rape Crisis Scotland;
Louise Johnson, National Policy Lead for Legal Issues, Scottish Women's Aid;
Kate Wallace, Chief Executive Officer, Victim Support Scotland;
and then from—
Simon Brown, President, Scottish Solicitors Bar Association;
Michael Meehan KC, Faculty of Advocates;
Stuart Munro, Criminal Law Committee Convener, Law Society of Scotland.
- Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 27 November 2024

Thursday 5 December 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-15411 Paul Sweeney: Publication of the Marie Curie Report, Dying in Poverty in Scotland 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Empowering Young People's Voices in Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls

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Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm>

Public Audit Committee

5 December 2024

31st Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Fiscal sustainability and reform in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carole Grant, Audit Director, Fiona Diggle, Audit Manager, and Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **Fiscal sustainability and reform in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carole Grant, Audit Director, Fiona Diggle, Audit Manager, and Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Fiscal sustainability and reform in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items two and three and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters at

Katrina.Venters@parliament.scot

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

5 December 2024

27th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Review of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement Inquiry: Part 2:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Vivienne Mackinnon, Director of Veterinary Partnerships, SRUC School of Veterinary Medicine, and Junior Vice President, Scottish Branch, British Veterinary Association;
Dr Joseph Maguire, Associate Professor, School of Computing Science, University of Glasgow, and Co-Chair of the BCS (the Chartered Institute for IT) Scottish Computing Education Committee;
Ben Addy, Managing Director, Moxon Architects, and member of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland.
3. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at james.johnston@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

5 December 2024

33rd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Post-legislative scrutiny of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Ann McKenzie, Unit Head, Tackling Child Poverty Policy Unit, and Andrew Fraser, Child Poverty Briefing and Strategy Team Leader, Scottish Government.
3. **Post-legislative scrutiny of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 3.
4. **Financial aspects of leaving an abusive relationship:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Claire Menzies on 85219 or at claire.menzies@parliament.scot

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Motions Glusadan				

Motions

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
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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.

Motions for Debate

***[S6M-15735](#) Kaukab Stewart: Empowering Young People's Voices in Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls**—That the Parliament recognises the international 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign 2024; further recognises the vital contribution that the sector has made this year to tackle violence against women and girls, in particular the role that it has played in supporting children and young people who have experienced violence, abuse and exploitation; welcomes this year's debate at the Scottish Youth Parliament, which challenged politicians to ensure that the youth voice is central to action to address gender-based violence; recognises the importance of working with young people to ensure that their experience and expertise are harnessed to build a future that is equally safe; further recognises and champions the importance of education as an early and ongoing strand of prevention; condemns misogyny and all forms of violence against women and girls, and acknowledges the significant harm that they cause to individuals and wider society.

Supported by: John Swinney*, Shirley-Anne Somerville*, Paul McLennan*, Jamie Hepburn*

***[S6M-15734](#) Graeme Dey: Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland**—That the Parliament recognises and acknowledges the importance of Scotland's veterans and Armed Forces community and greatly values the significant contribution that it continues to make to society; further recognises that the contribution of veterans and their families continues and grows as they move back into the communities that they served, with their experiences positively enriching society and providing a valuable talent pool for employers, and agrees that the Scottish Government, cognisant of the important ongoing work of the Scottish Veterans Commissioner, should continue to work with partners across the public, private and third sectors to ensure that the veterans and Armed Forces community receives the best possible support and access to services.

Supported by: Jenny Gilruth*, Natalie Don-Innes*

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-15705](#) Rhoda Grant: Scottish Human Rights Commission's Spotlight Project into Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands**—That the Parliament

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welcomes the Scottish Human Rights Commission's spotlight project into Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands; understands that it was commissioned in April 2023 and undertook a targeted programme of work to assess the realisation of economic, social and cultural rights for people living across the Highlands and Islands, which concluded in early 2024 and published its report, *Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands*, in November 2024; believes that this report has been widely welcomed by community groups, charities and organisations across the Highlands and Islands; is concerned, in particular, by the Commission's urgent calls to tackle the rooflessness, hunger and access to health issues across the Highlands and Islands; is further concerned that, according to the report, across all rights examined, there is not a single human right that meets all the conditions of adequacy under international law, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to act on this report and review its current policies to address the concerns raised by this report.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Liam McArthur*, Beatrice Wishart*, Tim Eagle*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-15722](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Leisure Centre Wins Top Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Fife Sports and Leisure Trust on winning Facility of the Year for Kirkcaldy Leisure Centre at the Scottish Leisure Network Group Awards 2024; believes that this award reflects the consistently high standards of Kirkcaldy Leisure Centre, demonstrated through outstanding customer feedback and mystery shopping results; recognises that Fife Sports and Leisure Trust is committed to modernisation, innovation and fostering a welcoming environment across its venues, as well as creating inclusive spaces where everyone can lead an active and healthy lifestyle, and commends the efforts of all those who made this achievement possible.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*, Mark Ruskell*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*

***[S6M-15721](#) Audrey Nicoll: Girls in Energy 2024**—That the Parliament congratulates the young women participating in the 2024 Girls in Energy conference; commends Shell UK for establishing a course designed to encourage young women into STEM; acknowledges that the course will help tackle what it considers to be the growing requirement for a skilled workforce within the energy sector, whilst also taking steps to include women in a field in which they are often underrepresented; welcomes the record attendance rate at the Girls in Energy conference, with approximately 240 female students across 17 different schools in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, and wishes this year's cohort success in their future endeavours.

***[S6M-15720](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Receives Top UNESCO Award for Lifelong Learning**—That the Parliament congratulates the city of Glasgow on becoming the first city in Scotland to receive a prestigious international accolade for lifelong learning; notes that the UNESCO Learning City Award was given at a ceremony in Saudi Arabia; understands that Glasgow launched itself as a learning city in 1999, and that the concept has been the driving force for the city's development in lifelong learning; further understands that Scott MacGregor, vice principal of the University of Strathclyde and chairperson of the Glasgow Economic Leadership (GEL) higher and further education work stream, accepted the award on behalf of the city, and considers that the UNESCO Learning City Award is testament to the lifelong learning at the heart of education and learning in Glasgow's schools and colleges, and that it provides the city with a platform to reinforce its commitment to lifelong learning and education and to share learnings with other UNESCO Learning Cities.

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***S6M-15719 Gordon MacDonald: Canal View Primary School Pupil Voice Commendation—**

That the Parliament congratulates Canal View Primary School on its commendation for Pupil Voice in the international environmental Eco-Schools programme by environmental charity, Keep Scotland Beautiful; understands that Canal View Primary School has gone above and beyond in its Eco-Schools activities across all of the required categories; acknowledges that Eco-Schools is currently celebrating its 30th anniversary and is the largest sustainable schools programme in the world, operated internationally by the Foundation for Environmental Education and delivered by Keep Scotland Beautiful, and wishes the staff and pupils continued success in their endeavours.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, George Adam*, Rona Mackay*, Stuart McMillan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Martin Whitfield*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, David Torrance*

***S6M-15714 Emma Roddick: Eden Court Wins Venue of the Year—**That the Parliament congratulates Eden Court on winning Venue of the Year at the MG ALBA Scots Trad Music Awards, which were held in Inverness on 30 November 2024; understands that the event recognises and celebrates the exceptional talent, ambition, passion and achievements of the traditional music scene over the past year; believes that Eden Court is extremely deserving of this award due to its exceptional contribution to creating a home for live music in the Highlands, and supporting both established and emerging local artists; extends its congratulations once again to the team at Eden Court, and wishes it continued success in 2025.

***S6M-15713 Emma Roddick: Congratulating Cultarlann Inbhir Nis on its Hero of the Highlands Award—**That the Parliament congratulates Cultarlann Inbhir Nis on receiving the Hero of the Highlands award at the MG ALBA Scots Trad Music Awards, which were held in Inverness on 30 November 2024; understands that this is a new award, introduced at the 2024 event, which aims to recognise a voluntary organisation based in Inverness that has made a significant contribution to Gaelic and Highland cultural life; believes that Cultarlann Inbhir Nis has dedicated its efforts to creating a welcoming space for all those with a passion for, or an interest in, the Gaelic language and culture, further strengthening Inverness as a Gaelic cultural centre; sends its congratulations once again to the whole team on this incredible achievement, and wishes it continued success in the future.

The Member has provided the following translation in Gaelic:

Gu bheil a' Phàrlamaid a' cur meal-a-naidheachd air Cultarlann Inbhir Nis air duais Gaisgich na Gàidhlig fhaighinn aig Duaisean Ceòl Traidiseanta na h-Alba MG ALBA a chaidh a chumail ann an Inbhir Nis air 30 Samhain; a' tuigsinn gur e duais ùr a tha seo a chaidh a thoirt a-steach aig tachartas na bliadhna-sa a tha ag amas air aithne a thoirt do bhuidheann saor-thoileach stèidhichte ann an Inbhir Nis a chuir gu mòr ri beatha na Gàidhlig agus Cultarach na Gàidhealtachd; ag aithneachadh gu bheil Cultarlann Inbhir Nis air na h-oidhirpean aige a chuir air chois gus àite fàilteachail a chruthachadh dhaibhsan aig a bheil ùidh no ùidh ann an cànan is cultar na Gàidhlig, a' neartachadh Inbhir Nis mar Ionad Cultarach Gàidhlig; a' cur meal-a-naidheachd a-rithist air an sgioba gu lèir air an euchd iongantach seo agus a' guidhe soirbheachas leantainneach dhaibh san àm ri teachd.

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followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 December 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

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followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Remote and Rural Healthcare Inquiry

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 December 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 December 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Education (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Education (Scotland) Bill

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 19 December 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 December 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

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***[S6M-15707](#) George Adam: Paisley's Timmy Allan Wins BBC Radio Scotland Young Jazz Musician of 2024**—That the Parliament recognises the achievement of guitar player, Timmy Allan, of Paisley, who has won the title of BBC Radio Scotland Young Jazz Musician of 2024; congratulates everyone involved in what was a competitive final with a very high standard being set by all the musicians involved; notes that, in the final, Timmy performed his own fast-tempo composition *Hush* and a smart arrangement of the standard *Tea for Two*, which were broadcast live on BBC Radio Scotland; welcomes that the competition showcased the best of Scotland's talented young musicians; congratulates Timmy Allan on his fantastic achievement, and wishes him well in his fourth year of studies at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

***[S6M-15706](#) Gillian Mackay: Motherwell FC and The Well Society Celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities** —That the Parliament congratulates Motherwell FC and The Well Society for marking the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD); understands that the football club, alongside its charity Motherwell FC Community Trust and the Motherwell Disabled Supporters Association, used the match against Hibernian on 30 November 2024 to shine a light on some of the projects that they have undertaken over the last year to improve accessibility and inclusivity, and to highlight the achievements and aspirations of their supporters and participants with disabilities; believes that the Disabled Supporters Association does incredible work, week in and week out, to ensure that everyone can follow the team up and down the country, and thanks it for its continuous ongoing support.

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***[S6M-15704](#) Beatrice Wishart: Author Jen Stout Wins at Scotland's National Book Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates journalist and author, Jen Stout, from Fair Isle in Shetland, on being recognised at Scotland's National Book Awards for her book, *Night Train to Odesa: Covering the Human Cost of Russia's War*, which tells of her time reporting from Ukraine following the Russian invasion; understands that her book won the First Book of the Year Award, which identifies rising stars developing their talent; further understands that this award was chosen by judges from Saltire Scotland, who praised *Night Train to Odesa* as an "accomplished and beautiful work, blending journalism, memoir, history, art" in its coverage of Russian aggression in Ukraine, which moves between epic and intimate; notes that Jen's book has received positive reviews in publications including *The Times*, *The Observer* and *The Scotsman*, as well as being selected as a Radio 4 Book of the Week; believes that the reception to Jen's work is well-deserved; recognises what it sees as the importance of independent journalism covering conflict and war; commends Jen for her work in telling people's stories from, it considers, such difficult circumstances, and wishes her well in her writing and journalism career.

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***[S6M-15703](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Musicians Douglas Montgomery and Billy Jolly Celebrated at 2024 Scots Trad Music Award** —That the Parliament celebrates the recognition of Orkney instrumental teacher, Douglas Montgomery, and the late Orcadian folk musician, Billy Jolly, at the 2024 Scots Trad Music Awards; understands that Douglas was named Music Tutor of the Year in the award category sponsored by Creative Scotland Youth Music Initiative; believes that the award is richly deserved and reflects Douglas's many years of dedication to teaching, supporting and inspiring young people in Orkney to take up and immerse themselves in traditional music; understands that many of those who benefited from Douglas's teaching have gone on to

enjoy successful careers in music, while a great many more continue to draw on the skills and self-confidence his approach to music tuition brings; believes that these benefits underscore the invaluable contribution made by Douglas and instrumental music teachers all across Scotland; celebrates the induction into the Trad Music Hall of Fame of Billy Jolly, who sadly passed away earlier this year; acknowledges what it sees as this richly deserved recognition of the talent and influence of the late Billy Jolly, who was a passionate ambassador for the cultural heritage of Orcadian music on an international stage; believes firmly that, as a much-loved and respected icon of Orkney traditional music, Billy is worthy of his place in any musical hall of fame, and pays tribute to the contribution made by both Douglas and Billy in enhancing Orkney's reputation for traditional music and encouraging those of all ages to play, enjoy and get the most out of music. **R**

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***[S6M-15702](#) Alexander Stewart: Hospice Fundraising Choir Brings Festive Cheer**—That the Parliament is enthused that the Strathcarron Singers are set to perform in Bridge of Allan as part of their 20th anniversary celebrations; understands that, under the direction of Matthew Brown, the choir will present "Carols From Near And Far", a concert created by David Brown; notes that one of the events, which will take place in Bridge of Allan Parish Church on 8 December 2024, will also feature the Clackmannan District Brass Youth and Development Band, under Luci Lamb, and the Edwin Drod Players; believes that, while there will be no charge for attendance, donations will be welcomed for Strathcarron Hospice, which is the charity that the choir has supported since its inception in 2004; congratulates everyone involved, and wishes them all the very best for their successful performances throughout the festive period.

***[S6M-15701](#) Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Christmas Wreath CHAS Fundraiser Returns** —That the Parliament welcomes the return of a local community group that sells Christmas wreaths in support of a children's charity; understands that the Friends of Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) Clackmannanshire has announced that it is handcrafting wreaths again, for people to purchase, with all profits going to CHAS; believes that this fundraiser proved hugely successful in 2023, prompting the group, which was formed in 2023, to hold the initiative again; notes that Friends of CHAS Clackmannanshire is an offshoot of the main charity and holds various fundraisers through the year for the cause, and commends everyone involved for this magnanimous initiative.

***[S6M-15700](#) Tim Eagle: Trio of Major Industry Awards for Isle of Harris Distillery**—That the Parliament congratulates Isle of Harris Distillery on winning a trio of major awards at the 2024 Scottish Whisky Awards ceremony in Glasgow; understands that Isle of Harris Distillery picked up the coveted Scottish Whisky Distillery of the Year award, as well as winning the Product Launch of the Year and Newcomer of the Year awards for its whisky product, The Hearach; acknowledges that in deciding the various winners of the awards, event organisers blind tasted over 200 Scotch whiskies produced by more than 60 Scottish distilleries and independent bottlers; notes that the Isle of Harris Distillery opened in October 2015 and commenced production in December 2015 and that it initially launched Isle of Harris gin that same year before releasing its first single malt whisky in 2023; recognises what it sees as the important role that the distillery plays as a local employer on the Isle of Harris, and wishes everyone involved at the Isle of Harris Distillery continued success.

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***[S6M-15699](#) Tim Eagle: Norman Macaskill Wins Prestigious Award for Community**

Contribution—That the Parliament congratulates Stornoway resident, Norman Macaskill, who was presented with the Nellie MacAskill Shield by The Western Isles Lottery at the 2024 Christmas switch-on event; understands that the award is given to an individual who is deemed to have made a significant contribution to their community; further understands that Norman has contributed to a variety of local groups for over 50 years, including his work at the Macaulay Road Co-op, his involvement as a representative of Disability Sport on the Club Sport Committee, his role as chairperson of the Physically Handicapped and Able-Bodied group, and his active participation in ENABLE Scotland events in the area; recognises the immense contribution that Norman Macaskill has made and continues to make in his community, and wishes Norman all the very best for the future.

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***[S6M-15698](#) Rhoda Grant: Congratulations to Everyone Involved in Na Trads**—That the Parliament congratulates everyone involved in the organisation and sponsorship of the prestigious 2024 MG ALBA Trad Awards, which were held in Inverness on 30 November 2024; understands that the awards ceremony, which was held in Inverness for the first time in a decade, celebrates the finest talent in Scottish traditional music while showcasing the performances of some of the country's most talented musicians; further understands that the event, which was attended by more than 1,000 musicians and industry supporters, together with hundreds of trad fans, was also watched live on BBC ALBA by many more traditional music fans; acknowledges what it sees as the significant contribution traditional music adds to Scotland's cultural heritage, and congratulates the 116 nominees and the 26 worthy winners on the night.

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***[S6M-15697](#) Tim Eagle: Lochgilphead Branch of Scottish Women's Institutes Marks 95th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates the Lochgilphead branch of the Scottish Women's Institutes on celebrating its 95th anniversary; understands that the branch was founded in November 1929 with a Mrs Matheson from the Corran listed as its first president; understands that an anniversary event was held by 33 local members at Lochgilphead Parish Church, including current branch president, Debbie Munro, and that it included a celebratory cake baked by member Ishbel Hawson of Polly's Coffee Stop, which was then cut by the local branch's longest serving member of 64 years, Lorna McKellar; recognises what it sees as the important work of Scottish Women's Institutes and its branches, including its mission to connect women locally and nationally to improve their quality of life through friendship, education, sharing and having fun, and wishes the Lochgilphead branch every success for the future.

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***[S6M-15696](#) Tim Eagle: Campbeltown Branch of Royal British Legion Scotland Raises Over £4,000**—That the Parliament commends the Campbeltown branch of the Royal British Legion

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Scotland, which raised £4,157.37 from across the town and parish as part of the 2024 Scottish Poppy Appeal; acknowledges the many dedicated local volunteers, including Campbeltown branch chairman, George Rahman, for their sterling work in coordinating the local fundraising effort and the organisation of local poppy stalls; understands that the funds raised will go towards supporting current and former members of the armed forces as well as their families, and wishes everyone involved with the Campbeltown branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland the best for future fundraising endeavours.

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***S6M-15695 Colin Beattie: Wallyford Learning Campus Opens**—That the Parliament celebrates Wallyford Learning Campus opening; understands that the high school will be funded through the £2 billion Scottish Government Learning Estate Investment Programme (LEIP); notes that the new campus houses Rosehill High School, including state of the art facilities for pupils with additional support needs; considers that the new campus will help pupils from all backgrounds reach their full potential; understands that the new campus and its variety of facilities offers a range of opportunities to the wider community, and thanks everyone involved in designing, planning, and building the campus for all their hard work.

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***S6M-15694 Keith Brown: Congratulations to the Community of Bridge of Allan for Sunnyslaw Land Purchase**—That the Parliament congratulates members of the Bridge of Allan community on their successful bid to purchase the land at Sunnyslaw, Bridge of Allan, to preserve its use for community purposes; believes that this purchase demonstrates the commitment and passion of local residents to protect their wonderful community and make it better, with, it understands, individual residents generously donating their own money to make this purchase a reality; understands that this has taken months of collective planning, with other interested parties agreeing to withdraw their bids for the good of the community; further understands that the land will be held in trust on behalf of residents by the local Development Trust, Discover Bridge of Allan; commends the establishment of a Sunnyslaw Action Group, with residents working together to undertake the future upkeep of the meadow, ensuring that it will be preserved for generations to come, and understands that the wider community has, and will continue to, inform and influence plans for the future of Sunnyslaw Meadow.

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***S6M-15693 Bill Kidd: Glasgow 850**—That the Parliament notes that, throughout 2025, Glasgow will mark its 850th anniversary, which will be celebrated around the world by fellow Glaswegians and marked by the city itself with various events, including an extensive programme of community-based activities, aimed at celebrating the city's past, present and future through various mediums, including inviting people at home and abroad to share their memories of and hopes for their beloved city; notes that a special programme to recruit volunteers will take place, providing people with the unique opportunity to represent the city that they and their families call home, alongside, as part of the celebrations, a focus on the invaluable role that community councils play by creating a platform for all its citizens to stage and host their own events as part of Glasgow 850, and

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encourages everyone in Glasgow, the West of, and indeed across Scotland, to get involved and celebrate what it believes makes Glasgow, its people and its future great.

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***S6M-15691 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Central Library Innovation Station**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the Aberdeen City Libraries' project, Innovation Station, is to receive funding from the 2024-25 Public Library Improvement Fund (PLIF); notes that the fund, which is administered on behalf of the Scottish Government by the Scottish Libraries and Information Council (SLIC), awards innovative projects aimed at supporting long-term positive impact in communities; understands that this funding will be used to develop a technology hub within Aberdeen's Central Library, by providing opportunities for communities to access emerging technologies, giving individuals the chance to develop their skills in technology, coding, numeracy and related subjects, thereby enhancing expertise and employability; further understands that Innovation Station will promote the development of coding and robotic skills through STEM activities and programmes, improving opportunities for communities for employment within growth STEM industries, as set out in Aberdeen City Council's Local Outcome Improvement Plan; congratulates Aberdeen City Council on securing this funding, and hopes that the involvement of young voices in the planning, development and delivery of Innovation Station will make it a great success in meeting the needs of younger generations.

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***S6M-15690 Kevin Stewart: University of Aberdeen High Voltage Direct Current Research Team**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that researchers from the University of Aberdeen are to take part in a Europe-wide project seeking to improve the performance, reliability and cost of components essential to a greener future; notes that the University's High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) research team is one of nine partners on a new three-year Horizon Europe project, called MoWiLife (Condition Monitoring and Wide Bandgap Power Electronics - Leading Innovations for the European Energy Sector), seeking to study new transistor technologies based on silicon carbide (SiC) and their applications in power generation and transmission; understands that the move from carbon energy sources towards electrification is placing a growing demand on power converters and other power-electronics components, rather than traditional power systems based on electro-mechanical components, and that this research will investigate the potential benefits of SiC MOSFET (metal oxide semiconductor field effect transistors), with a view to eventually developing a high-voltage direct current grid; believes that this project highlights the excellent standard of research at the University of Aberdeen, and hopes that those involved in the project, including Professor Dragan Jovicic and Dr Xin Yuan, are successful in their endeavours.

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***S6M-15689 Clare Adamson: Motherwell Phoenix Youngsters Wear Red and Back Anti-racism Charity**—That the Parliament commends the young people of Motherwell Phoenix for their participation in the Show Racism the Red Card charity's Wear Red Day, during which they wore red to show their solidarity in the fight against racism and their commitment to the cause; understands that Show Racism the Red Card is the UK's leading anti-racism charity, dedicated to using the power of sport, particularly football, to tackle racism through education, awareness, and action; recognises that the Wear Red Day campaign encourages individuals, schools,

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organisations and communities to stand together against racial discrimination; acknowledges the efforts of Motherwell Phoenix in engaging young people in what it sees as this vital cause, helping to raise awareness and encouraging a culture of respect, and commends Motherwell Phoenix for their exemplary leadership in promoting this important initiative.

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***S6M-15688 Clare Adamson: Pauline Muldoon Praised by Boss and Team at Constance Care—**That the Parliament recognises the appraisal of Pauline Muldoon from her boss, Jacqueline Woods, and her entire work team; understands that Pauline consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty, whether within the workplace or in the broader community; hears that Pauline has an impeccable attendance record, having never missed a day of work, and is widely regarded as a trusted, respected, and valued member of her team; acknowledges the positive impact that she has on her colleagues and the wider organisation through her commitment and enthusiasm, and wishes Pauline and the team at Constance Care all the best for continued success in the future.

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***S6M-15687 Clare Adamson: Sam Shaves Hair for Horseshoe Bar Charity Day —**That the Parliament commends Samantha Nicol, from Motherwell, for her incredible fundraising efforts, as she shaved her head to support a charitable cause; notes that Samantha, a regular at the Horseshoe Bar in Motherwell, participated in the pub's charity day, which was organised to raise funds for the Lanarkshire Truck and Tractor Charity Christmas Light Run, an initiative that brings festive cheer and supports the local community; acknowledges the generosity of Vahits Barber Shop, whose team donated its time and expertise to make the event a success; highlights the collective effort of everyone involved in creating a successful and meaningful event, and praises Samantha and all contributors for their dedication, generosity, and outstanding community spirit in supporting this worthy cause.

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***S6M-15686 Clare Adamson: Hannah Secures Dancing Titles—**That the Parliament recognises the remarkable dedication and achievements of six-year-old Hannah in securing numerous dance titles across the country; understands that Hannah was crowned all-Scotland champion in the under-6 category in January 2024, an impressive milestone that marked the beginning of an extraordinary year in which she went on to win five additional championships and achieve one runner-up position; further understands that Hannah, originally from Shotts, began her dance journey with the L School of Dance, where she laid the foundation for her passion and skill, before relocating to Motherwell to specialise in Irish dancing at the Annie Mac Academy; recognises that Hannah's success is a testament to her hard work, discipline, and the support of her instructors and family, and wishes Hannah every success in her future dance career, with confidence that she will continue to excel.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-15731](#) Gillian Martin: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025 [draft] (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Alasdair Allan*

[S6M-15684](#) Clare Adamson: St Andrew's First Aid's Contribution to World Restart a Heart 2024 (lodged on 02 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Emma Harper*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15682](#) Kevin Stewart: Welcoming the Return of SPECTRA (lodged on 02 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Emma Harper*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Evelyn Tweed*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15681](#) Monica Lennon: 20th Anniversary of Lanarkshire Rape Crisis (lodged on 02 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Mark Griffin*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Rona Mackay*, Gillian Mackay*, Jackie Dunbar*, Foyso Choudhury*, Evelyn Tweed*, Kenneth Gibson*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15680](#) Clare Adamson: Hudson Kelly's Fundraiser for Guide Dogs For The Blind (lodged on 02 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Emma Harper*, Evelyn Tweed*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15679](#) Annabelle Ewing: Bowhill Woodland Revitalisation (lodged on 02 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Emma Harper*, Evelyn Tweed*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15676](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Congratulations to Radio Skye on Community Radio Awards Success (lodged on 02 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stephen Kerr*, Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15675](#) Sandesh Gulhane: New Affordable Homes in Finnieston, Glasgow (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15674](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Major Extension Proposed to Glasgow Fort (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15673](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow Taxis Cup (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15672](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Lung Cancer Awareness Month (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

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[S6M-15670](#) Craig Hoy: Congratulating Earlston Paths Group (lodged on 02 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stephen Kerr*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15668](#) Gillian Mackay: Walking Football Scotland's Player of the Month (lodged on 02 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stephen Kerr*, Evelyn Tweed*, Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15667](#) Meghan Gallacher: Kelpies Artist Creates New Sculpture for Minnesota Club (lodged on 02 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stephen Kerr*, Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15666](#) Karen Adam: Stanley Morrice, Honorary Doctorate from the University of Stirling (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15665](#) Meghan Gallacher: Radio Law to Close after 57 Years (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15664](#) Elena Whitham: Friends of Dundonald Castle SCIO Wins Prestige Award (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15663](#) Christine Grahame: National Lottery Recognition of South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15662](#) Clare Adamson: Motherwell FC Community Trust's Christmas Initiative (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Evelyn Tweed*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15659](#) Clare Adamson: Pathways Church and MADE4U in ML2 Partnership for Christmas Toy Drive (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Evelyn Tweed*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15658](#) Clare Adamson: New College Lanarkshire in Scottish Chefs Nespresso Student Afternoon Tea Challenge (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15657](#) Elena Whitham: Report on Alcohol Use Disorder in the Justice System (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15656](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Rowers Davie Flett and David Walker Break World Record for Longest Continuous Row (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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[S6M-15655](#) Clare Adamson: Vision Taekwondo Club (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15654](#) Kenneth Gibson: Opposition to the Post Office Closure Plan (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Michelle Thomson*, James Dornan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Rona Mackay*, Clare Haughey*, Keith Brown*, Evelyn Tweed*, Ross Greer*

[S6M-15653](#) Rona Mackay: 50 Years of Oncology at the University of Glasgow and 10 Years of Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Evelyn Tweed*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15651](#) Keith Brown: Glenview Nursery, Tullibody, Achieves Rights Respecting Gold Award (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15650](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Burrell Collection Awarded Best Building in Scotland Award (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15649](#) Liam McArthur: Serena Sutherland Nominated for Law Society President (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15648](#) Marie McNair: Liz Stewart Shortlisted for Volunteer Manager of the Year (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Evelyn Tweed*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15647](#) Clare Haughey: Congratulating Diane Whateley, Community Rail Partnership Member of the Year (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15646](#) Clare Haughey: Commending the Rotary Club of Rutherglen's Wrap Up Lanarkshire Campaign (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15645](#) Clare Haughey: Burnside Squirrel Drey Earns Acorn Awards (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15640](#) Karen Adam: Heriot-Watt University to Explore Impact of Domestic Abuse on Deaf Mothers and Their Families (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Emma Harper*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15638](#) Willie Coffey: Superstar Lands Lead Roll (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-15636](#) Willie Coffey: Break the Silence Paddleboard Challenge (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15635](#) Willie Coffey: Medals for Kilmarnock's Northwest Amateur Boxing Club (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15634](#) Lorna Slater: A Safe, Accessible and Sustainable Holyrood Park for the 21st Century (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*, Gillian Mackay*, Patrick Harvie*, Ariane Burgess*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-15633](#) Humza Yousaf: Congratulating Applecross Nursing Home (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-15632](#) Jackson Carlaw: East Renfrewshire Business Named as Finalist for Diabetes Project of the Year (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*

[S6M-15631](#) Kevin Stewart: PhD Research Investment (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15630](#) Kevin Stewart: NHS Grampian's Use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15629](#) Alexander Stewart: Wee County Artist Showcases Work in Edinburgh Music Store (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15615](#) Monica Lennon: Celebrating New College Lanarkshire's Triumph at WorldSkills UK (lodged on 26 November 2024)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Graham Simpson*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Gillian Mackay*, Rona Mackay*, Foyso Choudhury*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-15606](#) Tess White: Women Across Scotland Stand With Gisèle Pelicot (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15604](#) Willie Coffey: Prestwick Airport Celebrates Fifth Consecutive Year of Profit (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15593](#) Jackie Dunbar: Iona Fyfe Elected Rector of the University of Aberdeen (lodged on 25 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-15587](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Historian Bryce Wilson Named Curator Emeritus of Stromness Museum (lodged on 22 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15571](#) Emma Harper: The Open University Supports the Scots Language (lodged on 25 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15566](#) Colin Beattie: Holodomor Memorial Day 2024 (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15565](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Young Farmers Organisations Succeed at North District Speechmaking Contest (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15563](#) Jackie Baillie: Muscular Dystrophy UK Publishes Missing People, Missing Support Report (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Foyso Choudhury*, Pam Gosal*, Beatrice Wishart*, Sandesh Gulhane* R, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-15559](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Shetland Stroke Support Group Celebrates 20 Years of Service (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15558](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Orkney Runner Thomas Hugon Competes in Backyard Ultra World Championship (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15521](#) Foyso Choudhury: Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights Launches Advocacy Service (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15494](#) Emma Roddick: Recognising the Efforts of Nairn River Community Council (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15490](#) Keith Brown: Forth Climate Forest's First Year (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Michael Matheson*

[S6M-15489](#) Emma Roddick: Celebrating 40 Years of the Lossie Fisheries and Community Museum (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15480](#) Humza Yousaf: Congratulations to Jim Fraser on Double Award Success for Lifetime Achievement (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Monica Lennon*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kenneth Gibson*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-15473](#) Kevin Stewart: Lamenting the Loss of Jeff and Lauren in the Morning Show
(lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15461](#) Daniel Johnson: Treating Retail Workers with Kindness During the Festive Trading Period (lodged on 15 November 2024)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S6M-15440](#) Paul Sweeney: Celebrating the Social Enterprise Awards Scotland 2024 (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15413](#) Michelle Thomson: Promoting the Role of Women in Scotland's Journey to Net Zero (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15412](#) Monica Lennon: Recognising Scotland's Electrical Talent (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-15368](#) Gillian Mackay: Charlotte Askham Wins Young Volunteer of the Year (Under 27) Award (lodged on 02 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stephen Kerr*, Kevin Stewart*, Ariane Burgess*, Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Maggie Chapman*, Miles Briggs*, Kenneth Gibson*, Evelyn Tweed*, Sharon Dowe*, Tess White*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-15367](#) Gillian Mackay: Finlay Thompson Wins Young Official of the Year (Under 27) Award (lodged on 02 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stephen Kerr*, Kevin Stewart*, Clare Haughey*, Ariane Burgess*, Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Maggie Chapman*, Miles Briggs*, Evelyn Tweed*, Sharon Dowe*, Tess White*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-15176](#) Tess White: Scotland Women's Rugby Team Celebrate Highest World Ranking
(lodged on 04 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15097](#) Ariane Burgess: Ambitious Growth Targets for Social Enterprises, Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses (lodged on 30 October 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-14857](#) Katy Clark: Opposition to the Invasion of Ukraine (lodged on 09 October 2024)

New Support: Mark Griffin*

[S6M-14602](#) Michael Matheson: Powering Futures - Putting Young People at the Heart of the Energy Transition (lodged on 23 September 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

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Questions Ceistean				

Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 03 December 2024

[S6W-31158](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to educate young people on alcohol marketing in schools.

[S6W-31520](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide details of what steps SEPA has taken to communicate with the local community in relation to the recent chemical spill incident in the Cameron Street area of Coatbridge.

[S6W-31521](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the recent chemical spill incident in the Cameron Street area of Coatbridge, whether it can provide details of what remedial action has been taken by SEPA to limit the possible spread of the contaminant and the resultant impact.

[S6W-31522](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the recent chemical spill incident in the Cameron Street area of Coatbridge, whether it can provide details of what information has been collected by SEPA to identify the chemicals involved and their source.

[S6W-31807](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government when its review of non-core and discretionary support, which includes support for part-time students, will conclude.

[S6W-31917](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31416 by Neil Gray on 28 November 2024, how many of the 30 remaining Scottish Graduate Entry Medicine (ScotGEM) graduates who chose not to take up GPST 1 posts (a) took up and (b) did not take up other roles in the NHS.

[S6W-31918](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31416 by Neil Gray on 28 November 2024, within which NHS boards the remaining eight individuals that chose to take up GPST 1 posts are placed.

[S6W-31921](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring that people in (a) rural and (b) remote areas have access to special care dentists.

[S6W-31922](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government how many special care dentists there are.

[S6W-31923](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to improve access to special care dental care for people with complex needs, including disabled people, older people and people with underlying health conditions.

[S6W-31929](#) Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will review restrictions on using recorded footage from the Chamber for social media purposes.

[S6W-31932](#) Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23717 by Jenni Minto on 19 December 2023, what progress it has made in identifying areas where there is the potential to further explore or support aspects of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) service development and the resource required to do this.

[S6W-31933](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government further to the answer to question S6W-18745 by Jenni Minto on 21 June 2023, whether it can provide a list of meetings of the Scottish Hospice Leadership Group in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024, and a summary of what was discussed at each meeting.

[S6W-31934](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government how many claims have been made to the Young Patients Family fund within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde in 2024.

[S6W-31935](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to re-evaluate the eligibility criteria for potential applicants to the Young Patients Family Fund.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-31936](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to re-evaluate the amount that an applicant can claim from the Young Patients Family Fund.

[S6W-31937](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to specifically address the misuse of opiates/opioids.

[S6W-31938](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what action is being taken to prevent drug misuse deaths that have been classified as intentional self-poisonings, as set out in statistics published in 2023 by the National Records of Scotland.

[S6W-31939](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to reduce any stigma for individuals accessing or wishing to access Medication Assisted Treatment.

[S6W-31940](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working to reduce Medication Assisted Treatment waiting times.

[S6W-31941](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce any barriers to accessing direct contact with workers for those accessing Medication Assisted Treatment services.

[S6W-31942](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working to support any people wishing to access Medication Assisted Treatment services who experience travel barriers due to cost and/or distance.

[S6W-31943](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government how many claims have been made to the Young Patients Family Fund in each year since 2021.

[S6W-31944](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is providing any assistance to Ferguson Marine to find a permanent chief executive officer (CEO), in light of evidence given by the interim CEO of the shipyard to the Scottish Parliament's Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on 26 November 2024.

[S6W-31945](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects the MV Glen Sannox to enter service, in light of reports that the vessel requires repairs to its anchor system.

[S6W-31946](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that Transport Scotland provided Sustrans, an active travel organisation based in Bristol, a grant of £97.9 million in 2024.

[S6W-31947](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to increase the number of nurses employed by the NHS, in light of the reported finding by the Royal College of Nursing that the number of nurses is currently stagnating, having grown by 0.1% in the last six months.

[S6W-31948](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its response to freedom of information request FOI/202400436576, which shows that it was notified of 16 cyber attacks on public bodies in 2024, whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to improve its cyber resilience.

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New Bills Bilean Ùra				

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 3 December 2024

Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 35B) (Government Bill)

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 3 December 2024

Scottish Languages Bill — Stage 2

Section 2

Kate Forbes

- 1 In section 2, page 2, line 28, at end insert—

<(3C) In exercising its function under subsection (2)(ab), the Bòrd must in particular provide, or procure the provision of, advice, assistance and support to any person in the preparation of a plan for the development or promotion of the Gaelic language, Gaelic education and Gaelic culture in relation to a community in a particular area.>

Section 3

Ross Greer

- 2 In section 3, page 3, line 6, after second <the> insert <national>

Section 4

Kate Forbes

- 3 In section 4, page 4, line 21, at end insert—

<(1A) If a local authority—

- (a) considers that all or part of its area falls within the description of an area of linguistic significance set out in section 1A(1)(a), and
- (b) decides not to submit a proposed designation to the Scottish Ministers under subsection (2)(c) in respect of that area,

the local authority must publicise the decision and its reasons for making it.>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 4 In section 4, page 4, line 23, after <consult> insert <—

(i)>

Pam Duncan-Glancy

- 5 In section 4, page 4, line 23, after <and> insert<—

- (ii) every community council whose area includes an area situated in the proposed designation,
- (iii) such other persons as the local authority considers to be representative of communities, and>

Kate Forbes

- 6 In section 4, page 5, line 23, after <section> insert <and section 1C>

Kate Forbes

- 7 In section 4, page 5, line 24, at end insert—

<1C Request by Bòrd for local authority to consider designation

- (1) The Bòrd may request a local authority to consider making a designation under section 1B.
- (2) The Bòrd must request a local authority to consider making a designation under section 1B if the Bòrd considers that there is evidence of demand for a designation under section 1B by persons residing in the local authority's area.
- (3) If—
 - (a) the Bòrd makes a request under this section, and
 - (b) the local authority to which the request is made decides not to submit a proposed designation to the Scottish Ministers under section 1B(2)(c),the local authority must publicise the decision and its reasons for making it.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may give guidance to the Bòrd and local authorities relating to their functions under this section.
- (5) The Bòrd and local authorities must have regard to any guidance given by the Scottish Ministers under subsection (4).>

After section 4

Michael Marra

- 8 After section 4, insert—

<Gaelic language targets

- (1) The Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 2 insert—

“2ZA Gaelic language targets

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations specify targets in relation to the Gaelic language.
- (2) Targets specified under subsection (1) must include a target number of—
 - (a) Gaelic speakers, broken down by geographical area,
 - (b) candidates entered for Gaelic medium national qualifications,
 - (c) candidates entered for national qualifications in Gaelic.”>

Section 5

Ross Greer

- 9 In section 5, page 6, line 2, before <Gaelic> insert <National>

Ross Greer

- 10 In section 5, page 6, line 4, before <Gaelic> insert <National>

Ross Greer

- 11 In section 5, page 6, line 5, after <a> insert <national>

Ross Greer

- 12 In section 5, page 6, line 6, after <The> insert <national>

Michael Marra

- 13 In section 5, page 6, line 9, after <objectives> insert <and any targets specified under section 2ZA(1)>

Ross Greer

- 14 In section 5, page 6, line 12, after <objectives> insert <, including how such progress will be measured>

Michael Marra

- 15 In section 5, page 6, line 12, after <objectives> insert <and any targets specified under section 2ZA(1)>

Ross Greer

- 16 In section 5, page 6, line 15, at end insert—

<(2A) In preparing the Gaelic language strategy, the Scottish Ministers must have regard to the principle that the Gaelic and English languages should be accorded equal respect.>

Ross Greer

- 17 In section 5, page 6, line 16, after first <the> insert <national>

Ross Greer

- 18 In section 5, page 6, line 17, at end insert—

<(3A) When publishing a draft strategy under subsection (3), the Scottish Ministers must also publicise the arrangements for making representations about the draft strategy.>

Ross Greer

- 19 In section 5, page 6, line 19, after <the> insert <national>

Ross Greer

- 20 In section 5, page 6, line 26, after <the> insert <national>

Ross Greer

21 In section 5, page 6, line 30, after <revised> insert <national>

Ross Greer

22 In section 5, page 6, line 31, after <first> insert <national>

Ross Greer

23 In section 5, page 6, line 32, after <of> insert <national>

Ross Greer

24 In section 5, page 6, line 33, after second <the> insert <national>

Ross Greer

25 In section 5, page 6, line 36, after <the> insert <national>

Section 6

Michael Marra

26 In section 6, page 7, line 4, leave out <Power for> and insert <Duty of>

Michael Marra

27 In section 6, page 7, line 5, leave out <may> and insert <must>

Kate Forbes

28 In section 6, page 7, line 8, at end insert—

<(za) include provision about the following aspects of exercising functions—

(ii) the preparation of publications,

(iii) the provision of information.>

Kate Forbes

29 In section 6, page 7, line 15, at end insert—

<(2A) Provision made by virtue of subsection (2)(a) may in particular include provision about the exercise of functions relating to—

(a) the development of the Gaelic language,

(b) the provision of education,

(c) community planning,

(d) community development,

(e) economic development.>

Michael Marra

- 30 In section 6, page 7, line 18, after <must> insert <—
(a) publish a draft of the standards and requirements to be specified by regulations under subsection (1), and>

Michael Marra

- 31 In section 6, page 7, line 21, at end insert—
<on the draft standards and requirements published under paragraph (a).>

After section 6

Michael Marra

- 32 After section 6, insert—
<**Further provision about setting first standards**
(1) This section applies to the first regulations made under section 2C of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005.
(2) The Scottish Ministers must, before the end of the period of 1 year beginning with the day after Royal Assent, lay a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing the regulations before the Scottish Parliament.>

Section 7

Ross Greer

- 33 In section 7, page 7, line 31, leave out from <have> to end of line 34 and insert <, so far as is both appropriate in the circumstances and reasonably practicable—
(a) promote, facilitate and support the use of the Gaelic language, and
(b) develop and encourage Gaelic culture.>

Emma Roddick

- 34 In section 7, page 7, line 31, leave out <the desirability of>

Ross Greer

- 35 In section 7, page 7, line 37, at end insert—
<(1A) In preparing guidance under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must have regard to the principle that the Gaelic and English languages should be accorded equal respect.>

Section 8

Ross Greer

- 36 In section 8, page 8, line 22, after <on> insert <national>

Michael Marra

37 In section 8, page 8, line 22, after <strategy> insert <and targets>

Ross Greer

38 In section 8, page 8, line 23, after <must> insert <, as soon as reasonably practicable after each financial year,>

Ross Greer

39 In section 8, page 8, line 23, leave out <reports> and insert <a report>

Ross Greer

40 In section 8, page 8, line 24, after <progress> insert <during the year>

Michael Marra

41 In section 8, page 8, line 24, after <meeting> insert <—
(a)>

Ross Greer

42 In section 8, page 8, line 24, after second <the> insert <national>

Michael Marra

43 In section 8, page 8, line 25, at end insert—
<(b) the targets specified by the Scottish Ministers under section 2ZA (1).>

Ross Greer

44 In section 8, page 8, line 29, after <must> insert <, as soon as reasonably practicable after each financial year,>

Ross Greer

45 In section 8, page 8, line 29, leave out <reports> and insert <a report>

Ross Greer

46 In section 8, page 8, line 30, after <authorities> insert <during the year>

After section 8

Michael Marra

47 After section 8, insert—

<Reporting on number of Gaelic speakers

- (1) The Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 2H (inserted by section 8(2)) insert—

“2I Reporting on number of Gaelic speakers

- (2) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each reporting period, prepare and publish a report on the number of Gaelic language speakers in Scotland.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), a reporting period is—
 - (a) the period of 2 years beginning with the day after the Bill for the Scottish Languages Act 2024 receives Royal Assent,
 - (b) each subsequent period of 2 years.”.>

Section 9

Ross Greer

48 In section 9, page 9, line 12, after <recent> insert <national>

Ross Greer

49 In section 9, page 9, line 18, after <recent> insert <national>

Ross Greer

50 In section 9, page 9, line 18, at end insert—

<(ab) the principle that the Gaelic and English languages should be accorded equal respect,>

Ross Greer

51 In section 9, page 11, line 2, at end insert—

<() for subsection (5) substitute—

“(5) On receipt of the report, if the Scottish Ministers accept the Bòrd’s conclusion, they must direct the authority in question to implement any or all of the measures in its Gaelic language plan by the date specified in the direction.”.>

Ross Greer

52 In section 9, page 11, leave out lines 3 and 4

Kate Forbes

53 In section 9, page 11, leave out lines 11 to 18

After section 9

Ross Greer

54 After section 9, insert—

<Interpretation

Interpretation: meaning of public authority

- (1) The Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 10 (Interpretation), in subsection (2), after paragraph (b) insert—
 - “(ba) a post-16 education body within the meaning of section 35 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005,
 - (bb) Scottish Rail Holdings,
 - (bc) Scottish Water.”.>

Kate Forbes

55 After section 9, insert—

<Scottish Ministers’ powers relating to research etc.

Scottish Ministers’ powers relating to research etc.

- (1) The Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 7B (as inserted by section (*Financial assistance for the promotion etc. of the Gaelic language*)(2)) insert—

“Scottish Ministers’ powers relating to research etc.

7C Scottish Ministers’ powers relating to research etc.

The Scottish Ministers may, for the purposes of or in connection with the exercise of their functions under this Act—

- (a) conduct research and inquiries,
- (b) collect data and publish statistics or other information,
- (c) provide training,
- (d) encourage or assist other persons to do any of the things mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c).”.>

Kate Forbes

56 After section 9, insert—

<Financial assistance for the promotion etc. of the Gaelic language

Financial assistance for the promotion etc. of the Gaelic language

- (1) The Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 7A (as inserted by section 9(6)) insert—

“Financial assistance for the promotion etc. of the Gaelic language

7B Financial assistance for the promotion etc. of the Gaelic language

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may give financial assistance to any person for the purposes of promoting, facilitating and supporting the use of the Gaelic language.
- (2) In subsection (1), “financial assistance” includes grants and loans.
- (3) Financial assistance under subsection (1) may be made subject to such conditions as the Scottish Ministers think fit.”.>

Section 13

Ross Greer

- 57 In section 13, page 13, line 19, leave out <may> and insert <must>

Section 14

Kate Forbes

- 58 Leave out section 14

Section 16

Kate Forbes

- 59 In section 16, page 15, line 13, leave out <Education (Scotland) Act 1980> and insert <1980 Act>

Kate Forbes

- 60 In section 16, page 15, line 14, leave out <Education (Scotland) Act 1980> and insert <1980 Act>

After section 16

Ross Greer

- 61 After section 16, insert—

<Duty of Education Scotland in relation to publishing in Gaelic

- (1) The Education (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 14A (as inserted by section 16(3)) insert—

“14B Duty of Education Scotland in relation to publishing in Gaelic

- (1) When publishing any information, guidance or document relating to education in English, Education Scotland must consider whether the information, guidance or document should also be published in Gaelic.
- (2) In considering whether to publish the information, guidance or document in Gaelic, Education Scotland must have regard to the desirability of promoting, facilitating and supporting the use of the Gaelic language.”>

Section 18

Kate Forbes

- 62 In section 18, page 16, line 19, leave out <1980 Act> and insert <Education (Scotland) Act 1980>

Section 20

Kate Forbes

63 In section 20, page 17, line 36, leave out subsection (4) and insert—

- <(4) In relation to a school at which Gaelic medium education is provided before the day on which section 20(2) of the Scottish Languages Act 2024 comes into force, the duty imposed by subsection (1) must be complied with before the end of the period of 2 years beginning with that day.>

Kate Forbes

64 In section 20, page 18, line 7, leave out <Education (Scotland) Act 1980> and insert <1980 Act>

After section 22

Kate Forbes

65 After section 22, insert—

<All-Gaelic schools: viability of establishment

All-Gaelic schools: viability of establishment

- (1) The Education (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 13 insert—

“All-Gaelic schools: viability of establishment

13A Duty of education authority to assess viability of establishing all-Gaelic school

- (1) An education authority must, within the period of 9 months beginning with the day on which a request to do so is received from a relevant person—
 - (a) consider—
 - (i) its provision of Gaelic medium education (if any),
 - (ii) the demand for Gaelic medium education in its area, including projections for future demand, and
 - (b) complete an assessment of whether it would be viable for the education authority to establish an all-Gaelic school in the area specified in the request.
- (2) In subsection (1), a “relevant person” is—
 - (a) a parent of a pupil attending a school in the education authority’s area,
 - (b) the body known as Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta),
 - (c) Bòrd na Gàidhlig.
- (3) An education authority need not comply with the duty in subsection (1) if—
 - (a) it has published an assessment following a previous request under subsection (1),
 - (b) the further request is received within the period of 2 years beginning with the day on which that previous request was received, and
 - (c) the condition mentioned in subsection (4) is satisfied.
- (4) The condition referred to in subsection (3)(c) is satisfied if, assuming that an all-Gaelic school were to be established pursuant to the previous request (and regardless of the result of any assessment made under subsection (1)(b) in relation to that request), it would

be reasonably practicable for pupils to whom the further request relates to access Gaelic medium education at that school.

- (5) Despite subsection (3), the Scottish Ministers may, in such cases as they consider appropriate, direct an education authority to comply with the duty imposed by subsection (1) in relation to the further request.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers must consult the education authority before giving a direction under subsection (5).
- (7) The Scottish Ministers may give guidance to education authorities relating to their functions under this section and sections 13B and 13C.
- (8) An education authority must have regard to any guidance given by the Scottish Ministers under subsection (7).

13B Process for assessment of viability

- (1) In making an assessment under section 13A(1)(b), an education authority must—
 - (a) seek advice from—
 - (i) Bòrd na Gàidhlig,
 - (ii) His Majesty's inspectors of schools (that is to say, the inspectors of schools appointed by His Majesty under the 1980 Act),
 - (iii) the body known as Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta), and
 - (iv) other education authorities which have established all-Gaelic schools in their areas, and
 - (b) publicise arrangements for receiving representations from—
 - (i) parents of pupils attending schools in the education authority's area,
 - (ii) pupils attending schools in the education authority's area, and
 - (iii) such other persons with expertise or an interest in the Gaelic language as the education authority considers appropriate.
- (2) In making an assessment under section 13A(1)(b), an education authority must have regard to—
 - (a) the matters mentioned in section 13A(1)(a),
 - (b) the advice and representations mentioned in subsection (1),
 - (c) any guidance given by the Scottish Ministers under section 13A(7),
 - (d) its latest Gaelic language plan published under section 5(9) of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005,
 - (e) its duty under section 14A,
 - (f) the location of any all-Gaelic school in the authority's area or in the area of another education authority adjacent to that area,
 - (g) the extent to which—
 - (i) pupils resident in the area of an education authority adjacent to the area of the authority which is making the assessment could access an all-Gaelic school established in the area specified in the request,

- (ii) pupils resident in the area specified in the request could access an all-Gaelic school in the area of another education authority adjacent to that area,
 - (h) the availability and suitability of any premises in the education authority's area in which an all-Gaelic school could be established,
 - (i) the cost of establishing an all-Gaelic school, and
 - (j) the potential to assign or recruit persons to teach in an all-Gaelic school.
- (3) The education authority must assess that it would be viable to establish an all-Gaelic school in the area specified in the request unless, having regard to the matters mentioned in subsection (2), it would be unreasonable to make that assessment.
- (4) The assessment may be that it would be viable to establish an all-Gaelic school if certain circumstances occur (see section 13C(3)).
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—
 - (a) modify subsection (1) so as to amend, remove or add to the persons for the time being mentioned in that subsection,
 - (b) modify subsection (2) so as to amend, remove or add to the matters for the time being mentioned in that subsection.

13C Duties of education authority following assessment of viability

- (1) An education authority must publish any assessment it makes under section 13A(1)(b), including—
 - (a) the result of the assessment,
 - (b) the evidence it has considered in making the assessment, and
 - (c) the reasons for the result.
- (2) Where the result of the assessment under section 13A(1)(b) is that it would be viable for the education authority to establish an all-Gaelic school, the education authority must—
 - (a) specify in that assessment (in addition to the matters mentioned in subsection (1)) the period within which the authority considers it would be reasonably practicable to establish the school, and
 - (b) take such steps to establish the school as are reasonably practicable.
- (3) Where the result of the assessment under section 13A(1)(b) is that it would be viable for the education authority to establish an all-Gaelic school if certain circumstances occur, the education authority must—
 - (a) specify in that assessment (in addition to the matters mentioned in subsection (1))—
 - (i) the reasons for that decision,
 - (ii) what those circumstances are,
 - (iii) how those circumstances will be kept under review, and
 - (iv) the period within which the authority considers it would be reasonably practicable to establish the school after those circumstances occur,

- (b) publish the conclusions of any review of those circumstances, and
- (c) after those circumstances occur, take such steps to establish the school as are reasonably practicable.

13D Power for Scottish Ministers to direct establishment of all-Gaelic school

- (1) Where an education authority has—
 - (a) made an assessment under section 13A(1)(b) that it would be viable for the education authority to establish an all-Gaelic school, but
 - (b) failed to take a step which is required by section 13C(2)(b) or (3)(c), the Scottish Ministers may direct an education authority to take that step.
- (2) Before making a direction under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) seek advice from—
 - (i) Bòrd na Gàidhlig,
 - (ii) His Majesty’s inspectors of schools (that is to say, the inspectors of schools appointed by His Majesty under the 1980 Act), and
 - (b) consult the education authority which is to be given the direction.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may vary or revoke a direction given under this section.”.
- (3) In section 18(2) (interpretation of Part 2), before the definition of “area” insert—
 - ““all-Gaelic school” means a school in which—
 - (a) all of the education provided is Gaelic medium education,
 - (b) all other services related to the provision of that education are delivered in the Gaelic language as far as reasonably practicable, and
 - (c) the use of any facilities which are shared with another school is separate to the use of those facilities by that other school,”.>

After section 25

Ross Greer

66 After section 25, insert—

<Review of status of Sabhal Mòr Ostaig

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must conduct a review of the status of Sabhal Mòr Ostaig.
- (2) The review must in particular consider whether Sabhal Mòr Ostaig should be designated under section 44(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992.
- (3) The review must be completed within the period of 1 year beginning with the day on which this section comes into force.
- (4) On completing the review, the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) publish a report on the review in such manner as they consider appropriate, and
 - (b) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.

- (5) In this section, “Sabhal Mòr Ostaig” means the body with that name and with the company number SC361752.>

Michael Marra

- 67 After section 25, insert—

<CHAPTER

REPORTING ON ISSUES RELATING TO GAELIC

Reporting on issues relating to Gaelic

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each reporting period, prepare and publish a report on—
- (a) the issues that the provisions in Part 1 of this Act seek to address,
 - (b) the extent to which those issues have been addressed by the provisions,
 - (c) what other issues exist in relation to Gaelic communities and the use of the Gaelic language,
 - (d) what actions the Scottish Ministers have taken, or plan to take, to address those other issues.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1), a reporting period is—
- (a) the period of 1 year beginning with the day after Royal Assent,
 - (b) each subsequent period of 2 years.>

Ross Greer

- 68 After section 25, insert—

<CHAPTER

ENFORCEMENT OF DUTIES

Power to enforce duties of public authorities

- (1) The Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 9 insert—

“Enforcement of duties

9A Power to enforce duties of public authorities

- (1) If the Scottish Ministers are satisfied, either on complaint by any person interested or otherwise, that a public authority has failed to discharge any duty imposed on them by or for the purposes of this Act, the Scottish Ministers may make an order—
- (a) declaring the public authority to be in default in respect of that duty, and
 - (b) requiring the public authority before a date specified in the order to discharge that duty.
- (2) If the public authority has not discharged the duty by the date specified in the order under subsection (1)(b)—
- (a) the Scottish Ministers may make such arrangements as they see fit for the

discharge of the duty, or

- (b) the Court of Session may, on the application of the Lord Advocate, order specific performance of that duty.”.>

Section 27

Emma Harper

- 69 In section 27, page 24, line 3, after <language> insert <, including the different dialects of the Scots language used in different parts of Scotland>

Ross Greer

- 70 In section 27, page 24, line 14, at end insert—

<() When publishing a draft strategy under subsection (3), the Scottish Ministers must also publicise the arrangements for making representations about the draft strategy.>

Section 30

Emma Harper

- 71 In section 30, page 25, line 16, after <language> insert <, including the different dialects of the Scots language used in different parts of Scotland>

After section 30

Kate Forbes

- 72 After section 30, insert—

<Scottish Ministers' powers relating to research etc.

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The Scottish Ministers may, for the purposes of or in connection with the exercise of their functions under this Chapter—

- (a) conduct research and inquiries,
- (b) collect data and publish statistics or other information,
- (c) provide training,
- (d) encourage or assist other persons to do any of the things mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c).>

Kate Forbes

- 73 After section 30, insert—

<Financial assistance for the promotion etc. of the Scots language

Financial assistance for the promotion etc. of the Scots language

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may give financial assistance to any person for the purposes of

promoting, facilitating and supporting the use of the Scots language.

- (2) In subsection (1), “financial assistance” includes grants and loans.
- (3) Financial assistance under subsection (1) may be made subject to such conditions as the Scottish Ministers think fit.>

Section 31

Emma Harper

74 In section 31, page 26, line 2, at end insert—

- <() An education authority may discharge its functions relating to Scots language education through teaching and learning in the dialect of the Scots language most relevant to its area.>

After section 35

Ross Greer

75 After section 35, insert—

<Duty of Education Scotland in relation to publishing in Scots

- (1) When publishing any information, guidance or document relating to education in English, Education Scotland must consider whether the information, guidance or document should also be published in Scots.
- (2) In considering whether to publish the information, guidance or document in Scots, Education Scotland must have regard to the desirability of promoting, facilitating and supporting the use of the Scots language.>

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New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to the affirmative procedure

The following draft instrument was laid before Parliament on 3 December 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2025 \(SI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under paragraph 11 of Schedule 3 to the Climate Change Act 2008

Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Member's Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no statement is made that the Scottish Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 6 Proposals:

[Proposals for Bills – Scottish Parliament | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

Final Proposal for a Member's Bill

Monica Lennon: Proposed Ecocide Prevention (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to protect the environment in Scotland and deter environmental damage by introducing the crime of ecocide into Scots law. (lodged 12 November 2024)

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

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Progress of Legislation

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the website at:

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For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 19 November 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2024)

Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 30 October 2024
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 26 November 2024

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 19 November 2024
Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 25 June 2024

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Education, Children and Young People Committee) published, 3 December 2024

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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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 completed, 28 November 2024

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
[*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 10 December 2024

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (72nd Report, 2024)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 3 December 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 26 November 2024

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Before Stage 2 (evidence (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)), 26 November 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 2 completed, 2 October 2024

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (71st Report, 2024)
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 26 November 2024

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Before Stage 2 (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee), 26 November 2024

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 29 October 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 27 November 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 19 November 2024

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Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (63rd Report, 2024)

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 14 November 2024

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 December 2024

*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
(legislationteam@parliament.scot)*

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 11 December 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 5 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Passed, 3 December 2024

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

Before Stage 2 (evidence (Criminal Justice Committee)), 4 December 2024

*Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 completed, 18 September 2024

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 December 2024

*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Data (Use and Access) Bill LCM-S6-52

Lodged on 22 November 2024

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

Great British Energy Bill LCM-S6-48

Lodged on 8 August 2024

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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)*

Product Regulation and Metrology Bill LCM-S6-50

Lodged on 24 September 2024

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Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 6 November 2024
Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 December 2024

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024
Meeting (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 1 October 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69th Report, 2024)

Tobacco and Vapes Bill LCM-S6-51

Lodged on 21 November 2024
Lead committee – Health, Social Care and Sport

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 27 November 2024

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (3 October 2024)
(Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 6 December 2024

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#)
(22 October 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Rural Support \(Improvement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (28 October 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.\) Order 2025 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#)
(28 October 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 10 December 2024

[Disability Assistance \(Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (1 November 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 13 December 2024

[Regulated Roles \(Prohibitions and Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval by 8 January 2025

[Burial \(Management\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (14 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Burial and Cremation \(Inspection\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (14 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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Subject to approval by 12 January 2025

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (18 November 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 16 January 2025

[Electronic Monitoring \(Use of Devices and Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (22 November 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 21 January 2025

[Environmental Authorisations \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (27 November 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 27 January 2025

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2025 \(SI 2025/Draft\)](#) (3 December 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 6 December 2024

Lead committee report due by 2 December 2024

[Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages \(Scotland\) Act 1965 \(Prohibition on Disposal of a Body without Authorisation\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/281\)](#) (15 October 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 9 December 2024

Lead committee report due by 2 December 2024

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/292\)](#) (31 October 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Diligence against Earnings \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/293\)](#) (31 October 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

[Firefighters' Pension Schemes \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/295\)](#) (31 October 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 10 December 2024

Lead committee report due by 9 December 2024

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/310\)](#) (1 November 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

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[Disability Assistance \(Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance\) \(Consequential Amendment, Revocation and Saving Provision\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/311\)](#) (1 November 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 13 December 2024
Lead committee report due by 9 December 2024

[Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Referrals by Chief Constable\) \(Prescribed Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/313\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Information for Listing and Vetting\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/314\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Information \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/315\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Consideration of Suitability for Regulated Roles \(Prescribed Purposes\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/316\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Disclosure and Use of Level 2 Disclosures \(Prescribed Purpose and Circumstances\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/317\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 16 December 2024
Lead committee report due by 9 December 2024

[Official Controls \(Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) Amendment \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/324\)](#) (7 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 17 December 2024
Lead committee report due by 16 December 2024

[Food Safety \(Sampling and Qualifications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/326\)](#) (8 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/327\)](#) (8 November 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Feed Additives \(Authorisations\) and Uses of Feed Intended for Particular Nutritional Purposes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/330\)](#) (8 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 8 January 2025
Lead committee report due by 6 January 2025

[Burial \(Applications and Register\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/334\)](#) (14 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 3 December 2024—

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 13th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 20 November 2024 (SP Paper 696)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 72nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 700)

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 3 December 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Environment Protection Agency: Annual Report and Accounts 2023-2024

(SG/2024/266) laid under Section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Law Commission, Report on Damages for Personal Injury (SG/2024/301) laid under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

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