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Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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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

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Education and Skills

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Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces
Community in Scotland

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Empowering Young People's Voices in
Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls

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9:30am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs
and Culture Committee

9:30am Social Justice and Social Security
Committee

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to introduce regulation for pet groomers, animal boarders and dog walkers, in light of the results of the public consultation from earlier this year that showed a high level of support for such measures. ([S6O-04073](#))
- 2. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it will ensure that all appropriate roads have a safer speed limit of 20mph by 2025. ([S6O-04074](#))
- 3. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to maintain and grow supported businesses. ([S6O-04075](#))
- 4. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Public Health Scotland's recent NHS dental monitoring report, which indicates that almost 40% of adults in Dumfries and Galloway are not registered with an NHS dentist. ([S6O-04076](#))
- 5. Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to update planning guidance for battery energy storage systems. ([S6O-04077](#))
- 6. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve rail services for passengers in the Mid Scotland and Fife region. ([S6O-04078](#))
- 7. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting NHS Grampian with its winter preparedness. ([S6O-04079](#))
- 8. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to increase access to diabetes tech for patients in NHS Lothian. ([S6O-04080](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03593](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03594](#))
- 3. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S6F-03599](#))
- 4. Marie McNair:** To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of the reported concerns of not-for-profit social care providers regarding the impact of increased employer national insurance contributions on the sector in Scotland. ([S6F-03615](#))
- 5. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's position is regarding any potential risk to the environment of excessive removal of peat during excavation projects. ([S6F-03603](#))
- 6. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the First Minister what progress is being made with the Scottish Government's efforts to establish the country as a world leader in the green hydrogen sector. ([S6F-03607](#))

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-15411](#) Paul Sweeney: Publication of the Marie Curie Report, Dying in Poverty in Scotland 2024—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Marie Curie report, *Dying in Poverty in Scotland 2024*; understands that the report is taken from research carried out by Marie Curie and Loughborough University; notes that the report has found that one in four working age people and one in six pension age people in Scotland face poverty at the end of life; understands that terminal illness exacerbates existing inequality; notes the report's findings that symptoms of terminal illness can result in higher energy costs, costs for housing adaptations and force people to leave the labour market and rely on social security support; considers that these challenges are not confined to the dying person, but also affect family and unpaid carers who, it believes, are too often left to carry out the bulk of caring duties due to what it sees as inadequate support; notes the belief that more must be done to target support to those who are facing dying, death and bereavement, and further notes the calls for governments to consider the report and work with Marie Curie to prevent people in Scotland, including those in the Glasgow region, from dying in poverty.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

1. Evelyn Tweed: [Withdrawn] ([S6O-04081](#))

2. Michelle Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an update regarding its consideration of whether to legislate to prescribe the number of learning hours. ([S6O-04082](#))

3. Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that college courses are being tailored to meet the needs of industries involved in energy efficiency, carbon reduction and the just transition. ([S6O-04083](#))

4. Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that students are supported throughout their educational journey with career advice that aligns with the future economic need for specific roles and skills. ([S6O-04084](#))

5. Christine Grahame: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the provision of support for children with additional support needs, what assessment it has made of any impact of the reported delays to ADHD assessments for children on their education. ([S6O-04085](#))

6. John Mason: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to raise awareness of apprenticeship opportunities and promote them as an attractive career path for young people. ([S6O-04086](#))

7. Foysoil Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working to ensure that pupils have access to practical science activities as part of the curriculum. ([S6O-04087](#))

8. Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the University of Dundee, in light of recent reports regarding its financial situation, senior management resignations and its failure to recruit enough Scottish students. ([S6O-04088](#))

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

[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.

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

[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.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Public Audit Committee 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.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 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.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 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.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 4 December 2024

Tuesday 10 December 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: 2025 National Improvement Framework and Long-term Strategy for Scottish Education

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Pathways to Global Human Rights: Towards a Stronger Human Rights Culture in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-15654 Kenneth Gibson: Opposition to the Post Office Closure Plan

Wednesday 11 December 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic
Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-14427 Jeremy Balfour: Reversal of £10 Million Funding for Changing Places Toilets

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 — S6M-14008 David Torrance: Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club Awarded £90,000 of Funding

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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

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followed by Members' Business

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-15743](#) Alexander Burnett: Harris McCutcheon Chosen to Represent Scotland on Butterfly Conservation Panel**—That the Parliament congratulates Harris McCutcheon, a 17-year-old from Torphins, on his selection to represent Scotland on a youth panel for butterflies and moths established by the charity, Butterfly Conservation; understands that Harris is the youngest of 10 members on the panel, which was created in response to the charity's worst-ever results in the Big Butterfly Count and the subsequent declaration of a UK-wide "Butterfly Emergency" in September 2024; further understands that Harris and his fellow panel members will meet monthly to help organise and lead events aimed at engaging more people, particularly young people, in conservation efforts; recognises that Harris will serve on the panel for at least one year, with the opportunity to extend his term for an additional year; commends Harris for his commitment to conservation, and looks forward to the innovative ideas that he and the panel will bring to butterfly conservation and the wider conservation community.

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***[S6M-15742](#) Finlay Carson: Celebrating the Achievements of Prisoners with Support from the Springboard Charity**—That the Parliament congratulates and recognises the remarkable work that is being carried out by the Springboard Charity at HMP Dumfries, which will be celebrating the outstanding achievements of six short-term prisoners who are due for release within the next year and who have completed the hospitality employability course, Let's Cook; notes that this is a five-week hospitality employability skills course that has been running at HMP Dumfries for the last 12 years, thanks to funding by the Holywood Trust and The Castansa Trust; recognises that the course participants are required to complete a variety of workshops, including cooking three-course meals and a Christmas dinner under the supervision of local industry chefs, and participating in barista and mocktail sessions in order to complete the accredited qualifications of Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland (REHIS) Introduction to Food Hygiene, REHIS Emergency First Aid at Work, and SQA Scottish Certificate for Safe Sale and Service of Alcohol; acknowledges that the Springboard Charity remains committed to its mission of transforming lives and opening doors of opportunity in Dumfries and Galloway's hospitality and tourism industry; understands that the journey began with the dedication of Fiona Colley, who was the charity's Head of South West Scotland, based in Wigtownshire, and a passionate advocate for nurturing

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young and disadvantaged talents in the hospitality industry, before tragically passing away as a result of breast cancer in 2017, leaving behind an indelible legacy of support and hope, and wishes the charity continued success in the coming months and years ahead in offering real hope for prisoners to break the cycle of crime.

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***[S6M-15741](#) Marie McNair: Bankie Gymnasts Win 19 Scottish Champion Titles**—That the Parliament congratulates the Dynamite Gymnastics Club on their overwhelming success in the Scottish National Championships 2024 in Dundee; understands that the 19 competitors from Clydebank earned the titles of Scottish Champion in their respective categories; further understands that the annual competition includes beginners through to seasoned athletes in the disciplines of trampoline, double mini-trampoline and tumbling, and celebrates local sports clubs in the community, such as Dynamite Gymnastics Club, for nurturing and celebrating young athletic talent and encouraging competition at a national level.

***[S6M-15740](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to the Tivoli Theatre**—That the Parliament congratulates the Tivoli Theatre in Aberdeen on securing a £10,000 grant through the Energy Pilot Scheme from Aberdeen City Council; understands that the grant will be used to help fund a project to replace outdated filament lighting with energy efficient LEDs at the grade A listed building, as well as introducing dimmers and motion sensors to conserve energy usage by ensuring that certain areas do not have to be fully lit when the rest of the building is lit, and the purchase of a rechargeable battery system to reduce battery waste after performances; further understands that the Energy Pilot Scheme, which is administered by Scarf, a local social enterprise, which delivers a range of services to householders, communities and businesses throughout the north east, offers non-repayable grants of up to £10,000 to eligible SMEs, providing businesses with the financial support needed to undertake energy-saving upgrades; believes that this project will allow the theatre to reduce its carbon footprint, save on fuel bills, and promote a more sustainable, eco-friendly operation, and wishes managing director, Caroline Morgan, and the rest of the team at the Tivoli all the best with the completion of this project.

***[S6M-15738](#) Alexander Burnett: Congratulations to the Winners of the Deeside Against Pylons' Photo Competition**—That the Parliament congratulates Fergus Archibald, of Drumoak, on winning the Deeside Against Pylons photo competition in summer 2024; further congratulates Amber Smith, of Forfar, on winning second place, and Iana Chtefan on achieving third place; notes that the competition attracted nearly 100 entries showcasing the stunning countryside of the north east of Scotland, which, it believes, faces potential destruction from the proposed SSEN Kintore to Tealing 400kV pylon and overhead transmission line project; understands that the photographs captured the area's diverse landscapes, including its countryside, woodlands and farmland, highlighting the beauty and what it sees as the importance of preserving this environment, and commends all participants for their contributions, which, it considers, serve as a powerful reminder of the natural heritage at stake. **R**

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***[S6M-15737](#) Alexander Burnett: Craig Davidson Wins the Scottish Craft Butchers SVQ Level 2 Modern Apprentice of the Year Award 2024**—That the Parliament congratulates Craig Davidson on winning the Scottish Craft Butchers SVQ Level 2 Modern Apprentice of the Year

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Award for 2024; notes that Craig, a 17-year-old apprentice at N G Menzies Butchers in Ballater, beat strong competition from apprentice butchers across Scotland to earn this award; acknowledges what it sees as Craig's remarkable journey, having left school at 15 with no qualifications to pursue a career in butchery, and formally being inducted into the apprenticeship programme at 16, where he immediately impressed assessors with his proficiency in more than 70% of the course work from the outset; believes that Craig possesses knowledge and skills beyond his years, coupled with exceptional customer service abilities; commends him for his dedication and ambition, and wishes him every success as he continues his apprenticeship and works toward his goal of one day owning his own butcher's shop.

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***S6M-15736 Alexander Burnett: Alastair King Appointed as Lord Mayor of the City of London**—That the Parliament congratulates Alastair King on his appointment as the Lord Mayor of the City of London; notes that Alastair, originally from Strathdon, will serve as the international ambassador for the City of London during his one-year term; understands that his responsibilities will include leading business delegations overseas to key international markets on behalf of the City's financial and professional services industry and working to strengthen global economic ties with the UK; recognises what it sees as Alastair's commitment to innovation and entrepreneurial spirit, which, it believes, will contribute to driving British growth in the year ahead, and wishes him every success in his new role.

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***S6M-15733 Michael Marra: University of Dundee Named UK's Outstanding Entrepreneurial University of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of Dundee on being named the UK's Outstanding Entrepreneurial University of the Year in the 2024 *Times Higher Education Awards*; understands that the judges highlighted Dundee's longstanding entrepreneurial offer to students and staff, now reinforced by a strategy and a vision, which create an entrepreneurial culture across the whole university; further understands that this latest award follows other recognition for the University of Dundee, including being named Scottish University of the Year by the *Daily Mail University Guide*, as well as Innovative & Entrepreneurial University of the Year in the Triple E Awards for Europe; believes that the University of Dundee plays a key role in the city of Dundee and surrounding area, as a place to study and work; welcomes the many businesses and spin-outs that have been supported due to the university's presence in the city, including those started by staff, students and alumni, and recognises the contribution of all staff to these collective achievements.

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***S6M-15732 Sharon Dowey: Ayr Dessert Parlour Success at Scottish Italian Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Silvio and Linda Galli of Renaldo's, Ayr, following a selection of awards for their dessert shop at the Scottish Italian Awards; understands that the Gallis received Outstanding Achievement Awards, while Renaldo's won Best Gelateria/Dessert Cafe and Best Family Run Business; further understands that the Gallis took over the famous Ayr ice cream parlour in 1987, and have shepherded the Sandgate business to the success that it is today; commends the whole team at Renaldo's, and wishes it every success for the future.

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***[S6M-15731](#) Gillian Martin: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025 [draft]**—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Alasdair Allan

***[S6M-15728](#) Tess White: Three North East Chip Shops Win Awards at the Scottish Fish and Chips Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates three fish and chip shops in the north east on being winners at the Scottish Fish and Chip 2024 Awards, with the Carron Fish Bar in Stonehaven being awarded Best Fish Supper (North East), the Garioch Fish Bar in Inverurie winning Best Team and the Quayside Restaurant & Fish Bar in Gourdon winning Best Menu; recognises that the "chippies" were assessed by a panel of experts before being put through to a public vote; understands that thousands of votes were received from the general public, with hundreds of Scottish fish and chip shops taking part in the 2024 event, representing the best of the Scottish fish and chip industry; notes that the Carron was also highly recommended in two categories, for Best Family Business and Best Fish and Chip Shop (North East), and that the Quayside also received a highly recommended award for Best Fish Tea at the same awards, and wishes the winners all the very best as they enjoy their success.

***[S6M-15727](#) Tess White: Montrose Rugby Club Achieves PASS Accreditation**—That the Parliament congratulates Montrose Rugby Club on achieving accreditation under the Provider Accreditation Scheme (PASS) for sport; recognises that the PASS scheme was launched by Angus Alive in November 2024 to quality-assure the governance and organisational practice of sports club and physical activity providers that are based, or operating, in Angus; understands that Montrose Rugby Club is a volunteer-led group, with 70% of the club's committee made up by women, including coaches, fundraisers, first aiders and managers, who all give up their time to offer rugby coaching for boys and girls from nursery age to under-18s; notes that the club is currently in the process of fundraising for a new and improved multi-use community facility at its base at Union Park, and wishes Montrose Rugby Club well as an accredited safe, reputable sports provider in Angus.

***[S6M-15726](#) Tess White: Arbuthnott Postie's Service to the Community**—That the Parliament recognises the efforts of Royal Mail employee Shona Brown, who has served the village of Arbuthnott, in the Mearns, for almost 25 years; believes that Shona is a role model, showing meticulous knowledge of the local area and the households in it, including the names of family members and pets; considers that her level of care and attention to detail have been invaluable to the whole community, especially during the COVID-19 lockdown, when she would regularly check on vulnerable residents from the safety of her van; understands that her friendly face is a treasured lifeline to some across the rural community, where loneliness and isolation can be an issue from time to time; further understands that her efforts are much appreciated by the village of Arbuthnott, especially the community council, and wishes Shona many more years serving her community.

***[S6M-15725](#) Clare Haughey: The Beauty Trainer Named Scottish Beauty Training Academy of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates The Beauty Trainer, at Etre Belle, Cambuslang, on being named Scottish Beauty Training Academy of the Year 2024 at the recent Oceanic Scottish Hair and Beauty Awards; understands that Leeanne Niven is a certified City and Guilds

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trainer, who opened The Beauty Trainer at her salon in 2019, which has gone from strength to strength since; notes that Leeanne particularly enjoys working with young people who may face barriers to their learning, helping them to work towards awards and qualifications; commends Leeanne for her involvement in the work towards increased regulation in the industry to ensure client safety, and wishes her, and The Beauty Trainer, all the best for the future.

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***S6M-15724 Annie Wells: Scotland's Oldest Public Museum Receives £249,000 Project Funding Boost**—That the Parliament congratulates Scotland's oldest public museum on receiving a £249,000 grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund; understands that The Hunterian at the University of Glasgow will now be able to carry out a scoping project that will shape the future of its museum and art gallery; further understands that The Hunterian museum has been open to the public since 1870, while the art gallery was constructed between 1973 and 1981; believes that the funding will now allow The Hunterian to identify what is required to revitalise its ageing buildings, which are significant parts of Glasgow's heritage; understands that the museum will now look to safeguard its important collections and serve the needs of the community as part of a project entitled "Unlocking the Potential of The Hunterian: The Changing Museum", and acknowledges that the museum will work with communities to give them a central role in shaping the future of The Hunterian, creating spaces where people can think critically and come together to both challenge and find common ground.

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***S6M-15723 Karen Adam: Congratulates Sandra Duguid**—That the Parliament congratulates Sandra Duguid, a Deaf filmmaker from Banff, on her outstanding achievements at the 48 Hour Film Project, where her film, *Rowies v Butteries SAGA!*, was recognised with the Grampian Champion award for Best Showcase of Aberdeen and Shire, and where her cat, Belle Duguid, won the Paw d'Or for Best Animal Performance; acknowledges that Sandra, a British Sign Language (BSL) user, created her film using BSL as the primary mode of communication, reflecting her first language and Deaf identity, and ensured its accessibility by captioning it simultaneously in both English and Doric; commends what it sees as her commitment to inclusivity and her innovative storytelling, which celebrates both cultural and linguistic diversity; acknowledges the accessibility measures of the 48 Hour Film Project, including BSL interpretation and a responsive lighting board that enhanced audience engagement; celebrates Sandra's contributions as a filmmaker and advocate for the Deaf community, showcasing the richness of the north east's culture and creativity, and calls for continued efforts to ensure that the creative industries are inclusive and accessible to everyone, recognising that diversity, it believes, enriches Scotland's cultural landscape.

***S6M-15718 Stephanie Callaghan: Luke Clayton Achieves Gold at WorldSkills UK National Competition**—That the Parliament congratulates Luke Clayton, who attends New College Lanarkshire, on achieving gold at the WorldSkills UK National Competition 2024 in the Mechanical Engineering: Computer-Aided Design (CAD) competition; commends the dedication and talent of Luke and all the participants at the event, which was held in Greater Manchester, and brought together apprentices and students competing across over 40 skills to be named the "best in the

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UK", representing industries including construction and infrastructure, digital business and creative, engineering and technology, and health, hospitality and lifestyle; recognises that the WorldSkills UK national finals are the culmination of rigorous training and preparation, and acknowledges them as an opportunity to showcase attributes that are highly valued by employers, such as practical skills, resilience under pressure, critical thinking, and communication skills; notes that finalists from this year's national finals may be invited to join WorldSkills UK's international training and development programme, with the opportunity to represent the UK at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026; congratulates New College Lanarkshire on excelling across multiple categories and achieving the top position in the league table; applauds the New College Lanarkshire staff for their commitment to fostering student growth, confidence, and success; celebrates the exceptional skills demonstrated by Luke and all finalists, and believes that these events highlight the promise of a highly skilled and dynamic future workforce; considers that WorldSkills UK provides a vital platform for young people to develop the expertise and confidence to seize opportunities, and wishes Luke and all those involved the very best in their future endeavours.

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***S6M-15717 Jeremy Balfour: Recognising the Role of Volunteers in Communities—**That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital role of volunteers in communities across Scotland, and commends them for their contribution; considers that volunteers and the organisations that involve them are facing considerable challenges as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis; understands that the recent publication of the Scottish Household Survey results for 2023 show an eight percentage point decline in respondents' formal volunteer participation since 2019; believes that this is the first time that formal volunteer participation has fallen below 20% in recent history, and recognises what it considers to be the need for urgent action to reverse this trend and ensure that volunteers can continue to support Scottish communities.

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***S6M-15716 Annie Wells: Glasgow Pupils Help to Plant Pollok's First Community Orchard—**That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow school pupils on helping to plant Pollok's first community orchard; acknowledges that the children from St Marnock's Primary School took part in a five-week programme led by drama artist, Roisin McLinden, which encouraged children to connect with nature; notes that, on a green space across from the community centre, the St Marnock's Primary School team officially cut the ribbon to declare the orchard open and performed a play to entertain families who attended for the planting day; recognises that, with the help of Glasgow's "Appletreeman", Andrew Lear, who runs a business growing Scottish heritage fruit trees, the children also took part in digging and planting activities; considers that through its engagement in the arts, environmental education and horticulture, the Pollok Grows Together project has engaged and inspired community members of all ages about Scotland's rich orchard heritage and helped them to discover ways to enjoy home-grown fruit, while improving the local environment, and understands that the Pollok Grows Together project, which is run by Eco Drama, is a two-year initiative to create a vibrant, shared green space for Pollok residents and is part of the company's wider Forgotten Orchard Project, which it understands has already planted 171 heritage apple trees and created 43 school and community orchards throughout Greater Glasgow.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-15734](#) Graeme Dey: Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15722](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Leisure Centre Wins Top Award (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Emma Harper*, Stuart McMillan*, Marie McNair*, Alex Rowley*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15721](#) Audrey Nicoll: Girls in Energy 2024 (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15720](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Receives Top UNESCO Award for Lifelong Learning (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Russell Findlay*, Craig Hoy*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15719](#) Gordon MacDonald: Canal View Primary School Pupil Voice Commendation (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Emma Harper*, Foysoyl Choudhury*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15714](#) Emma Roddick: Eden Court Wins Venue of the Year (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Emma Harper*, Colin Beattie*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Marie McNair*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tim Eagle*, David Torrance*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15713](#) Emma Roddick: Congratulating Cultarlann Inbhir Nis on its Hero of the Highlands Award (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Emma Harper*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Marie McNair*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kenneth Gibson*, Tim Eagle*, David Torrance*

[S6M-15707](#) George Adam: Paisley's Timmy Allan Wins BBC Radio Scotland Young Jazz Musician of 2024 (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Martin Whitfield*, Clare Haughey*, Kenneth Gibson*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Emma Harper*, Annabelle Ewing*, Rona Mackay*, Elena Whitham*, Colin Beattie*, Marie McNair*

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[S6M-15706 Gillian Mackay: Motherwell FC and The Well Society Celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#) (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-15705 Rhoda Grant: Scottish Human Rights Commission's Spotlight Project into Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands](#) (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Alex Rowley*, Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-15704 Beatrice Wishart: Author Jen Stout Wins at Scotland's National Book Awards](#) (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15703 Liam McArthur: Orkney Musicians Douglas Montgomery and Billy Jolly Celebrated at 2024 Scots Trad Music Award](#) (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-15702 Alexander Stewart: Hospice Fundraising Choir Brings Festive Cheer](#) (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Annie Wells*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Pam Gosal*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Meghan Gallacher*, Murdo Fraser*, Audrey Nicoll*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jamie Greene*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*, Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-15701 Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Christmas Wreath CHAS Fundraiser Returns](#) (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Tim Eagle*, Bill Kidd*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Pam Gosal*, Brian Whittle*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Meghan Gallacher*, Murdo Fraser*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jamie Greene*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15700 Tim Eagle: Trio of Major Industry Awards for Isle of Harris Distillery](#) (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15699 Tim Eagle: Norman Macaskill Wins Prestigious Award for Community Contribution](#) (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15698 Rhoda Grant: Congratulations to Everyone Involved in Na Trads](#) (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-15697 Tim Eagle: Lochgilphead Branch of Scottish Women's Institutes Marks 95th Anniversary](#) (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowey*

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[S6M-15696](#) Tim Eagle: Campbeltown Branch of Royal British Legion Scotland Raises Over £4,000 (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15695](#) Colin Beattie: Wallyford Learning Campus Opens (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*

[S6M-15694](#) Keith Brown: Congratulations to the Community of Bridge of Allan for Sunnyside Land Purchase (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*, Alex Rowley*

[S6M-15693](#) Bill Kidd: Glasgow 850 (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Marie McNair*

[S6M-15691](#) Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Central Library Innovation Station (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*

[S6M-15690](#) Kevin Stewart: University of Aberdeen High Voltage Direct Current Research Team (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*

[S6M-15689](#) Clare Adamson: Motherwell Phoenix Youngsters Wear Red and Back Anti-racism Charity (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*

[S6M-15688](#) Clare Adamson: Pauline Muldoon Praised by Boss and Team at Constance Care (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*

[S6M-15687](#) Clare Adamson: Sam Shaves Hair for Horseshoe Bar Charity Day (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*

[S6M-15686](#) Clare Adamson: Hannah Secures Dancing Titles (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*

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

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Paul O'Kane*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

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New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Pam Gosal*, Brian Whittle*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jamie Greene*, Douglas Ross*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Colin Beattie*, Maurice Golden*, Kenneth Gibson*, Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*, Murdo Fraser*, Monica Lennon*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Douglas Ross*, Pam Gosal*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jamie Greene*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Tim Eagle*, Edward Mountain*

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

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Craig Hoy*, Alexander Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Monica Lennon*, Brian Whittle*, Pam Gosal*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jamie Greene*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Tim Eagle*, Colin Beattie*, Edward Mountain*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*

[S6M-15661 Carol Mochan: The Safe Passage Project](#) (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Tim Eagle*

[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: Brian Whittle*

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

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-15644 Annie Wells: Glasgow's Helping Heroes in Govan](#) (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-15639 Liam Kerr: Aberdeen Care Home Tor-Na-Dee Receives Gold Standards Framework Accolade](#) (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

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

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Russell Findlay*, Maurice Golden*, Paul O'Kane*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-15627](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Law Firm, Weightmans, Wins Law Firm of the Year (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-15620](#) Sharon Dowey: Troon Golfer Wins Scottish Senior Men's Order of Merit (lodged on 26 November 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-15619](#) Sharon Dowey: Troon Golfer Honoured in Scottish Golf's Order of Merit (lodged on 26 November 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-15598](#) Douglas Ross: Iryna Porfilova, Runner-up in the World Buttery Championship (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-15594](#) Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Cove Sailing Club (lodged on 25 November 2024)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

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

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

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

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

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

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Brian Whittle*, Alex Rowley*

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[S6M-15560](#) Neil Bibby: Paisley's STAR Project Celebrates its 25th Birthday (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

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

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-15514](#) Michael Marra: Aberdeenshire's Eilidh Craib's Kickboxing Success (lodged on 25 November 2024)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-15487](#) Sarah Boyack: Recognising COP29 and the Need for Climate Justice (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Michael Marra*

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

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

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

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 11 December 2024

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

- 1. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what resources are being allocated from the City and Regional Growth Deals to fund the A720 Sheriffhall Roundabout. ([S6O-04089](#))
- 2. Lorna Slater:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it will provide a full written response to the report, *Developing Scotland's Economy: Increasing The Role Of Inclusive And Democratic Business Models*. ([S6O-04090](#))
- 3. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of the increase in employer national insurance contributions on Scotland's economy. ([S6O-04091](#))
- 4. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will boost productivity in the Scottish economy. ([S6O-04092](#))
- 5. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last engaged with the UK Government regarding the potential impact of the UK Government's Autumn Budget on small businesses in Scotland, including environmental horticulture businesses. ([S6O-04093](#))
- 6. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports skilled manufacturing businesses to expand and thrive. ([S6O-04094](#))
- 7. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to independent businesses in rural and small communities. ([S6O-04095](#))
- 8. Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government what public information and public messaging campaigns that it has commissioned or funded are currently available in Hindi. ([S6O-04096](#))

Finance and Local Government

- 1. Mark Ruskell:** [Not Lodged]
- 2. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it will allocate in its Budget to housing associations, including to support them to meet their aids and adaptations targets. ([S6O-04098](#))
- 3. Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress towards creating a Planning Hub. ([S6O-04099](#))
- 4. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government how its 2025-26 Budget will support public services. ([S6O-04100](#))
- 5. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to address the reported decrease in levels of satisfaction with local government services. ([S6O-04101](#))
- 6. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what the total funding allocation is for Inverclyde Council for 2025-26. ([S6O-04102](#))
- 7. Paul O'Kane:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish the next Medium-Term Financial Strategy. ([S6O-04103](#))
- 8. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that it plans to double the funding available to local authorities through its school meal debt fund from £1.4 million to £2.8

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million, whether it plans to allocate the same amount of funding on a recurring basis in future Budgets. ([S6O-04104](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 12 December 2024

Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

- Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what additional support it will provide to local authorities in relation to holding public inquiries into onshore wind farms. ([S6O-04113](#)) R
- Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has a policy of a presumption against new oil and gas licences. ([S6O-04114](#))
- Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the net zero secretary has had with ministerial colleagues on how to ensure the delivery of the workforce required to deliver its net zero targets, including through discussions with Skills Development Scotland and colleges. ([S6O-04115](#))
- Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many planning consents for onshore wind farm developments in the Highlands and Islands region the Scottish Ministers have approved following an appeal since 2021. ([S6O-04116](#)) R
- Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent assessment it has made of the effectiveness of its funding for active travel. ([S6O-04117](#))
- Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to enhance regional transport partnerships over the coming year. ([S6O-04118](#))
- Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the request from the A77 Action Group for the establishment of a task force to consider issues relating to the impact of the reported increased use of full road closures on the A77. ([S6O-04119](#))
- Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports the bus industry to transfer to zero-emission technologies. ([S6O-04120](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 12 December 2024

- Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to people who are going through family court proceedings. ([S6O-04105](#))
- Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what assurances it can provide to the community on Mull regarding whether Learning Estate Investment Programme funding can be used flexibly to support both the construction of a new high school in Craignure and the refurbishment of the existing site in Tobermory for nursery and primary provision. ([S6O-04106](#))
- Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government how the Scottish Budget 2025-26 will support the NHS. ([S6O-04107](#)) R
- Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it is tackling child poverty, including in the Highlands and Islands region. ([S6O-04108](#))
- Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government how it determines what constitutes a major service change in the NHS. ([S6O-04109](#))
- Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the publication of the access principles in November 2023 by the General Practice Access Short Life Working Group, what work

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it has undertaken to develop a set of standards or performance indicators to evaluate the performance of GP access models. ([S6O-04110](#))

7. Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to enhance the sustainability of cultural facilities in the North East Scotland region, including to prevent job losses in the sector and improve support for cultural education. ([S6O-04111](#))

8. Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that both of the privately-run nurseries in the East Neuk, in the North East Fife constituency, will close by the end of 2024. ([S6O-04112](#))

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 04 December 2024

[S6W-31525 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has regarding combining the methadone substitution programme with residential rehabilitation, in light of reports that this method has a higher success rate of 29%.

[S6W-31924 Foyso Choudhury](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that communities do not lose access to dentistry services.

[S6W-31925 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent on the launch of the MV Glen Rosa in 2024.

[S6W-31926 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether an environmental report has been conducted into the impact of the closure of the Queensferry Crossing due to risks of falling ice.

[S6W-31927 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether an economic impact assessment has been conducted into the impact of the closure of the Queensferry Crossing due to risks of falling ice.

[S6W-31930 Douglas Ross](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31621 by Dorothy Bain on 3 December 2024, whether it will clarify whether this means that there is no official record or documentation of section 12 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 being implemented.

[S6W-31949 Jeremy Balfour](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to address the decline in formal volunteer participation in Scotland since 2019.

[S6W-31950 Jeremy Balfour](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether the Scottish Household Survey 2023 findings, which show a further decline in respondents' formal volunteer participation, will be considered when finalising the decision regarding the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) fee proposals for volunteers in qualifying voluntary organisations.

[S6W-31952 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has published a remote and rural workforce recruitment strategy for the NHS, in light of its commitment to do so by the end of 2024.

[S6W-31953 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many telehealth appointments have been conducted in each of the last four years.

[S6W-31954 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to develop training programmes to support digital literacy and telehealth usage.

[S6W-31955 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government what support is available for those in rural areas, who would like to access telehealth appointments but lack the digital skills to do so.

[S6W-31957 Foyso Choudhury](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the operators of the Queensferry Crossing regarding regularly cleaning its cables to prevent the build up of ice.

[S6W-31958 Foyso Choudhury](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it is working to prevent closures of the Queensferry Crossing, in light of reports after recent periods of cold weather that traffic could be diverted to the Forth Road Bridge as soon as an ice forecast is received, to prevent ice falling from its cables onto vehicles.

[S6W-31959 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will engage with the Ministry of Defence on its plan to tender for two new floating docks for submarine maintenance at Faslane, and establish the feasibility for these docks to be constructed in whole or part at Scottish shipyards, such as Ferguson Marine.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-31962 Rachael Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many of its employees have been offered voluntary redundancy packages and rejected them, but remain employed with the Scottish Government in 2024-25.

[S6W-31965 Pam Duncan-Glancy:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent on subsidising teacher training in each financial year since 2010-11.

[S6W-31966 Sarah Boyack:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-30029 by Gillian Martin on 30 September 2024, whether any of the listed flood prevention schemes have since been completed.

[S6W-31967 Emma Harper:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its position is regarding what support should be provided to people with dyslexia when appearing before the judiciary.

[S6W-31968 Brian Whittle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the publication of the report, *Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) Services in Scotland: An analysis of updated NHS Board survey data*, in November 2024, what action it is taking to address the gaps in service provision for people with ME that are identified in the report.

[S6W-31969 Katy Clark:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to compensate businesses on the Isle of Arran for any losses that they have incurred as a result of delayed and cancelled ferries.

[S6W-31970 Liam Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the monthly average sales income for fishermen has been in each of the last three years to date.

[S6W-31971 Mark Ruskell:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to introduce primary legislation to reform water, wastewater and drainage systems within the current parliamentary session.

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New Subordinate Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to the made affirmative procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 4 December 2024 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/367\)](#)

Laid under section 68(4) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

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:

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills>

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 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 18 December 2024
Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (6th Report, 2024)

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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
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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

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Glusadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 17 December 2024

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

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Tuesday 10 December 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 (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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 (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/legislative-consent-memorandums>

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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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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)

Made Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 18 January 2024

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 202 \(SSI 2024/367\)](#) (4 December 2024) (Finance and Public Administration 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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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)

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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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)

[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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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)

[Public Procurement \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/338\) \(14 November 2024\)](#) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to annulment 15 January 2025
Lead committee report due by 13 January 2025

[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/352\) \(21 November 2024\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 16 January 2025
Lead committee report due by 13 January 2025

[Electronic Monitoring \(Approved Devices\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/354\) \(22 November 2024\)](#) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Petitions

The following petitions were lodged by the Parliament on 04 December 2024:

PE2129: Standardise criteria and consultations for assessing demand for denominational schools

PE2130: Make it illegal to remove all the hair from a horse's tail

<https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions>

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 4 December 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 73rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 3 December 2024 (SP Paper 701)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 16th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024 (SP Paper 702)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 17th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 703)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 4 December 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Carbon Assessment of the 2025-26 Budget (SG/2024/309) laid under Section 94 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scotland's Fiscal and Economic Forecasts— December 2024 (SFC/2024/8) laid under section 5(2) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Budget 2025-26 (SG/2024/6) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government

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