

Wednesday 11 December 2024

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Chamber Desk Announcement

### Chamber Desk Arrangements during the Christmas Recess

The Chamber Desk will close at 4.00 pm on Monday 23 December 2024 and will reopen at 10.00 am on Friday 3 January 2025.

### Topical Questions 7 January and First Minister's Questions 9 January 2025

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting questions for Topical Questions on 7 January and First Minister's Questions on 9 January 2025 is 12 noon on Monday 6 January 2025.

### Portfolio Questions 8 & 9 January and General Questions 9 January 2025

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting names for Portfolio Questions on 8 and 9 January and General Questions on 9 January 2025 is 12 noon on Monday 16 December 2024. Members selected will have until 12 noon on Wednesday 18 December 2024 to submit their questions. The Portfolios for these questions will be Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs; and Education and Skills.

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Delivering a Common Sense Budget for Scotland

**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

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Education, Children and Young People Committee

**9:00am** Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

**9:30am** Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

**9:30am** Economy and Fair Work Committee

**10:00am** Criminal Justice Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 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

- 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:** [Withdrawn] ([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] ([S6O-04097](#))
- 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 million, whether it plans to allocate the same amount of funding on a recurring basis in future Budgets. ([S6O-04104](#))

### **followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Delivering a Common Sense Budget for Scotland**

**[S6M-15792](#) Craig Hoy: Delivering a Common Sense Budget for Scotland**—That the Parliament believes that the draft Scottish Budget 2025-26 will not deliver good value for taxpayers; notes its continuation of the Scottish National Party administration's high-tax agenda, which has damaged economic growth in Scotland; condemns funding for free bus travel for asylum seekers, which could have instead been used to provide 6,600 pensioners in Scotland with a full Winter Heating Payment, and calls on the Scottish Government to cut income tax to 19% for those earning up to £43,662, introduce full business rates relief for pubs and restaurants across Scotland for 2025-26, and raise the threshold at which house buyers pay residential Land and Buildings Transaction Tax to £250,000.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-15792.3](#) Shona Robison: Delivering a Common Sense Budget for Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-15792 in the name of Craig Hoy (Delivering a Common Sense Budget for Scotland), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "welcomes steps in the draft 2025-26 Budget to introduce a universal Winter Heating Payment and create the systems necessary to effectively scrap the two-child benefit cap in 2026, and looks forward to further engagement between the Scottish Government and the parties represented in the Parliament in advance of the next stage in the budget process."

**[S6M-15792.1](#) Michael Marra: Delivering a Common Sense Budget for Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-15792 in the name of Craig Hoy (Delivering a Common Sense Budget for Scotland), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "rejects wholly any attempt to pit vulnerable groups in Scottish society against one another for political ends; welcomes an additional £5 billion of investment in Scotland as a result of the UK Labour administration's Budget; regrets that the Scottish National Party (SNP) administration has had to use its draft Budget for 2025-26 to correct many of the mistakes that it made in its Budget for 2024-25; notes that the Auditor General, the Institute for Fiscal Studies and the Fraser of Allander Institute have variously criticised the SNP administration's failure to reform public services, and further notes with concern the SNP administration's failure to address the challenges to long-term fiscal sustainability and its absence of a vision to improve outcomes for people across Scotland."

### **followed by Business Motions**

**[S6M-15808](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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

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5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 18 December 2024

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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

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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

Tuesday 7 January 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 8 January 2025

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* Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: National Performance Framework - Review of National Outcomes

*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 9 January 2025

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: Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 16 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-15809](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-15810](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-15811](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

**followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)**

**5:10 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business**  
**Debate on the subject of—**

**[S6M-14427](#) Jeremy Balfour: Reversal of £10 Million Funding for Changing Places Toilets—**

That the Parliament expresses its shock that the Scottish Government has, it understands, gone back on its pledge to invest £10 million to increase the number of Changing Places toilets across Scotland; notes that this promise was made originally in 2021 by the former First Minister as part of the 2021-22 Programme for Government, and was repeated numerous times by multiple ministers over the following years; understands that Changing Places toilets are not a luxury facility, but are vital for many profoundly disabled people to take part in society, including those in the Lothian region; considers that this is the latest in a long list of examples of the Scottish Government not taking seriously the needs of disabled people and allowing them to pay the price of what it sees as Scottish National Party (SNP) financial mismanagement; echoes the disappointment that has been expressed by many individuals and organisations in response to the announcement, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to honour the promise that it made to disabled people.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Education, Children and Young People Committee 33rd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Scottish Languages Bill:**

The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

### Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 30th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Follow-up inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 19th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
  - PE1900: Access to prescribed medication for detainees in police custody;
  - PE1930: Ensure customers are always given information on cheapest possible fare in new Scotrail contract;
  - PE1947: Address Scotland's culture of youth violence;
  - PE1952: Specialist services for patients with autonomic dysfunction;
  - PE2012: Remove need for follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) blood tests before prescribing Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT);
  - PE2051: Improve the processes for protecting children and young people from traumatic incidents at school;
  - PE2060: Review existing legislation and legal remedies against trespassers; and
  - PE2064: Ensure that under 16s charged with rape are treated as adults in the criminal Justice system.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
  - PE2119: Help protect the Black Grouse by reviewing how new forestry schemes are regulated and implemented; and
  - PE2120: Permanently remove peak fare pricing from ScotRail services
4. **Petition signature process:** The Committee will consider the process for signing petitions.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Economy and Fair Work Committee 33rd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Public Procurement \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)
3. **Product Regulation and Metrology Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum (LCM(S6)50) from—  
Richard Lochhead, Minister for Business, Euan Page, Head of UK Frameworks, and Pieter van de Graaf, Head of International Trade Flows and Regulations, Scottish Government.
4. **City Region and Regional Growth Deals:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Malcolm Bennie, Director of Place Services, Falkirk Growth Deal;  
David McDowall, Head of Economic Growth, Ayrshire Growth Deal;  
Anne Murray, Chief Officer, Economic & Community Regeneration, Islands Growth Deal;  
Rick O'Farrell, Director, Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal.
5. **Product Regulation and Metrology Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 3.
6. **City Region and Regional Growth Deals:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 4.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider a paper by the clerk with a proposal for joint work with the Education, Children and Young People Committee on skills policy.

### **Criminal Justice Committee 39th Meeting, 2024**

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

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's proposals for amendments relating to reform of the Victim Notification Scheme from—  
Siobhan Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Lucy Smith, Victims and Witnesses Unit, Mari Bremner, Forensic Mental Health, and Jasmin Hepburn, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
2. **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 4 December 2024

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

**followed by** Business Motions

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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>

### Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

12 December 2024

28th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Review of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement Inquiry: Part 2:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
William Bain, Head of Trade Policy, British Chambers of Commerce;  
Adam Berman, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Energy UK.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

#### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at [james.johnston@parliament.scot](mailto:james.johnston@parliament.scot)

### Public Audit Committee

12 December 2024

32nd 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, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **NHS in Scotland 2024: Finance and performance:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Carol Calder, Audit Director, Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, and Bernie Milligan, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **NHS in Scotland 2024: Finance and performance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Carol Calder, Audit Director, Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, and Bernie Milligan, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **NHS in Scotland 2024: Finance and performance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

#### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters at [Katrina.Venters@parliament.scot](mailto:Katrina.Venters@parliament.scot)

## Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

12 December 2024

26th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Cross-Party Groups (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to a consultation on proposed changes to the rules on Cross-Party Groups.
2. **Code of Conduct Rule Changes (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to proposed changes to the Code of Conduct for MSPs.
3. **Review of Oral Questions (in private):** The Committee will consider a note from the Clerk.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at [catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot](mailto:catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot)

## Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

12 December 2024

35th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 5.15 pm in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Building (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024 from—  
Dr Alasdair Allan, Acting Minister for Climate Action, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#)
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85212 or at [euan.donald@parliament.scot](mailto:euan.donald@parliament.scot)

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## 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.

### Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

## Motions for Debate

**[S6M-15792](#) Craig Hoy: Delivering a Common Sense Budget for Scotland**—That the Parliament believes that the draft Scottish Budget 2025-26 will not deliver good value for taxpayers; notes its continuation of the Scottish National Party administration's high-tax agenda, which has damaged economic growth in Scotland; condemns funding for free bus travel for asylum seekers, which could have instead been used to provide 6,600 pensioners in Scotland with a full Winter Heating Payment, and calls on the Scottish Government to cut income tax to 19% for those earning up to £43,662, introduce full business rates relief for pubs and restaurants across Scotland for 2025-26, and raise the threshold at which house buyers pay residential Land and Buildings Transaction Tax to £250,000.

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Supported by: Ivan McKee\*

**\*[S6M-15792.2](#) Ross Greer: Delivering a Common Sense Budget for Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-15792 in the name of Craig Hoy (Delivering a Common Sense Budget for Scotland), insert at end "; believes that progressive taxation is key to delivering the level and quality of public services required to build a fairer, more equal Scotland, and agrees that the 2025-26 Budget must provide the urgent support needed by vulnerable and marginalised groups, including older people, people seeking asylum and children experiencing poverty, and that it must safeguard the inheritance of future generations through transformative action to tackle the climate and nature crises."

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Supported by: Alex Rowley\*, Paul Sweeney\*

### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S6M-15816](#) Emma Harper: Recognising 25 Years of Annan's Lonsdale Cinema** —That the Parliament recognises the Annan Lonsdale Cinema on the occasion of its silver anniversary; recognises that it originally opened in 1999 with two screens and more recently adding a third screen in 2020; understands that the establishment is one of the last remaining independently family-run local cinemas in Scotland; understands that owner Alan Towers's cinema offers comfortable and relaxing surroundings, with Dolby Digital sound and projection to give a first-class viewing experience; acknowledges that the building, located on Moat Road, Annan, and established in 1868, was originally the Mechanics Hall and Institute and was transformed into a Bingo Hall in the 1960s; understands that the cinema is open seven days a week, has accessible access and shows all of the latest blockbuster movies for the local community, and wishes Alan and his team all the best for the future.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney\*

**\*[S6M-15814](#) Rona Mackay: Mobility Scotland Ltd, Kirkintilloch, Triumphs at Healthcare Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Mobility Scotland Ltd in Kirkintilloch on being named Retailer of the Year at the annual British Healthcare Trades Association (BHTA) Awards; understands that the family-run firm, which helps people live in their own homes longer, safer and happier, beat off competition from 400 other businesses to lift the coveted title at the awards ceremony at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, in November 2024, which recognises the best in the UK healthcare industry; understands that the firm, which was founded in 2006, impressed four industry expert judges with its unique approach to long-lasting customer relationships, relying on word of mouth rather than mainstream advertising, with more than 70% of business coming from returning customers and referrals, and for their impressive support to customers through their willingness to add value in a fair and ethical manner, and is grateful to Mobility Scotland Ltd for promoting positive living and helping to make a difference to the wellbeing of constituents in Strathkelvin and Bearsden and beyond.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney\*

**\*[S6M-15813](#) Alexander Burnett: Congratulating Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels on its 2024 Great Scottish Squirrel Survey Results**—That the Parliament congratulates Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels on the success of its 2024 Great Scottish Squirrel Survey; notes that the annual survey, which invites people to report squirrel sightings over the course of a week, achieved remarkable results this year, with over 1,800 participants submitting more than 2,500 sightings; understands that this represents a 30% increase in participation compared with the previous year; believes that the data collected will play a vital role in enhancing the understanding of changes in red and grey squirrel populations across Scotland and will support ongoing conservation efforts to

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protect red squirrels; thanks everyone who contributed to this initiative, and considers that their efforts are crucial to safeguarding Scotland's natural heritage. **R**

Supported by: Paul Sweeney\*

**\*[S6M-15812](#) Rona Mackay: Bishopbriggs Footballer is Scottish Women's Player of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates the Bishopbriggs footballer, Eva Ralston, on being named ScottishPower Scottish Women's Football League One Player of the Year 2024; understands that Eva, aged 23, who plays for Stenhousemuir FC, was presented with her prestigious award before a star-studded audience at Hampden Park national stadium in Glasgow on 30 November 2024; recognises that this annual celebration of the women's and girls' game in Scotland shines a spotlight on success and recognises achievement both on and off the pitch; believes that Eva started playing at the age of 17 when she helped captain her school team at Turnbull High School in Bishopbriggs to the Scottish School Under 18s Cup Final; understands that Eva was a nominee for the prestigious Kat Lindner Award at the Scottish Women's Football Awards in 2023, for her outstanding athletic and academic achievements, and praises Scottish Women's Football's determination to use the sport as a powerful force for positive change for women and girls in Scotland, organising more than 70 competitions and seeking to strengthen the women's and girls' game by building resilience, visibility and increasing investment in the game.

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*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

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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

Tuesday 7 January 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 8 January 2025

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* Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: National Performance Framework - Review of National Outcomes

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)



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5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 9 January 2025

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: Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 16 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.

**\*[S6M-15807](#) Jeremy Balfour: Congratulations to Lothian Schools in The Times Schools Rankings**—That the Parliament notes the recent publication of *The Times* school rankings for 2024, which recognise the top-performing schools across the UK; congratulates the schools that have excelled in the rankings, especially those in the Lothian region that have been named in the top 10 of the lists, including Boroughmuir High School, which was number four of the top state secondary schools in Scotland, Fettes College, which was number one of the top independent secondary schools in Scotland (A-Level/IB/GCSE), Merchiston Castle School, which was number three of the top independent secondary schools in Scotland (A-Level/IB/GCSE), St Mary's Music School, which was number one of the top independent secondary schools in Scotland (Highers/Adv Highers/National 5), George Heriot's School, which was number two of the top independent secondary schools in Scotland (Highers/Adv Highers/National 5), The Mary Erskine School, which was number three of the top independent secondary schools in Scotland (Highers/Adv Highers/National 5), The Edinburgh Academy, which was number six of the top independent secondary schools in Scotland (Highers/Adv Highers/National 5), and Stewart's Melville College, which was number 10 of the top independent secondary schools in Scotland (Highers/Adv Highers/National 5); acknowledges the hard work and dedication of the students, staff and wider school communities in achieving these excellent results; recognises the importance of high-quality education in fostering future leaders and innovators, and commends all schools across Scotland for their ongoing efforts to provide opportunities and support for young people.

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**\*[S6M-15806](#) Edward Mountain: Safe, Strong, and Free's Anti-bullying Campaign to Protect Highland Youth**—That the Parliament commends the Highland charity, Safe, Strong, and Free, for its timely launch of an anti-bullying campaign as part of Bullying Awareness Week, aimed at addressing the serious and widespread impact of bullying on young people's wellbeing across the Highlands; acknowledges the pressing need for this initiative, with recent Planet Youth data

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reportedly revealing that 42% of S4 pupils in the Highlands have been bullied at school, 26% outside of school, and 24% online; recognises that the campaign aims to equip schools, libraries and community spaces with resources tailored for children, parents and professionals, including posters for primary and secondary students that promote actionable strategies to prevent bullying, a guide for parents and carers to help identify and respond to signs of bullying, and a dedicated guide for children and young people; praises the charity's commitment to fostering safe, inclusive environments for young people, and supports this proactive approach to empowering communities to stand against bullying and support the wellbeing of all Highland youth.

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**\*S6M-15805 Marie McNair: Clydebank Musical Society's Performance of Matilda**—That the Parliament commends the Clydebank Musical Society on its outstanding, sell-out production of *Matilda*; understands that the Clydebank Musical Society is a community theatre group committed to producing quality theatre on an amateur budget, with the aim to give children the space to have fun while developing life skills; notes that the team worked tirelessly for months to create its version of the musical, based on the Roald Dahl book about a gifted young girl who discovers that she has the power of telekinesis, and being forced to put up with a difficult family and school life; recognises that the group performed for almost 700 people across two nights, and thanks the cast and production team for putting in so much effort to produce a fantastic show for the local community to enjoy.

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**\*S6M-15804 Tess White: Rossie Young People's Trust Leading the Way with Innovative Technology** —That the Parliament recognises Rossie Young People's Trust as a provider of trauma informed care, education, health and specialist psychological services for children who have multiple and complex needs and often pose a risk to themselves and others; welcomes the news that, Rossie Young People's Trust in its commitment to the safety and wellbeing of these most vulnerable children, is embracing what it sees as the significant benefits of cutting edge technology; commends its partnership with Safehinge Primera to maximise the use of sensor technology, which helps staff detect unexpected movement in children's bedrooms; praises its innovative approach to the use of radar technology instead of cameras, which, it understands, monitors young people's movements while simultaneously protecting their privacy and dignity in line with United Nations Convention on Rights of a Child articles, resulting in the enhanced safety and wellbeing of all; congratulates Rossie Young People's Trust on its ongoing commitment to excellence, and wishes it all the very best for the future.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney\*

**\*S6M-15803 Tess White: PC Ally Hutchison Receives Scottish Police Federation Community Commitment Award 2024**—That the Parliament congratulates PC Ally Hutchison on his Community Commitment award from the Scottish Police Federation at the 2024 award ceremony, which was held at Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh; recognises that PC Hutchison serves as a community officer with the Montrose and Brechin Community Policing Team; understands that PC Hutchison received his award for his work with young people in conjunction with local primary and secondary schools to reduce disorder in the local area, as well as taking the lead on a range of wellbeing initiatives benefitting his policing colleagues, including the creation of a "wellbeing

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room" at Montrose Police Station; notes that in his role, PC Hutchison also hosts regular "coffee with a cop" drop in sessions for the local community as well as information events for new drivers; believes that PC Hutchison's commitment goes beyond policing and that last year, Ally's volunteering efforts raised £20,000 for Poppy Scotland, as well as being actively involved with the RNLI, the Royal British Legion and Rotary, and praises PC Hutchison for his desire to improve the lives of local residents and keep his community safe.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney\*

**\*S6M-15802 Tess White: New Aberdeen Headquarters for Scots Offshore Firm, OEG Energy Group**—That the Parliament recognises offshore service provider, OEG Energy Group, as it invests a seven-figure sum in its new Aberdeen HQ; believes that the move into the new premises marks a significant milestone in the group's 50-year history; understands that due to continued growth in the UK and overseas, OEG Energy Group has boosted its Aberdeen workforce to 250 employees with more than 1,300 employees across its 65 worldwide locations; further understands that OEG Energy Group derives more than half of its revenue from its global renewables work and that, thanks to a strong leadership team, expects to deliver revenue in excess of £400 million for 2024; welcomes the opening of the new global headquarters at ABZ Business Park in Dyce, and commends OEG Energy Group's key role in reducing the environmental impact of the offshore energy operations.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney\*

**\*S6M-15801 Monica Lennon: 10th Green Flag Awarded to Newfield Primary and Nursery School**—That the Parliament congratulates Newfield Primary and Nursery School in Stonehouse on receiving its 10th Green Flag as part of the Eco-Schools programme through the environmental charity, Keep Scotland Beautiful; recognises that the Green Flag award is an internationally recognised achievement for schools and nurseries committed to learning for sustainability; understands that Newfield Primary and Nursery School has worked extremely hard to take action on three topics and fulfil all seven elements of the award criteria; further understands 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 commends Newfield Primary and Nursery School, and all schools and nurseries across Scotland, for their commitment to Eco-Schools and the Green Flag initiative.

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**\*S6M-15800 Claire Baker: Congratulating Fife-based Sports Coach, Claire Morrison, on Being Crowned Coach of the Year at the Scottish Sports Awards 2024**—That the Parliament congratulates Fife-based sports coach, Claire Morrison, on being crowned Coach of the Year at the Scottish Sports Awards 2024, held at Glasgow Science Centre recently; understands that Claire has helped a number of boccia players to international success, including Paralympians Scott and Jamie McCowan, Stephen McGuire, Patrick Wilson and Kayleigh Haggo, the latter three of whom qualified for Paris 2024, with McGuire becoming Paralympic Champion in the Men's BC4 category; notes that 2024 marked Claire's fourth Paralympics as a coach, and that the coach has worked with a number of her athletes for the duration of her career; recognises that Claire has been dedicated to nurturing athletes throughout their journeys, whether achieving Golds at world level or recovering from injuries, attending all competitions and being away from home often; recognises Claire's hard work with retired athletes, including Peter McGuire, Scott McCowan and Jamie McCowan, to ensure that their involvement in high performance boccia continues, and

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helping them to progress on a coaching pathway through partnership working with Scottish Disability Sport on the Coaching Futures programme; acknowledges that Claire attends numerous regional parasport festivals and Girls in Boccia events, introducing the game and the benefits of boccia to new participants, parents and carers; is grateful to Claire for all of her hard work and dedication to developing upcoming and established athletes to achieve their goals, and extends its very best wishes to Claire for continued success in the future and to all the other winners at the awards ceremony from across Scotland.

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**\*[S6M-15799](#) Claire Baker: Charlestown, Limekilns and Pattiesmuir Nature Action Group Wins Community Initiative Award at Nature of Scotland Awards 2024**—That the Parliament celebrates that the Charlestown, Limekilns and Pattiesmuir (CLP) Nature Action Group has won the Community Initiative Award at the Nature of Scotland Awards 2024, which took place on 28 November 2024 at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC); notes that the awards have been running for over a decade and highlight the work being done in biodiversity, conservation and environmental action; believes that the CLP Nature Action Group does a lot of good work in the community, such as cleaning up seven beaches in Charlestown and Limekilns as part of the Fife Climate Festival, working in a school community garden, river pollution sampling, and nurdle awareness; understands that the Community Initiative Award category was a public vote; considers that the Nature of Scotland Awards have brought a growing group of hardworking, motivated and passionate people into the conservation spotlight; is very grateful for CLP Nature Action Group's hard work and dedication to its local environment, and extends its very best wishes to everyone for continued success in the future.

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**\*[S6M-15798](#) Ben Macpherson: Edinburgh Nurse Receives Queen's Nurse Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Ryan Bell, from Edinburgh, who is team lead at the Midlothian older adults mental health and dementia team for NHS Lothian, on being awarded the Queen's Nurse award; understands that the award is given to nurses from across Scotland who have completed the Queen's Nurse Institute Scotland's (QNIS) nine-month development programme; notes that the programme requires participants to choose an issue for development that will have a positive impact on those that they care for, with a key focus on equity and inclusion; believes that this recognition is a reflection of Ryan's commitment to bettering the experience of those he cares for, ensuring that they are treated with dignity and respect; commends him for his dedication and effort in demonstrating what it sees as strong leadership, and wishes him the best in his future endeavours.

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**\*[S6M-15797](#) Emma Roddick: Annual Elf Run Raises £3,750 for Maggie's Highlands** —That the Parliament congratulates all of the participants who took place in the annual Elf Run for Maggie's Highlands; understands that over 75 individuals gathered at the UHI Inverness Campus to run, walk or jog the 1.25 km loop route around the campus grounds; acknowledges that an impressive £3,750 was raised for Maggie's Highlands, which will go directly towards supporting people and their families affected by cancer, and extends its congratulations once again to all of the organisers and participants on their efforts in raising funds for such a worthy organisation.

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**\*[S6M-15796](#) Emma Roddick: Congratulating Simpsons Garden Centre on Raising £10,000 for Cash for Kids**—That the Parliament congratulates Simpsons Garden Centre, in Inverness, on raising £10,000 for Cash for Kids; acknowledges that over 300 guests attended its annual sell-out Ladies Festive Evening, which featured live music, cocktails, pampering, Christmas shopping and festive food; notes that 2024 is the first year that the funds have been donated to Cash for Kids; understands that the generous donations will provide gifts and support for 166 children across the north of Scotland this Christmas, and congratulates all those who organised and attended the event once again on making what it sees as a significant contribution to this vital local charity.

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**\*[S6M-15795](#) Emma Roddick: Caithness Pair Complete 16 Swims in 16 Days to Raise Awareness of Gender-based Violence in the Highlands**—That the Parliament extends its congratulations to Lorna Stanger and LJ on successfully completing their 16 Days, 16 Swims challenge to raise awareness of gender-based violence in the Highlands; acknowledges that the duo began the challenge on 25 November 2024 and completed it on 10 December as part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign; notes that their swims have taken place at locations across Caithness, including Scotshaven, Scrabster and Thurso; commends Lorna for her unwavering commitment to campaigning against gender-based violence, having previously run 16 marathons in 16 days to mark the 16 Days campaign in 2023, and congratulates both Lorna and LJ again on their incredible achievement in raising awareness and funds to support survivors of gender-based violence.

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**\*[S6M-15794](#) Emma Roddick: Congratulating Drummond School on its Christmas Fair**—That the Parliament congratulates all of the pupils, staff, parents, volunteers and local traders on their outstanding efforts in raising £5,632 at Drummond School's annual Christmas Fair; acknowledges that the event featured 27 local traders, a raffle with generous prizes donated by local businesses, a festive Santa's grotto, and creative mini enterprises run by pupils; commends what it sees as the impressive turnout and overwhelming support from the local community; notes that the funds raised will be used to support the children of Drummond School, and congratulates everyone involved once again on making the event so successful.

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**\*[S6M-15793](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Welcoming ScotRail Policy Changes to Provide Equality for Disabled Rail Users**—That the Parliament commends ScotRail's decision to change its policy in regard to mobility aids on trains in Scotland; acknowledges the action taken by the ScotRail team in changing its policy following what it sees as constructive discussions with disabled people; understands that changes include scooter users now being able to remain on their scooter while they travel with ScotRail, removing the need to transfer to a seat, booking in advance no longer being mandatory for mobility aid travellers, enhancing the freedoms of disabled people when travelling, and particular wheelchair attachments no longer being considered incompatible with ScotRail policy, ensuring that no disabled person is treated as a burden due to the aids that they

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rely on; further understands that these changes took effect on 3 December 2024; appreciates what it sees as the support and expertise that Tanni Grey-Thompson and Anthony Jennings provided in securing these policy changes; considers that there is still more to be done in order to secure equality for disabled people when accessing rail travel, but believes that this is a good example of coproduction to ensure that travel becomes more accessible for all.

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**\*S6M-15791 Clare Adamson: Motherwell and Wishaw Rotary Club Brings Festive Cheer with Santa Visit**—That the Parliament welcomes the visit of Santa and his sleigh to Motherwell and Wishaw; understands that the Motherwell and Wishaw Rotary Club has been bringing Santa to the community since 2015, raising valuable funds for many local charities along the way; commends the sleigh, which was specially built by Santa’s helpers at the Rotary Club; thanks Santa and all his Rotarian helpers for bringing festive cheer to the community, and wishes everyone the very best over the festive holiday season and for the year ahead.

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**\*S6M-15790 Alex Rowley: Recognising a Life of Voluntary Service of Cowdenbeath Man, Danny Kinloch**—That the Parliament congratulates Cowdenbeath man, Danny Kinloch, on a lifetime of volunteering and service to the community; recognises that the former Black Watch soldier started his community work at the age of 14 through his local Sunday school supporting older people in the community whilst also being a young carer; believes that his work over decades to promote youth work and support for older, housebound and disabled people resulted in him being named Cowdenbeath Citizen of the Year in 1994; understands that Danny became a youth worker in 1982 and then chaired the Broad Street Community Centre Management Committee for over three decades before it was replaced with the Maxwell Centre, where he is currently the chair of the advisory committee; acknowledges that Danny set up the Happy Days Club 41 years ago in order to provide a space where older, disabled and housebound people can come together on a weekly basis to socialise, access support and enjoy entertainment, as well as refreshments, and that it is still going strong, with 2024’s Christmas party taking place in Keltly Community Centre, with over 250 members attending; congratulates Danny on inspiring many over the years to become volunteers in supporting community groups across the Cowdenbeath area, and recognises his continued passion and drive for helping others in his 79th year.

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**\*S6M-15660 Pam Gosal: Congratulating PC Sally Ann Nicol on Winning Award at Scottish Police Federation Awards 2024**—That the Parliament congratulates PC Sally Ann Nicol on winning the Individual Bravery Award at the Scottish Police Federation’s Annual Awards 2024; understands that this award was given to PC Nicol for her bravery in saving the lives of others during one of the worst landslips ever to affect Argyll and Bute, which happened on the A83 during Storm Babet in 2023; recognises that PC Nicol rescued members of the public, keeping her colleagues safe, and prevented others from travelling to the affected part of the A83; commends her calmness and professionalism during such a frightening event where, it understands, her own life was in danger; recognises the hard work of police officers across Scotland, who risk their own

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lives and safety to protect their communities, and wishes PC Nicol and all the other winners and nominees well in the future.

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### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

#### **S6M-15789 Rachael Hamilton: Farmers Choir Performance on 30 November 2024 at Borders Events Centre** (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Colin Beattie\*, Edward Mountain\*, Russell Findlay\*, David Torrance\*, Craig Hoy\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Tess White\*, Miles Briggs\*, Brian Whittle\*

#### **S6M-15788 Pam Gosal: La Vista Restaurant at Cameron House Wins Best Restaurant in the West at the Scottish Italian Awards 2024** (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Edward Mountain\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Craig Hoy\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Brian Whittle\*, Miles Briggs\*, Bill Kidd\*, Tess White\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Jamie Greene\*, Liam Kerr\*, Annie Wells\*, Russell Findlay\*, Tim Eagle\*

#### **S6M-15787 Pam Gosal: Hayston Golf Club Kirkintilloch Wins Best Fish Tea in Scotland 2024** (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Bill Kidd\*, Edward Mountain\*, Craig Hoy\*, Brian Whittle\*, Miles Briggs\*, Douglas Ross\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Tess White\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Jamie Greene\*, Liam Kerr\*, Annie Wells\*, Russell Findlay\*, Tim Eagle\*

#### **S6M-15785 Annie Wells: Clydebank Recovery Group Celebrates an Important Milestone** (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

#### **S6M-15784 Maggie Chapman: Acknowledging Nihon Hidankyo, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2024** (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Ross Greer\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Mark Ruskell\*, Collette Stevenson\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Marie McNair\*, David Torrance\*, Bill Kidd\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Gillian Mackay\*, Stuart McMillan\*

#### **S6M-15781 Liz Smith: Sandy Begbie Receives the Freedom of the City of London** (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Annie Wells\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Miles Briggs\*, Craig Hoy\*, Pam Gosal\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Liam Kerr\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Brian Whittle\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Edward Mountain\*, Douglas Ross\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Russell Findlay\*, Tim Eagle\*

#### **S6M-15780 Emma Harper: Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow's 425th Anniversary** (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Tess White\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Stuart McMillan\*

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**[S6M-15778](#) Michelle Thomson: Larbert and Stenhousemuir Age Concern Celebrated for Positive Community Impact** (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Tess White\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-15777](#) Clare Haughey: Commending Gilly Feron on Over 30 Years of Volunteering with LEAP** (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, David Torrance\*, Tess White\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-15776](#) Clare Adamson: Lauren Magunnigal Awarded the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland's Queen Nurse Title** (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, David Torrance\*, Tess White\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-15775](#) Emma Roddick: Celebrating 10 Years of Same-sex Marriage in Scotland** (lodged on 06 December 2024)

New Support: Patrick Harvie\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-15774](#) Emma Harper: Open University Receives GTCs Professional Recognition** (lodged on 06 December 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-15772](#) Emma Roddick: Congratulating Aidan Lennan on Winning Scotland's Young Athlete of the Year** (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-15771](#) Emma Roddick: £21,977 Donated to Primary Schools in the Highlands and Islands as Part of the Asda Cashpot for Schools Initiative** (lodged on 06 December 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-15770](#) Miles Briggs: NHS Lothian Midwife's Pioneering Theatre Scrubs** (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Douglas Ross\*, Edward Mountain\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Monica Lennon\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Marie McNair\*, Pam Gosal\*, Craig Hoy\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Brian Whittle\*, Bill Kidd\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Tess White\*, Sandesh Gulhane\* R, Foyso Choudhury\*, Annie Wells\*, Russell Findlay\*, Liam Kerr\*, David Torrance\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Tim Eagle\*

**[S6M-15769](#) Claire Baker: Harmony Energy Income Trust Supporting Charities and Community Groups in Lochgelly** (lodged on 06 December 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-15766](#) Tim Eagle: Glenegedale House Wins Prestigious Scottish Thistle Award** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-15765](#) Tim Eagle: Kabn Wins Prestigious Scottish Thistle Award** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher\*, Stuart McMillan\*



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**[S6M-15764 Gillian Mackay: Celebrating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#)** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-15762 Maggie Chapman: 10 Years of Taught by Muhammad Foodbank Dundee](#)** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-15759 Douglas Lumsden: Celebrating the Extension of Torness Nuclear Power Station](#)** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher\*, Tess White\*

**[S6M-15757 Liam McArthur: NHS Orkney Receives UNICEF Gold Accreditation for Maternity and Health Visiting Services](#)** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-15755 Marie McNair: Clydebank Hospital Worker Honoured for 50 Years of Service to the NHS](#)** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-15750 Humza Yousaf: Congratulating Shahid Choudhary](#)** (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-15746 Clare Haughey: Dunns Food and Drinks Wins Top Industry Award](#)** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-15730 Annie Wells: Multimedia Campaign to Tackle Violence Against Women and Girls in Glasgow](#)** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-15729 Stephanie Callaghan: Ramon Hutchingson and ARCH Recognised at UNISON Local Service Champions Awards](#)** (lodged on 06 December 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*

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

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Brian Whittle\*

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

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

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

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

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

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Motions   Glusadan				

New Support: Liam McArthur\*

**[S6M-15622](#) Martin Whitfield: Aviation Preservation Society of Scotland Sopwith 1 1/2 Strutter Flight** (lodged on 26 November 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

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

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-15543](#) Martin Whitfield: East Lothian Council Achieves Living Wage Accreditation** (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-15468](#) Alex Rowley: Dignity for Drivers Report Launch** (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-15463](#) Gillian Mackay: Nursing Support Workers' Day 2024** (lodged on 15 November 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-15417](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Jewellery Shop Staff Ziplide the Clyde to Raise Thousands for Charity** (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

**[S6M-15407](#) Clare Haughey: Congratulating Carrigan's Restaurants** (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

**[S6M-15404](#) Claire Baker: 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence** (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

**[S6M-15402](#) Colin Beattie: Gold School Sport Award for Lasswade Primary School** (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

**[S6M-15398](#) Audrey Nicoll: Celebrating Studio Four Hair & Beauty's Win as Scotland's Best Hair and Beauty Salon** (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

**[S6M-15397](#) Miles Briggs: Carers Rights Day 2024** (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-15389](#) Marie McNair: Allander Dental Care Team Charity Event** (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

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Motions   Gluasadan				

**[S6M-15358](#) Craig Hoy: Remembering the Armed Forces** (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

**[S6M-15347](#) Pauline McNeill: Availability and Accessibility of Toilets for People Living with a Stoma** (lodged on 08 November 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-15290](#) Rona Mackay: Millersneuk Primary School Wins Gold for Sport** (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

**[S6M-15258](#) Katy Clark: Rough Justice Report** (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-15217](#) Brian Whittle: The Killie Community Walks and Talks to Prevent Social Isolation** (lodged on 05 November 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-15160](#) Gillian Mackay: Occupational Therapy Week 2024** (lodged on 07 November 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-15077](#) Alex Rowley: Food Origin Labelling to Help Informed Choice** (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-15049](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Open University in Scotland 50th Anniversary of Degree Awarding Ceremonies** (lodged on 28 October 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-15011](#) Foysoyl Choudhury: Recognising Held In Our Hearts Baby Loss Counselling** (lodged on 24 October 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-14935](#) Miles Briggs: New Eye Clinic Now Open for People at Risk of or Experiencing Homelessness in Lothian** (lodged on 17 October 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-14929](#) Finlay Carson: Stalwart Members of Kirkmaiden Community Harbour Trust to Retire after Saving Drummore Harbour** (lodged on 22 October 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-14893](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Improving the Lives of Disabled People** (lodged on 14 October 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-14860](#) Fulton MacGregor: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2024** (lodged on 09 October 2024)

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Motions   Glusadan				

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

[\*\*S6M-14853\*\*](#) **Gillian Mackay: World Menopause Day 2024** (lodged on 09 October 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

[\*\*S6M-14835\*\*](#) **Paul Sweeney: World Mental Health Day 2024** (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

[\*\*S6M-14824\*\*](#) **Alexander Stewart: Hospice Care Week 2024** (lodged on 08 October 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

[\*\*S6M-14811\*\*](#) **Katy Clark: FBU Supporting Macmillan Cancer Support** (lodged on 04 October 2024)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

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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 10 December 2024

**[S6W-31733](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to introduce a general development programme to promote the improvement of shipbuilding and dock facilities in Scotland, including through patient loans, grants for capital investments and refund guarantees for shipbuilding projects, in compliance with the Subsidy Control Act 2022.

**[S6W-31871](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to map any instances in which unsafe contact is granted to the abusive parent in domestic abuse cases across civil and criminal processes, as part of its commitment to keeping The Promise.

**[S6W-32048](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its allocation of £145.5 million to maintain teacher numbers, where the original documents in relation to any associated funding agreements with local authorities are or will be published.

**[S6W-32059](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31732 by Fiona Hyslop on 9 December 2024, in light of its response that it does not hold the information requested, what its position is on whether not holding this information in relation to a matter of industrial finance (a) is unusual in an international context and (b) risks undermining an effective industrial strategy to grow commercial shipbuilding, as outlined in the National Shipbuilding Strategy.

**[S6W-32060](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it can detail what legal advice SEPA received regarding any impact of suggested changes to SEPA's out-of-hours contact service on reporting requirements of licenses given under the (a) Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011, (b) Waste Management Licensing (Scotland) Regulations 2011, (c) Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2012 and (d) Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018.

**[S6W-32061](#) Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what the total cost has been to NatureScot of removing invasive Sitka spruce growing on peat bogs and within mixed native woodlands in each of the last five years.

**[S6W-32062](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide details of any discussions that it has had with the UK Government regarding legislation to halt the sale of peat for horticultural use in the UK since 4 July 2024.

**[S6W-32063](#) Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of the scope of businesses that will be required to follow regulations restricting promotions of food and drink high in fat, salt and sugar, and whether there will be any exemptions.

**[S6W-32064](#) Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish the findings of its consultation on proposed regulations to restrict promotions of food and drink high in fat, salt and sugar, which was held from February to May 2024, and what the next steps will be.

**[S6W-32065](#) Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what the timeline is for the introduction of regulations restricting promotions of food and drink high in fat, salt and sugar.

**[S6W-32066](#) Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the proposed regulations for restricting promotions of food and drink high in fat, sugar or salt will include temporary price reductions and meal deals, in light of reported evidence showing that these are the most commonly used and most significant price promotion types for driving purchases of food and drink high in fat, sugar or salt.

**[S6W-32067](#) Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent meetings its ministers have had with representatives from (a) public health groups and (b) the food and drink industry,

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and whether the proposed regulations to restrict promotions of food and drink high in fat, salt and sugar were discussed.

**S6W-32068 Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent assessment it has made of the effectiveness of public health awareness campaigns regarding the link between smoking and cancer.

**S6W-32069 Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered any psychological impact of requiring women and girls to travel long distances for (a) maternity and (b) gynaecological care.

**S6W-32070 Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people graduated from the BSc Paramedic Science course in Scotland in each of the last five academic years, also broken down by academic institution.

**S6W-32072 Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6T-02170 by Fiona Hyslop on 5 November 2024, in relation to ScotRail's proposed changes in staff deployment that will make "60 staff actively more available" to support passengers in tackling concerns around antisocial behaviour, at which stations these 60 staff are currently located, and what certainty can be provided to passengers regarding staff presence if it is the case that the booking office is not open at any of those stations. **R**

**S6W-32073 Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6T-02170 by Fiona Hyslop on 5 November 2024, in relation to the estimate that ScotRail's proposed changes in staff deployment will deliver an additional 11.5 million opportunities per year for interactions with passengers, how this figure has been calculated, and where it is anticipated that those interactions will take place. **R**

**S6W-32075 Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has decided not to consult with the public on the recent proposed changes to ticket office opening hours on the ScotRail network. **R**

**S6W-32076 Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent consideration has been given to increasing the number of staff based across ScotRail's station network. **R**

**S6W-32077 Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6T-02170 by Fiona Hyslop on 5 November 2024, in relation to ScotRail's experience of targeting antisocial behaviour through proactively planning a more visible staff presence at the right locations, what definition of the "right locations" has been provided by ScotRail when planning the deployment of staff to address antisocial behaviour.

**R**

**S6W-32078 Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31903 by Gillian Martin on 6 December 2024, what analysis has been conducted on the effectiveness of previous efforts to raise public awareness of proper battery disposal, and what deficiencies were identified in the previous methods taken.

**S6W-32079 Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish a restoration plan for marine and coastal areas, which was scheduled for publication by 2025.

**S6W-32080 Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government which groups are represented on the stakeholder advisory group for the restoration plan for marine and coastal areas.

**S6W-32081 Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any obstacles that exist for coastal communities seeking to undertake restoration of marine environments, including (a) planning and (b) financial.

**S6W-32082 Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government how many hectares of marine environment (a) are currently undergoing active restoration work and (b) have planned active restoration work.

**S6W-32083 Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to better enable coastal communities to have their views heard in marine policy work undertaken by the

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Scottish Government, including (a) the National Marine Plan 2, (b) fisheries planning and (c) regional marine planning.

**[S6W-32084 Rhoda Grant](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of any impact of adopting ultra-high frequency electronic identification technology on the trade of Scottish cattle and beef with England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

**[S6W-32085 Rhoda Grant](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to conclude its review of the use of ultra-high frequency electronic identification in livestock.

**[S6W-32086 Rhoda Grant](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the (a) UK Government and (b) EU regarding the implementation of ultra-high frequency electronic identification technology in livestock, in light of EU regulation specifying low frequency.

**[S6W-32087 Rhoda Grant](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what data it holds on the number of Scottish animals slaughtered in England and vice versa, and what assessment it has made of any impact of its proposal to adopt ultra-high frequency electronic identification technology.

**[S6W-32089 Jamie Greene](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress towards securing the redevelopment of Ardrossan Harbour.

**[S6W-32090 Jamie Greene](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects the lifting of the two-child benefit cap to come into force.

**[S6W-32091 Jamie Greene](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to tackle loneliness over the Christmas season.

**[S6W-32093 Jamie Greene](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support Police Scotland and small local businesses in tackling retail crime over the Christmas season.

**[S6W-32094 Rhoda Grant](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to support deer managers by investing in community larder and processing infrastructure.

**[S6W-32095 Rhoda Grant](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to mobile larder infrastructure to support deer managers where there is a deficit of lardering facilities.

**[S6W-32096 Rhoda Grant](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the deer management incentive pilot schemes currently in operation in central Scotland and Loch Ness.

**[S6W-32097 Rhoda Grant](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to provide deer managers with clarity about the circumstances under which NatureScot might intervene on deer management issues under any new interventionist powers predicated on nature recovery.

**[S6W-32098 Mark Griffin](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) placements were available and (b) people (i) applied, (ii) were accepted and (iii) had their initial acceptance withdrawn for a Newly Qualified Paramedic (NQP) induction course place in Scotland in each of the last five calendar years, also broken down by NHS board area.

**[S6W-32099 Daniel Johnson](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31715 by Alasdair Allan on 9 December 2024, what individual projects have been funded in each year that the fund has been in operation.

**[S6W-32100 Daniel Johnson](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31715 by Alasdair Allan on 9 December 2024, what the total size of the Scottish Industrial Energy Transformation Fund is, and whether the additional funding received as a result of the UK Government's £185 million investment has been incorporated into the fund.

**[S6W-32101 Liam McArthur](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle marine litter caused by the improper disposal of end-of-life fishing and aquaculture gear.

**[S6W-32102 Liam McArthur](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of its Marine Litter Strategy.

**[S6W-32103 Craig Hoy](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31765 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 10 December 2024, how many indefinite awards of Adult Disability Payments are currently ongoing (a) overall and (b) for mental health-related claims only.

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**[S6W-32104](#) Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31765 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 10 December 2024, how many indefinite awards of Adult Disability Payments have been introduced for people, in respect of mental health-related claims, in the last five years.

**[S6W-32107](#) Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31765 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 10 December 2024, whether it can expand upon its definition of a "light-touch" review.

**[S6W-32108](#) Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31765 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 10 December 2024, what steps it has taken to enable and assist people on indefinite Adult Disability Payments to return to the workforce to some degree.

**[S6W-32109](#) Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Caledonian Sleeper service between Aberdeen and London will return to the regular service of six times a week.

**[S6W-32110](#) Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Caledonian Sleeper service between Aberdeen and London has been reduced by 50% to three services a week.

**[S6W-32111](#) Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to mitigate any negative impact on (a) accessibility and (b) travel for (i) residents and (ii) businesses that rely on the Caledonian Sleeper service as a result of reductions to the service.

**[S6W-32112](#) Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Government's reported commitment to a permanently lowered tax rate for grassroots music venues in England and Wales from 2026-27, whether it will commit to implementing any such relief in full in Scotland.

**[S6W-32113](#) Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Government's consultation on reforming its business rates system, whether it has any plans to undertake a similar consultation on potential changes to non-domestic rates in Scotland.

**[S6W-32114](#) Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it will provide to the grassroots music venue industry regarding its plans for business rates relief in the years beyond the draft Budget for 2025-26.

**[S6W-32115](#) Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to providing further financial support to grassroots music venues beyond the planned 40% rates relief in its draft Budget 2025-26.

**[S6W-32116](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31685 by Jenny Gilruth on 9 December 2024, which of its officials attended the meeting.



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## New Bills and Accompanying Documents

### New Bills introduced or reprinted on 10 December 2024

**Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 40B) (Government Bill)

## Amendments

### New amendments to Bills lodged or withdrawn on 10 December 2024

#### Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill — Stage 3

##### Before section 2A

**Graham Simpson**

**Supported by: Ross Greer**

**34** Before section 2A, insert—

*<Disqualifications: MPs, members of the House of Lords and councillors*

##### **Scottish Parliament: disqualification of MPs**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must lay before the Scottish Parliament a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations which—
  - (a) make provision to the effect that a person is disqualified from membership of the Scottish Parliament if that person is a member of the House of Commons, and
  - (b) make any incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate for the purposes of, in connection with or for giving full effect to that disqualification.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular—
  - (a) modify section 15(1) of the Scotland Act 1998 (disqualification from membership of the Parliament),
  - (b) modify section 16 of the Scotland Act 1998 (exceptions and relief from disqualification) so as to—
    - (i) provide under subsection (3) of that section that the Scottish Parliament may not resolve to disregard the disqualification imposed by the regulations,
    - (ii) provide for a period of exception from the disqualification for any person recently returned at an election,
    - (iii) provide for an exception from the disqualification for any person who is serving as a member of the Scottish Parliament on the day the regulations come into force, provided that any exception is limited to a period of time no longer than the period between that day and the day of the next ordinary general election under section 2 of the Scotland Act 1998,
  - (c) modify section 17 of the Scotland Act 1998 (effect of disqualification) so as to make provision about—
    - (i) which proceedings of the Scottish Parliament a person may or may not participate in during any excepted period provided in accordance with subsection (2)(b)(ii), and
    - (ii) which of the person's other rights and privileges as a member of the Scottish Parliament may be withdrawn by a resolution of the Parliament,
  - (d) modify section 82 of the Scotland Act 1998 (limits on salaries of members of the Parliament),

- (e) make different provision for different purposes.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (4) After the Scottish Ministers lay the first draft Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1), they may lay further such instruments under that subsection.>

**Graham Simpson**

**Supported by: Ross Greer**

35 Before section 2A, insert—

**<Scottish Parliament: disqualification of members of the House of Lords**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must lay before the Scottish Parliament a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations which—
  - (a) make provision to the effect that a person is disqualified from membership of the Scottish Parliament if that person is a member of the House of Lords, and
  - (b) make any incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate for the purposes of, in connection with or for giving full effect to that disqualification.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular—
  - (a) modify section 15(1) of the Scotland Act 1998 (disqualification from membership of the Parliament),
  - (b) modify section 16 of the Scotland Act 1998 (exceptions and relief from disqualification) so as to—
    - (i) remove the exceptions from disqualification in subsection (1) of that section,
    - (ii) provide under subsection (3) of that section that the Scottish Parliament may not resolve to disregard the disqualification imposed by the regulations,
    - (iii) provide for a period of exception from the disqualification for any person recently returned at an election,
    - (iv) provide for periods of exception from the disqualification for any person who would otherwise be disqualified, provided that person—
      - (A) has a leave of absence from the House of Lords,
      - (B) has made an application for such leave and the application has not been withdrawn or refused, or
      - (C) was on leave of absence immediately before the UK Parliament was dissolved,
    - (v) provide for an exception from the disqualification for any person who is serving as a member of the Scottish Parliament on the day the regulations come into force, provided that any exception is limited to a period of time no longer than the period between that day and the day of the next ordinary general election under section 2 of the Scotland Act 1998,
  - (c) modify section 17 of the Scotland Act 1998 (effect of disqualification) so as to make provision about—
    - (i) which proceedings of the Scottish Parliament a person may or may not participate in during any excepted periods provided in accordance with subsection (2)(b)(iii) or (iv), and

- (ii) which of the person's other rights and privileges as a member of the Scottish Parliament may be withdrawn by a resolution of the Parliament,
- (d) modify section 82 of the Scotland Act 1998 (limits on salaries of members of the Parliament),
- (e) make different provision for different purposes.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (4) After the Scottish Ministers lay the first draft Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1), they may lay further such instruments under that subsection.>

### Graham Simpson

36 Before section 2A, insert—

#### <Scottish Parliament: disqualification of councillors

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—
  - (a) make provision to the effect that a person is disqualified from membership of the Scottish Parliament if that person is a member of a local authority, and
  - (b) make any incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate for the purposes of, in connection with or for giving full effect to that disqualification.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular—
  - (a) modify section 15(1) of the Scotland Act 1998 (disqualification from membership of the Parliament),
  - (b) modify section 16 of the Scotland Act 1998 (exceptions and relief from disqualification) so as to—
    - (i) provide under subsection (3) of that section that the Scottish Parliament may not resolve to disregard the disqualification imposed by the regulations,
    - (ii) provide for a period of exception from the disqualification for any person recently returned at an election,
    - (iii) provide for an exception from the disqualification for any person who is serving as a member of the Scottish Parliament on the day the regulations come into force, provided that any exception is limited to a period of time no longer than the period between that day and the day of the next ordinary general election under section 2 of the Scotland Act 1998,
  - (c) modify section 17 of the Scotland Act 1998 (effect of disqualification) so as to make provision about—
    - (i) which proceedings of the Parliament a person may or may not participate in during any excepted period provided in accordance with subsection (2)(b)(ii), and
    - (ii) which of the person's other rights and privileges as a member of the Scottish Parliament may be withdrawn by a resolution of the Parliament,
  - (d) make different provision for different purposes.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

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### After section 2B

#### Graham Simpson

1 *Withdrawn*

#### Graham Simpson

2 *Withdrawn*

#### Ross Greer

4 *Withdrawn*

#### Annie Wells

37 After section 2B, insert—

#### <Requirement to declare prior sexual offences etc: local authority candidates

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide that nomination papers include a declaration of whether a person would have previously been disqualified under section 31(1)(da) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, but is no longer subject to the relevant notification requirements or relevant sexual harm or risk order.
- (2) Declarations under subsection (1) must be made publicly available.
- (3) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (4) In this section—

“nomination papers” means a nomination paper under the Scottish Local Government Elections Order 2011 (SSI 2011/399),

“relevant notification requirements” has the same meaning as in section 31(3C) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (inserted by section 2B),

“relevant sexual harm or risk order” has the same meaning as in section 31(3D) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (inserted by section 2B).>

### Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

#### Section 1

#### Siobhian Brown

1 In section 1, page 1, line 9, leave out <legal regulation> and insert <regulating legal services>

#### Siobhian Brown

2 In section 1, page 1, leave out lines 12 and 13

#### Siobhian Brown

3 In section 1, page 2, line 6, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 4 In section 1, page 2, line 21, after <to> insert <be>

**Schedule 1**

**Siobhian Brown**

- 5 In schedule 1, page 79, line 8, at end insert—  
<( ) In subsection (10), in paragraph (a), after “enactment” insert “(but see subsection (11))”.>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 6 In schedule 1, page 79, line 9, leave out <Part 2> and insert <Chapter 2 of Part 1>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 7 In schedule 1, page 79, line 13, leave out <Part 2> and insert <Chapter 2 of Part 1>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 8 In schedule 1, page 79, line 32, at end insert—  
<( ) administering the Client Protection Fund under section 43, and  
( ) safeguarding the interests of clients under sections 45A to 45C,>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 9 In schedule 1, page 80, leave out lines 6 and 7

**Siobhian Brown**

- 10 In schedule 1, page 80, line 9, leave out <Guarantee> and insert <Client Protection>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 11 In schedule 1, page 80, line 9, after <loans> insert <or grants>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 12 In schedule 1, page 80, line 19, at end insert—  
<( ) The title of section 43 becomes “**Client Protection Fund**”.>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 13 In schedule 1, page 80, line 21, leave out <Guarantee fund> and insert <**Client Protection Fund**>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 14 In schedule 1, page 80, line 23, leave out <Guarantee> and insert <Client Protection>

**Siobhian Brown**

**15** In schedule 1, page 80, leave out lines 30 to 35 and insert—

- <(3) The Scottish Ministers may exercise the power to make regulations under subsection (1) only if they have received a request from—
- (a) the Lord President,
  - (b) the regulatory committee, or
  - (c) the independent advisory panel established by the Commission under paragraph 11A of schedule 1 of the 2007 Act,
- (3A) Before making a request under subsection (3), the person making the request (“the requester”) must—
- (a) consult—
    - (i) the regulatory committee unless the committee is the requester,
    - (ii) the panel mentioned in subsection (3)(c) unless it is the requester, and
    - (iii) such other person or body as the requester considers appropriate, and
  - (b) except where the requester is the Lord President, secure the Lord President’s agreement to the making of the request.
- (3B) For the purpose of seeking the Lord President’s agreement under subsection (3A)(b), the requester must provide to the Lord President—
- (a) a document setting out—
    - (i) an explanation of the change sought by the proposed exercise of the power, and
    - (ii) the reasons for seeking the change, and
  - (b) copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation under subsection (3A)(a).
- (3C) A request under subsection (3) must include—
- (a) a document setting out—
    - (i) an explanation of the change sought by the proposed exercise of the power, and
    - (ii) the reasons for seeking the change,
  - (b) copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation under subsection (3A)(a), and
  - (c) except where the requester is the Lord President, written confirmation of the Lord President’s agreement to the making of the request.
- (3D) As soon as reasonably practicable after making a request under subsection (3), the requester must publish the documents included with the request in such manner as the requester considers appropriate (having regard to the desirability of the documents being accessible to those likely to have an interest in them).>

**Siobhian Brown**

**16** In schedule 1, page 81, leave out lines 2 and 3

**Siobhian Brown**

**17** In schedule 1, page 81, leave out lines 5 and 6

**Siobhian Brown**

18 In schedule 1, page 82, leave out lines 32 and 33

**Siobhian Brown**

19 In schedule 1, page 83, leave out lines 4 and 5

**Siobhian Brown**

20 In schedule 1, page 84, line 16, leave out <in paragraph (b),>

**Siobhian Brown**

21 In schedule 1, page 84, line 36, leave out <in both places it> and insert <where it first>

**Siobhian Brown**

22 In schedule 1, page 85, line 2, leave out <in both places it> and insert <where it first>

**Siobhian Brown**

23 In schedule 1, page 85, line 16, leave out <in both places it> and insert <where it first>

**Siobhian Brown**

24 In schedule 1, page 86, line 14, leave out paragraph 22

**Siobhian Brown**

25 In schedule 1, page 86, line 32, leave out <(2)(b)> and insert <(2)>

**Siobhian Brown**

26 In schedule 1, page 87, line 2, at end insert—

<( ) for “recognised under section 34(1A)” substitute “authorised”,>

**Siobhian Brown**

27 In schedule 1, page 88, line 28, leave out paragraph 27

**Siobhian Brown**

28 In schedule 1, page 89, line 29, leave out <A solicitor or, as the case may be,> and insert <An>

**Siobhian Brown**

29 In schedule 1, page 89, line 31, leave out <the solicitor’s practice as such or>

**Siobhian Brown**

30 In schedule 1, page 89, line 32, leave out <authorised provision of legal services> and insert <practice>

**Siobhian Brown**



- 31 In schedule 1, page 89, line 35, leave out <incorporated> and insert <A solicitor or, as the case may be, incorporated>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 32 In schedule 1, page 89, line 35, leave out <authorised> and insert <an authorised>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 33 In schedule 1, page 90, line 25, after <withdrawn,> insert <or>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 34 In schedule 1, page 91, line 28, after <withdrawn> insert <or subject to conditions>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 35 In schedule 1, page 91, leave out lines 31 and 32

**Siobhian Brown**

- 36 In schedule 1, page 92, line 6, leave out paragraph 35

**Siobhian Brown**

- 37 In schedule 1, page 92, line 11, at end insert—  
<( ) After “office” insert “or last intimated address”.>

## Section 2

**Siobhian Brown**

- 38 In section 2, page 3, line 1, leave out from <, legal> to <consumers> in line 2 and insert <and legal services providers>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 39 In section 2, page 3, line 2, at end insert—  
<( ) effective communication between regulators and bodies that represent the interests of consumers, and>

## Section 3

**Siobhian Brown**

- 40 In section 3, page 3, line 10, after <must> insert <so far as practicable>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 41 In section 3, page 3, line 34, leave out <exercise of such functions> and insert <regulatory objectives>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 42 In section 3, page 3, line 38, at end insert—  
<( ) the Scottish Solicitors' Discipline Tribunal,>

**Section 5**

**Siobhian Brown**

- 43 Leave out section 5

**Section 6**

**Siobhian Brown**

- 44 In section 6, page 5, line 15, leave out <(for example, acting as a mediator)>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 45 In section 6, page 5, line 15, at end insert <, or  
( ) any activity which involves acting as a third party decision-maker or facilitator in a type of alternative dispute resolution.>

**Section 7**

**Siobhian Brown**

- 46 In section 7, page 5, line 25, leave out <in particular> and insert <as appropriate>

**Section 8**

**Siobhian Brown**

- 47 In section 8, page 6, line 14, leave out <Commercial> and insert <Construction>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 48 In section 8, page 6, line 20, at end insert <but only if the body is—  
( ) an accredited regulator, or  
( ) a body which has had an application under section 25 of the 1990 Act granted under section 26 of that Act,>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 49 In section 8, page 6, line 32, leave out <this section> and insert <subsection (5)>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 50 In section 8, page 6, line 33, leave out subsection (8) insert—  
<(8) But the Scottish Ministers may exercise the power to make regulations under subsection (5)(a) only

following, and in accordance with, a request to exercise the power received from the Lord President.

(8A) Before making a request referred to in subsection (8), the Lord President—

(a) must consult—

- (i) the body whose category the Lord President is proposing to be reassigned,
- (ii) the independent advisory panel of the Commission,
- (iii) the other category 1 and category 2 regulators, and
- (iv) each approved regulator of licensed providers (if not otherwise consulted), and

(b) may consult—

- (i) the Scottish Ministers, and
- (ii) such other person or body as the Lord President considers appropriate.

(8B) A request under subsection (8) must include—

- (a) a document setting out the reasons for the request, and
- (b) copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation under subsection (8).

(8C) As soon as reasonably practicable after making a request under subsection (8), the Lord President must publish the documents included with the request in such manner as the Lord President considers appropriate (having regard to the desirability of the documents being accessible to those likely to have an interest in them).>

## Section 9

### Siobhian Brown

51 In section 9, page 7, line 25, leave out <may>

### Siobhian Brown

52 In section 9, page 7, line 26, at beginning insert <must (in accordance with this Act or any other enactment)>

### Siobhian Brown

53 In section 9, page 7, line 26, leave out <structure> and insert <composition>

### Siobhian Brown

54 In section 9, page 7, line 27, at beginning insert <may>

### Siobhian Brown

55 In section 9, page 7, line 29, leave out subsection (5) and insert—

<(5) But, an arrangement under subsection (4)(b)—

(a) may not delegate—

- (i) the regulatory committee's function of making regulatory rules under this Act or any other enactment,

(ii) to an individual, the committee's function of determining what action it proposes to take in respect of a conduct or regulatory complaint remitted under section 6 or 7A of the 2007 Act or, as the case may be, initiated in accordance with section 33A or 33B of that Act, and

(b) does not affect or limit the regulatory committee's—

(i) responsibility for the exercise of the delegated functions, or

(ii) ability to exercise those functions.>

**Siobhian Brown**

56 In section 9, page 7, line 31, at end insert—

<( ) A regulatory committee must maintain and publish a document setting out its—

(a) composition, membership and governance arrangements,

(b) regulatory functions (including powers and duties) and procedures,

(c) arrangements (if any) for the delegation of functions.>

**Siobhian Brown**

57 In section 9, page 7, line 33, leave out <changes> and insert <any material change>

**Siobhian Brown**

58 In section 9, page 7, line 33, leave out <structure or>

**Section 10**

**Siobhian Brown**

59 In section 10, page 8, line 11, leave out <governance of the regulator or the exercise of its> and insert <governing body of the regulator or the exercise of the regulator's>

**Siobhian Brown**

60 In section 10, page 8, line 21, at end insert—

<( ) The regulatory committee may determine that a person may not be a member of the regulatory committee if the person has been convicted of an offence other than one referred to in subsection (4)(d).>

**Siobhian Brown**

61 In section 10, page 8, line 23, at end insert—

<( ) The regulatory committee may co-opt persons who are not members of the regulatory committee (subject to subsections (3)(b) and (4)).>

**Siobhian Brown**

62 In section 10, page 8, line 23, at end insert—

<( ) The validity of any proceedings of a regulatory committee (or any subcommittee of it) is not

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affected by a vacancy in membership.>

### Section 11

#### Siobhian Brown

- 63 In section 11, page 9, leave out line 3 and insert <A person may be appointed as a legal member of a regulatory committee only if the person is (any of)—>

### Section 12

#### Siobhian Brown

- 64 In section 12, page 9, line 25, at end insert—
- <( ) with the approval of the regulatory committee, arrange for the exercise of any function, other than the function described in section 9(5)(a)(ii), by an individual (which may be a member of staff of the regulator).>

### Sections 13

#### Siobhian Brown

- 65 In section 13, page 10, line 12, leave out <and professional indemnity insurance>

#### Siobhian Brown

- 66 In section 13, page 10, line 19, at end insert—
- <( ) information, in relation to legal services providers that the regulator regulates, about—
- (i) the number of conduct complaints remitted (or treated as having been remitted) to it under the 2007 Act, and the number of those complaints that are determined, discontinued or reinstated by it or, where section 9(2) applies, its regulatory committee,
  - (ii) the number of regulatory complaints remitted (or treated as having been remitted) to it under the 2007 Act, and the number of those complaints that are determined, discontinued or reinstated by it or, where section 9(2) applies, its regulatory committee,>

#### Siobhian Brown

- 67 In section 13, page 10, line 23, at end insert—
- <( ) information about directions (if any) given under section 21, including—
- (i) the number of directions given in pursuance of each of the purposes in section 21(2),
  - (ii) a summary of which types of rules are being disapplied or modified (and how frequently they are being disapplied or modified),
  - (iii) any trends in the kinds of directions that were applied for, rejected or granted,
  - (iv) the changes in such trends (if any) from the previous report,>

#### Siobhian Brown

- 68 In section 13, page 10, line 32, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 69 In section 13, page 10, line 33, at beginning insert <except in the case where the regulator is the Law Society,>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 70 In section 13, page 11, leave out line 7

**Siobhian Brown**

- 71 In section 13, page 11, line 10, leave out from <provide> to end of line 11 and insert <—  
( ) publish its annual report by such electronic means as the regulator (or regulatory committee) considers appropriate, and  
( ) send a copy of its annual report to the Lord President,  
as soon as practicable after the end of the reporting year to which the annual report relates.>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 72 In section 13, page 11, line 12, leave out subsection (6)

**Siobhian Brown**

- 73 In section 13, page 11, line 17, leave out from < , “reporting”> to end of line and insert <—  
“conduct complaint” is to be construed in accordance with Part 1 of the 2007 Act,  
“regulatory complaint” is to be construed in accordance with Part 1 of the 2007 Act,  
“reporting year” means, in relation to a category 1 regulator, a 12 month period that coincides with the regulator’s financial year.>

## Section 14

**Siobhian Brown**

- 74 In section 14, page 12, line 15, leave out subsection (9) and insert—  
<(9) The Scottish Ministers may exercise the power to make regulations under subsection (8) only if they have received a request to exercise the power from—  
(a) the Lord President,  
(b) the regulatory committee of a category 1 regulator,  
(c) a category 1 regulator that has no functions other than regulatory functions, or  
(d) the independent advisory panel of the Commission.  
(9A) Before making a request under subsection (9), the person making the request (“the requester”) must—  
(a) consult—  
(i) the regulatory committee (if any) of each category 1 regulator,

- (ii) each category 1 regulator that has no functions other than regulatory functions,
  - (iii) the independent advisory panel of the Commission, and
  - (iv) such other person or body as the requester considers appropriate, and
- (b) except where the requester is the Lord President, secure the Lord President's agreement to the making of the request.
- (9B) But a body mentioned in subsection (9A)(a)(i) to (iii) does not need to be consulted if the body is the requester.
- (9C) For the purpose of seeking the Lord President's agreement under subsection (9A)(b), the requester must provide to the Lord President—
- (a) a document setting out—
    - (i) an explanation of the change sought by the proposed exercise of the power, and
    - (ii) the reasons for seeking the change, and
  - (b) copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation under subsection (9A)(a).
- (9D) A request under subsection (9) must include—
- (a) a document setting out—
    - (i) an explanation of the change sought by the proposed exercise of the power, and
    - (ii) the reasons for seeking the change,
  - (b) copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation under subsection (9A)(a), and
  - (c) except where the requester is the Lord President, written confirmation of the Lord President's agreement to the making of the request.
- (9E) As soon as reasonably practicable after making a request under subsection (9), the requester must publish the documents included with the request in such manner as the requester considers appropriate (having regard to the desirability of the documents being accessible to those likely to have an interest in them).>

### Siobhian Brown

- 75 In section 14, page 12, line 19, leave out <negative> and insert <affirmative>

## Section 16

### Siobhian Brown

- 76 In section 16, page 13, line 4, at end insert—
- <( ) information, in relation to legal services providers that the regulator regulates, about the number of conduct complaints remitted (or treated as having been remitted) to it under the 2007 Act, and the number of those complaints that are determined, discontinued or reinstated by it,>

### Siobhian Brown

- 77 In section 16, page 13, line 8, at end insert—

<( ) information about directions (if any) given under section 21, including—

- (i) the number of directions given in pursuance of each of the purposes in section 21(2),
- (ii) a summary of which types of rules are being disapplied or modified (and how frequently they are being disapplied or modified),
- (iii) any trends in the kinds of directions that were applied for, rejected or granted,
- (iv) any changes in such trends (if any) from the previous report.>

**Siobhian Brown**

78 In section 16, page 13, line 12, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

79 In section 16, page 13, line 13, at beginning insert <except in the case where the regulator is the Faculty of Advocates,>

**Siobhian Brown**

80 In section 16, page 13, line 15, at end insert—

<( ) When preparing an annual report, a category 2 regulator must consult the independent advisory panel of the Commission.>

**Siobhian Brown**

81 In section 16, page 13, line 16, leave out from <publish> to end of line 18 and insert <—

( ) publish its annual report by such electronic means as the regulator considers appropriate,  
and

( ) send a copy of its annual report to the Lord President,

as soon as practicable after the end of the reporting year to which the annual report relates.>

**Siobhian Brown**

82 In section 16, page 13, line 19, after <section> insert<—

<“conduct complaint” is to be construed in accordance with Part 1 of the 2007 Act,>

**Siobhian Brown**

83 In section 16, page 13, line 19, leave out <a yearly period ending on 31 March> and insert <, in relation to a category 2 regulator, a 12 month period that coincides with the regulator’s financial accounting year>

**Section 17**

**Siobhian Brown**

84 In section 17, page 13, line 27, leave out <current>

**Siobhian Brown**



**85** In section 17, page 13, line 28, at end insert <as most recently notified to the regulator by or on behalf of the legal services provider>

**Siobhian Brown**

**86** In section 17, page 13, line 30, at end insert—

<( ) details of any sanction resulting from disciplinary action taken against the individual, for the period of 3 years beginning with the date of its imposition.>

**Siobhian Brown**

**87** In section 17, page 13, line 34, at end insert <as most recently notified to the regulator by or on behalf of the legal services provider>

**Siobhian Brown**

**88** In section 17, page 13, line 36, at end insert—

<( ) details of any sanction resulting from disciplinary action taken against the body, for the period of 3 years beginning with the date of its imposition.>

**Siobhian Brown**

**89** In section 17, page 14, line 2, at end insert—

<( ) The register may contain such other information relating to any person or body it regulates as the regulator considers appropriate.>

**Siobhian Brown**

**90** In section 17, page 14, line 2, at end insert—

<( ) During any period where a legal services provider's authorisation to provide legal services is suspended, the entry for that provider must be removed from the register (and, if such suspension is removed, the entry must be restored).>

## Section 18

**Siobhian Brown**

**91** In section 18, page 15, line 3, after <provider> insert <(or former legal services provider)>

**Siobhian Brown**

**92** In section 18, page 15, line 3, at end insert <or other services (in addition to legal services) that form part of the professional practice of the solicitors or qualifying individuals within the legal business that provides the legal services>

## Section 19

**Siobhian Brown**

**93** In section 19, page 15, line 6, leave out subsection (1) and insert—

- <(1) If the condition in subsection (1A) is met, the Lord President may review the performance of a category 1 or category 2 regulator’s regulatory functions—
- (a) on the Lord President’s own initiative, or
  - (b) if the Lord President is requested to do so by—
    - (i) the Scottish Parliament (whether or not following consideration of the regulator’s annual report),
    - (ii) the independent advisory panel of the Commission, or
    - (iii) Consumer Scotland.
- (1A) The condition is that the Lord President is concerned that the regulator is failing or is likely to fail—
- (a) to exercise its regulatory functions in a manner that is compatible with the regulatory objectives, or
  - (b) to comply with the requirements imposed on the regulator under this Act or any other enactment.>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 94** In section 19, page 15, line 12, leave out from <subsection (1)> to end of line 15 and insert <subsection (1)(b) by a requesting body only where the requesting body—
- (a) is concerned that the regulator may be failing, or may be likely to fail—
    - (i) to exercise its regulatory functions in a manner that is compatible with the regulatory objectives, or
    - (ii) to comply with the requirements imposed on the regulator under this Act or any other enactment, and
  - (b) has—
    - (i) given notice to the regulator of its reasons for proposing to make the request based on its concerns, and
    - (ii) given the regulator a reasonable opportunity (which must be no fewer than 28 days from the date of the notice) to respond to the notice and address the requesting body’s concerns (or commit to addressing those concerns).>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 95** In section 19, page 15, line 15, at end insert—
- <( ) A request for a review made under subsection (1)(b)—
- (a) must specify each regulatory function or other function of the regulator to which the request relates, and
  - (b) must be accompanied by—
    - (i) a copy of the requesting body’s notice sent to the regulator under subsection (2), and
    - (ii) either—
      - (A) a copy of any written response (or a written summary of any verbal response) by the regulator to the notice given under subsection (2) which the requesting body considers to be insufficient to address its reasons for proposing to make a request for a review, or

- (B) written confirmation from the requesting body that the regulator has failed to respond to its notice given under subsection (2) within the required period for a response.>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 96 In section 19, page 15, line 18, leave out <and professional principles>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 97 In section 19, page 15, line 19, at end insert—

<( ) its compliance with the requirements imposed on it under this Act or any other enactment,>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 98 In section 19, page 15, line 27, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 99 In section 19, page 15, line 27, after <request> insert <(whether in connection with a review under subsection (1) or a decision as to whether to conduct such a review)>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 100 In section 19, page 15, line 28, leave out <21> and insert <28>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 101 In section 19, page 15, line 29, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 102 In section 19, page 15, line 29, at end insert—

<(4A) Subsection (4B) applies if—

- (a) the Lord President requests information from a category 1 or category 2 regulator in connection with an existing review under subsection (1) relating to the regulator, and
- (b) the regulator fails, without a reasonable excuse, to provide some or all of the requested information within the 28 day period mentioned in subsection (4) (or within such longer period allowed by the Lord President to respond).

(4B) The Lord President may add the failure to the matter (or matters) being considered as part of the existing review but before doing so, the Lord President must notify the regulator in writing of the proposal and give the regulator an opportunity to respond within the period specified in the notice (which must be no fewer than 14 days from the date of the notice) to—

- (a) provide all of the information requested under subsection (4), or
- (b) provide a reasonable excuse for the failure to provide all of the requested information within the period specified in that subsection (or within such longer period allowed by the Lord President to respond to the notice under that subsection).>

**Siobhian Brown**

**103** In section 19, page 15, line 29, at end insert—

- <( ) If the Lord President considers that any person other than a category 1 or category 2 regulator may hold information relating to the performance of a category 1 or category 2 regulator's regulatory functions—
- (a) the Lord President may ask the person to confirm whether they hold such information as the Lord President may specify in the request, and
  - (b) the person must respond to the request as soon as practicable and the response must include—
    - (i) confirmation of whether or not the person holds the information specified in the request, and
    - (ii) if any such information is held by the person, details of the nature of the information that is held.>

**Siobhian Brown**

**104** In section 19, page 15, line 29, at end insert—

- <( ) Any person other than a category 1 or category 2 regulator who holds information relating to the performance of a category 1 or category 2 regulator's regulatory functions must—
- (a) provide such of that information as the Lord President may reasonably request, and
  - (b) do so within the period of 28 days beginning with the date of the request (or such longer period as the Lord President may allow).>

**Siobhian Brown**

**105** In section 19, page 15, line 29, at end insert—

- <( ) In conducting a review under subsection (1), the Lord President must consult such persons or bodies as the Lord President considers appropriate.>

**Siobhian Brown**

**106** In section 19, page 15, line 30, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

**107** In section 19, page 15, line 31, leave out <their findings and any measures they intend> and insert <the Lord President's findings and any measures the Lord President intends>

**Siobhian Brown**

**108** In section 19, page 15, line 33, leave out <they consider> and insert <the Lord President considers>

**Siobhian Brown**

**109** In section 19, page 15, line 33, at end insert <(having regard to the desirability of it being accessible to those likely to have an interest in the report), and

- ( ) send a copy of the report to—
- (i) the regulator to which the review relates, and
  - (ii) if the review was conducted following a request under subsection (1)(b), the requesting

body.>

**Siobhian Brown**

**110** In section 19, page 15, line 33, at end insert—

<( ) If a request for a review is made under subsection (1)(b) and the Lord President decides not to conduct a review under subsection (1), the Lord President must inform the requesting body in writing of the reasons for the Lord President’s decision.>

**Siobhian Brown**

**111** In section 19, page 15, line 34, leave out subsections (6) to (8)

**Section 20**

**Siobhian Brown**

**112** In section 20, page 16, line 5, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

**113** In section 20, page 16, line 6, leave out <they consider> and insert <the Lord President considers>

**Siobhian Brown**

**114** In section 20, page 16, line 7, leave out <appropriate> and insert <necessary following a review under section 19(1)>

**Siobhian Brown**

**115** In section 20, page 16, line 8, leave out <the appropriateness of taking> and insert <whether it is necessary to take>

**Siobhian Brown**

**116** In section 20, page 16, line 9, leave out <Scottish Ministers must have particular regard to> and insert <Lord President must take account of>

**Siobhian Brown**

**117** In section 20, page 16, leave out line 17

**Siobhian Brown**

**118** In section 20, page 16, line 18, leave out <, or removing some or all of,>

**Siobhian Brown**

**119** In section 20, page 16, line 19, at end insert—

<(f) making changes to the way in which any of the regulatory functions of the regulator are to be exercised by it,>

**Siobhian Brown**

120 In section 20, page 16, line 19, at end insert—

- <(g) removing all of the regulatory functions exercised by—
  - (i) an accredited regulator, or
  - (ii) a body which has had an application under section 25 of the 1990 Act granted under section 26 of that Act.>

**Siobhian Brown**

121 In section 20, page 16, line 20, leave out subsection (5)

**Siobhian Brown**

122 In section 20, page 16, line 26, at end insert—

- <(6A) But the Scottish Ministers may exercise the power to make regulations under subsection (6) only following, and in accordance with, a request to exercise the power received from the Lord President.
- (6B) Before making a request mentioned in subsection (6A), the Lord President must consult—
  - (a) each category 1 and category 2 regulator,
  - (b) the independent advisory panel of the Commission, and
  - (c) such other person or body as the Lord President considers appropriate.
- (6C) A request under subsection (6A) must include—
  - (a) a document setting out the reasons for the request, and
  - (b) copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation under subsection (6B)
- (6D) As soon as reasonably practicable after making a request under subsection (6A), the Lord President must publish the documents included with the request in such manner as the Lord President considers appropriate (having regard to the desirability of the documents being accessible to those likely to have an interest in them).>

**Siobhian Brown**

123 In section 20, page 16, line 30, leave out <this section> and insert <subsection (6)>

**Schedule 2**

**Siobhian Brown**

124 In schedule 2, page 93, line 16, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

125 In schedule 2, page 93, line 17, leave out <are> and insert <is>

**Siobhian Brown**

126 In schedule 2, page 93, line 20, leave out <consider> and insert <considers>

**Siobhian Brown**

127 In schedule 2, page 93, line 23, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

128 In schedule 2, page 93, line 31, leave out <Scottish Ministers decide> and insert <Lord President decides>

**Siobhian Brown**

129 In schedule 2, page 93, line 33, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

130 In schedule 2, page 94, line 7, leave out <Scottish Ministers are> and insert <Lord President is>

**Siobhian Brown**

131 In schedule 2, page 94, line 18, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

132 In schedule 2, page 94, line 19, leave out <they consider> and insert <the Lord President considers>

**Siobhian Brown**

133 In schedule 2, page 94, line 21, leave out <they consider> and insert <the Lord President considers>

**Siobhian Brown**

134 In schedule 2, page 94, line 31, leave out <Scottish Ministers decide> and insert <Lord President decides>

**Siobhian Brown**

135 In schedule 2, page 94, line 34, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

136 In schedule 2, page 95, line 1, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

137 In schedule 2, page 95, line 2, leave out <they consider> and insert <the Lord President considers>

**Siobhian Brown**

138 In schedule 2, page 95, line 5, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

139 In schedule 2, page 95, line 6, leave out <they> and insert <the Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

140 In schedule 2, page 95, line 14, leave out <Scottish Ministers are> and insert <Lord President is>

**Siobhian Brown**

141 In schedule 2, page 95, line 21, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

142 In schedule 2, page 95, line 25, leave out <Scottish Ministers decide> and insert <Lord President decides>

**Siobhian Brown**

143 In schedule 2, page 95, line 31, leave out paragraphs 12 to 21

**Siobhian Brown**

144 In schedule 2, page 98, line 17, leave out <Scottish Ministers are> and insert <Lord President is>

**Siobhian Brown**

145 In schedule 2, page 98, line 21, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

146 In schedule 2, page 98, line 22, leave out <(d)> and insert <(c)>

**Siobhian Brown**

147 In schedule 2, page 98, leave out lines 24 to 30 and insert—

<23 (1) Where the Lord President is taking a measure mentioned in section 20(4)(e), the Lord President may—

(a) in a case where the regulator falls within sub-paragraph (2), direct the regulator to change its scheme in such manner and by such date as the Lord President may specify,

(b) in any other case, ask the Scottish Ministers to exercise the power under sub-paragraph (1C) to change the regulatory functions exercised by the regulator.

(1A) Where the Lord President is taking a measure mentioned in section 20(4)(f), the Lord President may—

(a) in a case where the regulator falls within sub-paragraph (2), direct the regulator to change its scheme in such manner and by such date as the Lord President may specify,

(b) in any other case, ask the Scottish Ministers to exercise the power under sub-paragraph (1C) to change the way in which any of the regulatory functions of the regulator are to be exercised by it.

(1B) Where the Lord President is taking a measure mentioned in section 20(4)(g) in relation to a regulator that falls within sub-paragraph (2), the Lord President may revoke the approval of the regulator's application under section 29 of this Act or, as the case may be, under section 26(6) of the 1990 Act.

(1C) Following a request from the Lord President under sub-paragraph (1)(b) or (1A)(b), the Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision to change—



- (a) the regulatory functions exercised by the regulator, or
  - (b) the way in which any of the regulatory functions of the regulator are to be exercised by it.
- (1D) The Scottish Ministers may exercise the power under sub-paragraph (1C) only in accordance with such a request.>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 148 In schedule 2, page 99, line 1, leave out <purpose of sub-paragraph (1)(a)> and insert <purposes of sub-paragraphs (1)(a) and (1A)(a)>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 149 In schedule 2, page 99, line 4, leave out paragraph 24

**Siobhian Brown**

- 150 In schedule 2, page 99, line 7, leave out <Scottish Ministers decide> and insert <Lord President decides>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 151 In schedule 2, page 99, line 9, leave out from beginning to <regulator,> in line 11 and insert—
- <(a) state—
    - (i) in a case where the regulator falls within paragraph 23(2), the changes that the Lord President intends to direct the regulator to make to its scheme or, as the case may be, that the Lord President intends to remove all of the regulatory functions of the regulator,
    - (ii) in any other case, the changes that the Lord President intends to ask the Scottish Ministers to make to the regulatory functions exercised by the regulator or to the way in which any of the regulatory functions of the regulator are to be exercised by it,>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 152 In schedule 2, page 99, line 12, leave out <Scottish Ministers consider> and insert <Lord President considers>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 153 In schedule 2, page 99, line 16, leave out <23(1)(b)> and insert <23(1C)>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 154 In schedule 2, page 99, line 17, leave out <they have> and insert <the Lord President has>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 155 In schedule 2, page 99, leave out lines 18 to 20

**Siobhian Brown**

- 156 In schedule 2, page 99, line 33, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

157 In schedule 2, page 100, line 2, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

158 In schedule 2, page 100, line 3, leave out <their> and insert <the Lord President's>

**Siobhian Brown**

159 In schedule 2, page 100, line 6, leave out <Scottish Ministers intend> and insert <Lord President intends>

**Siobhian Brown**

160 In schedule 2, page 100, line 7, leave out <Scottish Ministers propose> and insert <Lord President proposes>

**Siobhian Brown**

161 In schedule 2, page 100, line 8, leave out <they are> and insert <the Lord President is>

**Siobhian Brown**

162 In schedule 2, page 100, line 11, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

163 In schedule 2, page 100, line 12, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

164 In schedule 2, page 100, line 13, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

165 In schedule 2, page 100, line 14, leave out <they consider> and insert <the Lord President considers>

**Siobhian Brown**

166 In schedule 2, page 100, line 17, leave out from beginning to <other> in line 18 and insert <such>

**Siobhian Brown**

167 In schedule 2, page 100, line 18, leave out <they consider> and insert <the Lord President considers>

**Siobhian Brown**

168 In schedule 2, page 100, line 22, leave out <amendments> and insert <measure>

**Siobhian Brown**

169 In schedule 2, page 100, line 23, at end insert—

<(2A) Where the proposed measure is to remove all of the regulatory functions of the regulator as mentioned in section 20(4)(g), the Lord President must—

(a) give a copy of the notice of intention under sub-paragraph (2)(b) to each person who is authorised by the regulator to provide legal services (“the authorised providers”), and

(b) consult the authorised providers in accordance with sub-paragraph (2)(c) about, in particular, in the event that all of the regulatory functions are removed from the regulator whether a majority of the authorised providers would like—

(i) another category 1 or category 2 regulator to authorise them to exercise their acquired rights (or such of them as may be surrendered) and regulate their exercise of the acquired rights (if that other regulator is content to so authorise and regulate them), or

(ii) to form a body and submit an application under section 25 seeking accreditation of the body to authorise them to exercise their acquired rights (or such of them as may be surrendered) and regulate their exercise of the acquired rights.

(2B) For the purpose of subsection (2A), the Lord President may direct the regulator to give to each of the authorised providers (on the Lord President's behalf) a copy of the notice of intention and the information required for the consultation.>

**Siobhian Brown**

170 In schedule 2, page 100, leave out lines 24 to 34

**Siobhian Brown**

171 In schedule 2, page 101, line 2, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

172 In schedule 2, page 101, line 2, leave out <them> and insert <the Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

173 In schedule 2, page 101, line 5, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

174 In schedule 2, page 101, line 6, leave out <their> and insert <the Lord President's>

**Siobhian Brown**

175 In schedule 2, page 101, line 7, leave out <their> and insert <the Lord President's>

**Siobhian Brown**

176 In schedule 2, page 101, line 8, leave out <they consider> and insert <the Lord President considers>

**Siobhian Brown**

177 In schedule 2, page 101, line 11, leave out <Scottish Ministers'> and insert <Lord President's>

**Siobhian Brown**

178 In schedule 2, page 101, line 12, leave out <they are> and insert <the Lord President is>

**Section 21**

**Siobhian Brown**

179 In section 21, page 16, line 36, at end insert—

<( ) A regulator may give a direction only if it is satisfied the direction is compatible with the regulatory objectives.>

**Siobhian Brown**

180 In section 21, page 17, line 1, leave out <only if> and insert <where>

**Siobhian Brown**

181 In section 21, page 17, line 7, at end insert <, or

( ) necessary or appropriate in the circumstances.>

**Siobhian Brown**

182 In section 21, page 17, line 8, leave out from <rule> to end of line 11 and insert <requirement under this Act or any other enactment.>

**Siobhian Brown**

183 In section 21, page 17, line 12, after <direction> insert <for the purpose described in subsection (2)(a)>

**Siobhian Brown**

184 In section 21, page 17, line 15, leave out subsection (5) and insert—

<(5) A copy of a direction must be given to—

- (a) the legal services provider to whom the direction relates, and
- (b) if the direction falls within subsection (5A), the Lord President.

(5A) A direction falls within this subsection if—

- (a) it disapplies or modifies such rules or types of rules as the Lord President may specify for the purpose of this section, and
- (b) the Lord President has notified the regulator that copies of directions relating to such rules (or types of rules) are to be given.>

**Siobhian Brown**

185 In section 21, page 17, line 20, after <specify> insert <—

( )>

**Siobhian Brown**

186 In section 21, page 17, line 20, at end insert <and

( ) the day on which it ceases to have effect or whether it is to have effect for an indefinite period,>

**Siobhian Brown**

187 In section 21, page 17, line 22, at end insert—

<( ) A legal services provider to whom a direction relates must inform the regulator of any change of circumstances relevant to the direction.>

**Siobhian Brown**

188 In section 21, page 17, line 26, leave out from <or> to end of line 27

## Section 22

**Siobhian Brown**

189 In section 22, page 18, line 8, after <direction> insert <given for the purpose described in section 21(2)(a)>

**Siobhian Brown**

190 In section 22, page 18, line 10, leave out from <and> to end of line 11

## Section 23

**Siobhian Brown**

191 Leave out section 23

## Section 24

**Siobhian Brown**

192 In section 24, page 19, leave out line 5

**Siobhian Brown**

193 In section 24, page 19, leave out line 7

**Siobhian Brown**

194 In section 24, page 19, leave out line 9

**Siobhian Brown**

195 In section 24, page 19, line 10, after <specify> insert <—  
( )>

**Siobhian Brown**

196 In section 24, page 19, line 11, at end insert <, or

( ) whether the direction is to have effect for an indefinite period.>

**Siobhian Brown**

197 In section 24, page 19, line 13, leave out <redact> and insert <withhold>

**Siobhian Brown**

198 In section 24, page 19, line 15, leave out <redact> and insert <withhold>

**Siobhian Brown**

199 In section 24, page 19, line 26, after <21(1)> insert <for the purpose described in section 21(2)(a)>

## Section 25

**Siobhian Brown**

200 In section 25, page 19, line 31, leave out <and the Scottish Ministers>

**Siobhian Brown**

201 In section 25, page 20, line 7, at end insert <, and

( ) confirmation that the body has consulted its members in relation to the application and copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation.>

## Section 26

**Siobhian Brown**

202 In section 26, page 20, line 33, leave out <attaching> and insert <imposition>

**Siobhian Brown**

203 In section 26, page 20, leave out line 35

**Siobhian Brown**

204 In section 26, page 21, line 3, leave out <or renewal>

**Siobhian Brown**

205 In section 26, page 21, line 8, leave out <non-renewal,>

**Siobhian Brown**

206 In section 26, page 21, line 23, at end insert—

<( ) include rules relating to reviews of final decisions of the body made in relation to complaints remitted (or treated as having been remitted) to the body under the 2007 Act in relation to its authorised providers.>

**Siobhian Brown**

207 In section 26, page 21, line 24, after first <a> insert <final>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 208 In section 26, page 21, line 29, leave out <the> and insert <any>

**After section 26**

**Siobhian Brown**

- 209 After section 26, insert—

**<Regulatory scheme - additional matters to be included: further provision**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may exercise the power to make regulations under section 26(1) only if they have received a request to exercise the power from—
  - (a) the Lord President,
  - (b) an accredited regulator, or
  - (c) the independent advisory panel of the Commission.
- (2) Before making a request under subsection (1), the person making the request (“the requester”) must—
  - (a) consult—
    - (i) each accredited regulator (or each other accredited regulator if the requester is an accredited regulator),
    - (ii) the independent advisory panel of the Commission unless the panel is the requester,
    - (iii) the Competition and Markets Authority, and
    - (iv) such other person or body as the requester considers appropriate, and
  - (b) except where the requester is the Lord President, secure the Lord President’s agreement to the making of the request.
- (3) For the purpose of seeking the Lord President’s agreement under subsection (2)(b), the requester must provide to the Lord President—
  - (a) a document setting out—
    - (i) an explanation of the change sought by the proposed exercise of the power, and
    - (ii) the reasons for seeking the change,
  - (b) copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation under subsection (2)(a).
- (4) A request under subsection (1) must include—
  - (a) a document setting out—
    - (i) an explanation of the change sought by the proposed exercise of the power, and
    - (ii) the reasons for seeking the change,
  - (b) copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation under subsection (2)(a), and
  - (c) except where the requester is the Lord President, written confirmation of the Lord President’s agreement to the making of the request.
- (5) As soon as reasonably practicable after making a request under subsection (1), the requester must

publish the documents included with the request in such manner as the requester considers appropriate (having regard to the desirability of the documents being accessible to those likely to have an interest in them).>

## Section 27

### Siobhian Brown

210 In section 27, page 22, line 20, at end insert—

<( ) send a copy of its draft regulatory scheme to the following persons (and inform them that they may make written representations concerning the draft scheme in accordance with subsection (4))—

- (i) the Competition and Markets Authority,
- (ii) the Commission, and
- (iii) the independent advisory panel of the Commission.>

### Siobhian Brown

211 In section 27, page 22, line 28, leave out <and the Scottish Ministers>

### Siobhian Brown

212 In section 27, page 22, line 34, leave out <both the Lord President and the Scottish Ministers> and insert <the Lord President>

### Siobhian Brown

213 In section 27, page 22, line 35, leave out <them> and insert <the Lord President>

## Section 28

### Siobhian Brown

214 In section 28, page 23, line 5, leave out <and the Scottish Ministers (acting together) are> and insert <is>

### Siobhian Brown

215 In section 28, page 23, leave out line 7

### Siobhian Brown

216 In section 28, page 23, line 8, leave out <them> and insert <the Lord President>

### Siobhian Brown

217 In section 28, page 23, line 10, leave out <and the Scottish Ministers>

### Siobhian Brown

218 In section 28, page 23, line 10, leave out <they are> and insert <the Lord President is>



**Siobhian Brown**

219 In section 28, page 23, line 11, leave out <, and are being,>

**Siobhian Brown**

220 In section 28, page 23, line 13, leave out <and the Scottish Ministers>

**Siobhian Brown**

221 In section 28, page 23, line 14, leave out <, either jointly or separately,>

**Siobhian Brown**

222 In section 28, page 23, line 15, leave out from <and> to end of line 16

**Siobhian Brown**

223 In section 28, page 23, line 18, leave out <and the Scottish Ministers are> and insert <is>

**Siobhian Brown**

224 In section 28, page 23, line 20, leave out <and the Scottish Ministers are>

**Siobhian Brown**

225 In section 28, page 23, line 21, after <scheme,> insert <is—  
( )>

**Siobhian Brown**

226 In section 28, page 23, line 23, at end insert <, and  
( ) to consult—

- (i) the Scottish Ministers,
- (ii) the Competition and Markets Authority,
- (iii) the independent advisory panel of the Commission, and
- (iv) such other persons as the Lord President considers appropriate.>

**Siobhian Brown**

227 In section 28, page 23, line 28, leave out subsections (7) and (8)

**Section 29**

**Siobhian Brown**

228 In section 29, page 23, line 38, leave out <and the Scottish Ministers have> and insert <has>

**Siobhian Brown**

229 In section 29, page 24, line 1, leave out <and the Scottish Ministers>

**Siobhian Brown**

230 In section 29, page 24, line 2, leave out <are> and insert <is>

**Siobhian Brown**

231 In section 29, page 24, line 4, leave out <are> and insert <is>

**Siobhian Brown**

232 In section 29, page 24, line 5, at end insert—

<(2A) As soon as reasonably practicable after notifying the body under subsection (2) of the decision to approve or refuse the application, the Lord President must publish notification of the decision.

(2B) Notification under subsection (2A) must—

(a) include a summary of the Lord President's reasons for the decision, and

(b) be published in such manner as the Lord President considers appropriate (having regard to the desirability of the document being accessible to those likely to have an interest in it).>

**Siobhian Brown**

233 In section 29, page 24, leave out line 11

**Siobhian Brown**

234 In section 29, page 24, line 14, leave out subsection (5) and insert—

<(5A) If a body's application is approved under this section, as soon as reasonably practicable after receiving notice of the Lord President's approval under subsection (2), the body must—

(a) give effect to the draft regulatory scheme and apply it as its regulatory scheme in relation to its authorised providers and persons applying to it for authorisation, and

(b) publish its regulatory scheme in a manner that is accessible to the public, free of charge, by such electronic means as the body considers appropriate.>

## Section 30

**Siobhian Brown**

235 In section 30, page 24, line 19, leave out from <the> to <force> in line 20 and insert <an accredited regulator has given effect to a draft regulatory scheme and applied it as its regulatory scheme under section 29(5A),>

## Section 31

**Siobhian Brown**

236 In section 31, page 25, line 13, leave out <and the Scottish Ministers>

**Siobhian Brown**

237 In section 31, page 25, line 14, at end insert—

<(1A) Before submitting an application under subsection (1), the accredited regulator must consult its authorised providers in relation to the proposed application.

(1B) An application under subsection (1) must include copies of any representations received in response to the consultation under subsection (1A).>

**Siobhian Brown**

238 In section 31, page 25, line 15, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

239 In section 31, page 25, leave out lines 17 and 18 and insert <such person or body (other than an authorised provider of the accredited regulator) as the Lord President considers appropriate, and>

**Siobhian Brown**

240 In section 31, page 25, line 19, at end insert—

<( ) Where an application under subsection (1) is for the surrender of all of the regulator's acquired rights, consultation under subsection (1A) with the body's authorised providers must, in particular, seek their views about whether a majority of the providers would like—

(a) another category 1 or category 2 regulator to authorise them to exercise their acquired rights and regulate their exercise of the acquired rights (if that other regulator is content to so authorise and regulate them), or

(b) to form a body and submit an application under section 25 seeking accreditation of the body to authorise them to exercise their acquired rights and regulate their exercise of the acquired rights.>

**Siobhian Brown**

241 In section 31, page 25, line 19, at end insert—

<( ) A consultee under subsection (1A) has a period of 6 weeks beginning with the day on which the consultee receives notification from the accredited regulator of the opportunity to make representations (or, if the regulator considers it appropriate and the Lord President consents, such shorter period as may be specified in the notice) to make representations to the regulator about the proposed surrender.>

**Siobhian Brown**

242 In section 31, page 25, line 21, leave out <Scottish Ministers consider> and insert <Lord President considers>

**Siobhian Brown**

243 In section 31, page 25, line 23, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

244 In section 31, page 25, line 24, leave out subsection (4)

**Siobhian Brown**

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
Amendments   Atharrachaidhean				

245 In section 31, page 25, line 26, leave out <and the Scottish Ministers (acting together)>

**Siobhian Brown**

246 In section 31, page 25, line 29, after <may> insert <—  
( )>

**Siobhian Brown**

247 In section 31, page 25, line 32, at end insert—  
<( ) be varied or revoked by the Lord President.>

**Siobhian Brown**

248 In section 31, page 25, line 33, leave out subsections (7) and (8) and insert—  
<(7) Where the Lord President grants the application in respect of some or all of the acquired rights of the accredited regulator, the Lord President is to—  
(a) give notice to the regulator specifying the date (or dates) on which it is to take effect, and  
(b) publish the notice in such manner as the Lord President considers appropriate (having regard to the desirability of it being accessible to those likely to have an interest in it).>

**Siobhian Brown**

249 In section 31, page 26, line 3, at end insert—  
<(10) Subsection (11) applies where—  
(a) an application under subsection (1) is for the surrender of all of the regulator’s acquired rights, and  
(b) the majority of the providers consulted under subsection (1A) have expressed a preference for an outcome mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) of that subsection.  
(11) Notice given by the Lord President under subsection (7) may (instead of specifying the date on which the notice is to take effect) specify that the notice is to take effect on the date on which one of the following events occurs—  
(a) the providers consulted under subsection (1A) are authorised to exercise their acquired rights (and are regulated in their exercise of the acquired rights) by another category 1 or category 2 regulator,  
(b) an application submitted under section 25(1) by a body formed by those providers is approved or refused by the Lord President under section 29.  
(12) Where a notice under subsection (7) specifies that the notice is to take effect on the occurrence of an event mentioned in subsection (11), subsection (9) has effect as if the reference to “the date specified in the notice” were a reference to “the date of the occurrence of the event mentioned in subsection (11) that is specified in the notice”.>

## Section 32

**Siobhian Brown**

250 In section 32, page 26, line 5, leave out <with intent to deceive> and insert <without reasonable excuse>

### Before section 33

#### Siobhian Brown

251 Before section 33, insert—

#### <32A Review of regulatory scheme on initiative of accredited regulator

- (1) This section applies where an accredited regulator has carried out a review of its regulatory scheme on its own initiative and proposes such revision to its scheme as it considers appropriate in light of the review.
- (2) The accredited regulator must send a report to the Lord President detailing the proposed revision to the scheme.
- (3) Following receipt of a report under subsection (2), the Lord President may—
  - (a) approve the proposed revision to the scheme,
  - (b) not approve the proposed revision to the scheme,
  - (c) direct the accredited regulator to make such revision to its scheme as the Lord President considers should be made.
- (4) Following revision of its scheme pursuant to paragraph (a) or (c) of subsection (3), the accredited regulator must publish the revised scheme in a manner that is accessible to the public, free of charge, by such electronic means as the regulator considers appropriate.
- (5) The Lord President may vary or revoke a direction given under subsection (3)(c).>

### Section 33

#### Siobhian Brown

252 In section 33, page 26, line 13, leave out subsection (1) and insert—

<( ) The Lord President may direct an accredited regulator to carry out a review of its regulatory scheme.>

#### Siobhian Brown

253 In section 33, page 26, line 18, leave out <and the Scottish Ministers>

#### Siobhian Brown

254 In section 33, page 26, line 21, leave out <and the Scottish Ministers agree> and insert <considers>

#### Siobhian Brown

255 In section 33, page 26, line 23, leave out from <inform> to end of line 26 and insert <direct the accredited regulator to apply the revised scheme.>

#### Siobhian Brown

256 In section 33, page 26, line 27, leave out <and the Scottish Ministers agree> and insert <considers>

#### Siobhian Brown

257 In section 33, page 26, line 30, leave out from <and> to end of line 31

**Siobhian Brown**

258 In section 33, page 26, line 33, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

259 In section 33, page 26, line 34, leave out <agreed with the Lord President> and insert <that the Lord President considers should be made>

**Siobhian Brown**

260 In section 33, page 26, line 35, leave out from <and> to end of line 37 and insert <or

(b) the Lord President may—

- (i) provide comments in relation to the proposed revisions to the regulatory scheme, and
- (ii) direct the accredited regulator to take account of the comments in reviewing the proposed revisions before giving the Lord President a revised report containing any proposed revision to the scheme.

( ) Subsections (3) to (5) apply in relation to a revised report given to the Lord President under subsection (5)(b) as they apply in relation to a report given to the Lord President under subsection (2).>

**Siobhian Brown**

261 In section 33, page 27, line 1, leave out subsections (6) and (7)

**Siobhian Brown**

262 In section 33, page 27, line 5, at end insert—

<( ) Following the revision of its regulatory scheme under this section, the accredited regulator must publish its revised scheme in a manner that is accessible to the public, free of charge, by such electronic means as the regulator considers appropriate.>

**Siobhian Brown**

263 In section 33, page 27, line 5, at end insert—

<( ) The Lord President may vary or revoke a direction given under this section.>

## Section 34

**Siobhian Brown**

264 In section 34, page 27, line 7, leave out <Scottish Ministers> and insert <Lord President>

**Siobhian Brown**

265 In section 34, page 27, line 8, after <section> insert <32A(3)(c) or>

**Siobhian Brown**

**266** In section 34, page 27, line 8, leave out <they may by regulations> and insert <the Lord President may>

**Siobhian Brown**

**267** In section 34, page 27, line 10, leave out subsection (2) and insert—

<(2) The Lord President must—

- (a) give notice of the Lord President’s decision to revoke approval of the application under section 29 (a “decision notice”) to the regulator, and
- (b) publish the decision notice in such manner as the Lord President considers most appropriate for bringing it to the attention of any relevant person or body.>

**Siobhian Brown**

**268** In section 34, page 27, line 12, at end insert—

<(2A) Before issuing a decision notice, the Lord President must consult each person who is authorised by the accredited regulator to provide legal services (“the authorised providers”) in relation to the proposed decision and, in particular, with a view to determining whether, in consequence of the revocation of the accredited regulator’s approval, a majority of the authorised providers would like—

- (a) another category 1 or category 2 regulator to authorise them to exercise their acquired rights and regulate their exercise of the acquired rights if that other regulator is content to so authorise and regulate them, or
- (b) to form a body and submit an application under section 25 seeking accreditation of the body to authorise them to exercise their acquired rights and regulate their exercise of the acquired rights.

(2B) Where a majority of the providers consulted under subsection (2A) have expressed a preference for an outcome mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) of that subsection, the Lord President may decide not to issue a decision notice for such period as the Lord President considers appropriate to enable—

- (a) another category 1 or category 2 regulator to authorise and regulate the providers, or (as the case may be)
- (b) the providers to form a body and submit an application under section 25 in respect of that body.>

**Siobhian Brown**

**269** In section 34, page 27, line 13, leave out <regulations made under subsection (1)> and insert <a decision notice>

**Section 35**

**Siobhian Brown**

**270** Leave out section 35 and insert—

**<Replacement regulatory arrangements for authorised providers**

- (1) Where an accredited regulator is a discontinuing regulator as mentioned in paragraph (d) of the definition of that term as set out in subsection (6), the Lord President must consult each authorised provider to determine in particular whether a majority of the authorised providers would like another category 1 or category 2 regulator to authorise them to exercise their acquired rights and regulate their exercise of the acquired rights (if that other regulator is content to so authorise and regulate them).

- (2) Subsection (3) applies where the Lord President is satisfied that—
- (a) following consultation under subsection (1), section 31(2) or 34(2A) or paragraph 29(2) of schedule 2 (as the case may be), a majority of the authorised providers of a discontinuing regulator would like another category 1 or category 2 regulator to authorise them to exercise their acquired rights and regulate their exercise of the acquired rights, and
  - (b) the other category 1 or category 2 regulator (“the receiving regulator”) is willing to authorise and regulate the authorised providers of the discontinuing regulator.
- (3) The Lord President may—
- (a) in a case where the receiving regulator falls within subsection (4), amend the regulatory functions of the receiving regulator to enable it to regulate the authorised providers of the discontinuing regulator,
  - (b) in any other case, request that the Scottish Ministers make regulations under subsection (5) to amend the functions of the receiving regulator.
- (4) A regulator falls within this subsection if it is an accredited regulator or a body which has had an application under section 25 of the 1990 Act granted under section 26 of that Act.
- (5) Following a request of the Lord President under subsection (3)(b), the Scottish Ministers may lay a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations before the Scottish Parliament to amend the regulatory functions of the receiving regulator.
- (6) In this section—
- “authorised provider” means a legal services provider that is authorised by a discontinuing regulator to provide legal services,
- “discontinuing regulator” means an accredited regulator that—
- (a) is the subject of a potential measure as mentioned in section 20(4)(g) to remove all of its regulatory functions,
  - (b) has made an application under section 31,
  - (c) is the subject of regulations to revoke its approval under section 34, or
  - (d) has ceased operating otherwise than in accordance with any of the ways mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c),
- “regulatory complaint” is to be construed in accordance with Part 1 of the 2007 Act,
- “services complaint” is to be construed in accordance with Part 1 of the 2007 Act.
- (7) Regulations under subsection (5)—
- (a) may modify any enactment,
  - (b) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

## Section 38

### Siobhian Brown

271 In section 38, page 29, line 26, leave out <with intent to deceive> and insert <without reasonable excuse>

### Siobhian Brown

272 In section 38, page 30, line 1, leave out subsection (7)



## Section 39

### Siobhian Brown

273 In section 39, page 30, line 18, at end insert <, or

- ( ) a solicitor (or solicitors) and a qualifying individual (or individuals).
- ( ) For the purpose of subsection (2)(b), a business may be wholly owned—
  - (a) directly or through one or more other bodies,
  - (b) partly directly and partly through one or more other bodies.>

### Siobhian Brown

274 In section 39, page 30, line 28, at end insert—

- <( ) Before making regulations under subsection (6), the Scottish Ministers must—
  - (a) consult—
    - (i) the regulatory committee (if any) of each category 1 regulator,
    - (ii) each category 1 regulator that has no functions other than regulatory functions, and
    - (iii) such other person or body as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate, and
  - (b) publish copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation in such manner as they consider appropriate (having regard to the desirability of the documents being accessible to those likely to have an interest in them).>

### Siobhian Brown

275 In section 39, page 30, line 31, at end insert—

- <(8A) Subsection (8B) applies to a legal business—
  - (a) that intends to provide (or offer to provide) legal services to the public for fee gain or reward, and
  - (b) which was immediately before the coming into force of this section—
    - (i) a sole solicitor within the meaning given by section 45(5) of the 1980 Act,
    - (ii) a firm of solicitors within the meaning of that Act,
    - (iii) an incorporated practice within the meaning given by section 34(1A)(c) of that Act, or
    - (iv) a multi-national practice within the meaning given by section 65(1) of that Act.
- (8B) On the coming into force of this section, a legal business to which this subsection applies is to be treated as authorised in accordance with this Part by the Law Society to provide legal services to the public for fee, gain or reward.
- (8C) But the effect of subsection (8B) is subject to any alternative provision made by rules approved under section 41.>

## Section 40

**Siobhian Brown**

276 In section 40, page 31, line 2, leave out <with intent to deceive> and insert <without reasonable excuse>

**Siobhian Brown**

277 In section 40, page 31, line 9, at end insert—

<( ) Before making regulations under subsection (3), the Scottish Ministers must—

(a) consult—

(i) the regulatory committee (if any) of each category 1 regulator,

(ii) each category 1 regulator that has no functions other than regulatory functions, and

(iii) such other person or body as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate, and

(b) publish copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation in such manner as they consider appropriate (having regard to the desirability of the documents being accessible to those likely to have an interest in them).>

**Section 41**

**Siobhian Brown**

278 In section 41, page 31, leave out line 17 and insert—

<(c) publish its ALB rules in a manner that is accessible to the public, free of charge, by such electronic means as the regulator considers appropriate.>

**Siobhian Brown**

279 In section 41, page 31, line 28, at end insert—

<( ) other services (in addition to legal services) that form part of the professional practice of solicitors, or qualifying individuals, within a legal business,>

**Siobhian Brown**

280 In section 41, page 31, line 30, leave out subsection (4) and insert—

<(4) A category 1 regulator may not amend its ALB rules (or any of them) without the prior approval of the Lord President.>

**Siobhian Brown**

281 In section 41, page 32, line 1, leave out <preparing (or amending)> and insert <making any material amendment of>

**Siobhian Brown**

282 In section 41, page 32, leave out line 3

**Siobhian Brown**

283 In section 41, page 32, line 8, at end insert—

- <( ) A category 1 regulator, in submitting an amendment of its ALB rules for approval under subsection (4), must submit copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation under subsection (5).>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 284** In section 41, page 32, line 9, leave out subsection (6)

**Siobhian Brown**

- 285** In section 41, page 32, line 13, at end insert—

<(6A) The Scottish Ministers may exercise the power to make regulations under subsection (2)(c) only if they have received a request to exercise the power from—

- (a) the Lord President,
- (b) the regulatory committee of a category 1 regulator,
- (c) a category 1 regulator that has no functions other than regulatory functions, or
- (d) the independent advisory panel of the Commission.

(6B) Before making a request under subsection (6A), the person making the request (“the requester”) must—

- (a) consult—
  - (i) the regulatory committee (if any) of each category 1 regulator,
  - (ii) each category 1 regulator that has no functions other than regulatory functions,
  - (iii) the independent advisory panel of the Commission, and
  - (iv) such other person or body as the requester considers appropriate, and
- (b) except where the requester is the Lord President, secure the Lord President’s agreement to the making of the request.

(6C) But a body mentioned in subsection (6B)(a)(i) to (iii) does not need to be consulted if the body is the requester.

(6D) For the purpose of seeking the Lord President’s agreement under subsection (6B)(b), the requester must provide to the Lord President—

- (a) a document setting out—
  - (i) an explanation of the change sought by the proposed exercise of the power, and
  - (ii) the reasons for seeking the change,
- (b) copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation under subsection (6B)(a).

(6E) A request under subsection (6A) must include—

- (a) a document setting out—
  - (i) an explanation of the change sought by the proposed exercise of the power, and
  - (ii) the reasons for seeking the change,
- (b) copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation under subsection (6B)(a), and

(c) except where the requester is the Lord President, written confirmation of the Lord President's agreement to the making of the request.

(6F) As soon as reasonably practicable after making a request under subsection (6A), the requester must publish the documents included with the request in such manner as the requester considers appropriate (having regard to the desirability of the documents being accessible to those likely to have an interest in them).>

**Siobhian Brown**

286 In section 41, page 32, line 13, at end insert—

<( ) In subsection (3)(a), a “qualifying individual” has the meaning given in section 39(8).>

**Siobhian Brown**

287 In section 41, page 32, line 14, leave out <this section> and insert <subsection (2)(c)>

**Section 42**

**Siobhian Brown**

288 In section 42, page 32, line 22, leave out <attaching conditions or restrictions to the grant,> and insert <the imposition of conditions or restrictions,

( ) the circumstances in which conditions or restrictions may be imposed, varied or revoked in relation to the existing authorisation of a legal business,>

**Siobhian Brown**

289 In section 42, page 32, leave out line 25

**Siobhian Brown**

290 In section 42, page 32, line 26, after <which> insert <a legal business's>

**Siobhian Brown**

291 In section 42, page 32, line 27, at end insert—

<( ) circumstances in which an authorised legal business may surrender its authorisation,>

**Siobhian Brown**

292 In section 42, page 32, line 29, leave out from <including> to end of line 32

**Siobhian Brown**

293 In section 42, page 33, line 6, leave out <non-renewal,>

**Siobhian Brown**

294 In section 42, page 33, line 11, leave out from first <in> to end of line 12 and insert <or such other criteria as

may be specified in the rules).>

### **Siobhian Brown**

**295** In section 42, page 33, line 12, at end insert—

- <( ) Authorisation rules may include rules or arrangements relating to the continued authorisation (or otherwise) of a legal business that is a partnership other than a limited liability partnership if—
- (a) a person ceases to be a partner in the partnership, or
  - (b) a person is admitted as a partner into the partnership.>

## **Section 43**

### **Siobhian Brown**

**296** In section 43, page 33, line 21, after <with> insert <the later of—  
<( )>

### **Siobhian Brown**

**297** In section 43, page 33, line 22, at end insert <, or

- ( ) where the relevant authorisation decision has been the subject of an internal appeal process of the category 1 regulator, the day on which the decision of the internal appeal is intimated to the applicant or, as the case may be, the authorised legal business.>

### **Siobhian Brown**

**298** In section 43, page 33, line 26, leave out from <or> to end of line 27

### **Siobhian Brown**

**299** In section 43, page 33, line 28, leave out <attach conditions or restrictions to the grant of> and insert <impose, vary or revoke conditions or restrictions in relation to>

## **Section 44**

### **Siobhian Brown**

**300** In section 44, page 34, line 14, after <imposed> insert <in relation to the authorisation>

## **Section 45**

### **Siobhian Brown**

**301** In section 45, page 34, line 30, after <for> insert <—  
( )>

### **Siobhian Brown**

**302** In section 45, page 34, line 31, at end insert—

<( ) the withdrawal of the imposition of a financial penalty if the regulator considers that it would not be reasonable to seek (or to continue to seek) payment of the financial penalty.>

**Siobhian Brown**

**303** In section 45, page 34, line 35, at end insert—

<( ) Where a regulator collects a financial penalty imposed on an authorised legal business under subsection (3), the regulator may recover from the authorised legal business any expenditure reasonably incurred by the regulator in collecting the penalty.>

**Siobhian Brown**

**304** In section 45, page 35, line 9, at end insert—

<( ) Before making regulations under subsection (2), the Scottish Ministers must—

(a) consult—

(i) the regulatory committee (if any) of each category 1 regulator,

(ii) each category 1 regulator that has no functions other than regulatory functions, and

(iii) such other person or body as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate, and

(b) publish copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation in such manner as they consider appropriate (having regard to the desirability of the documents being accessible to those likely to have an interest in them).>

**Section 46**

**Siobhian Brown**

**305** In section 46, page 35, line 28, leave out subsection (4) and insert—

<(4) The Scottish Ministers may exercise the power to make regulations under subsection (3) only if they have received a request from—

(a) the Lord President,

(b) the regulatory committee of a category 1 regulator,

(c) a category 1 regulator that has no functions other than regulatory functions, or

(d) the independent advisory panel of the Commission.

(4A) Before making a request under subsection (4), the person making the request (“the requester”) must—

(a) consult—

(i) the regulatory committee (if any) of each category 1 regulator,

(ii) each category 1 regulator that has no functions other than regulatory functions,

(iii) the independent advisory panel of the Commission, and

(iv) such other person or body as the requester considers appropriate, and

(b) except where the requester is the Lord President, secure the Lord President’s agreement to the making of the request.

- (4B) But a body mentioned in subsection (4A)(a)(i) to (iii) does not need to be consulted if the body is the requester.
- (4C) For the purpose of seeking the Lord President's agreement under subsection (4A)(b), the requester must provide to the Lord President—
- (a) a document setting out—
    - (i) an explanation of the change sought by the proposed exercise of the power, and
    - (ii) the reasons for seeking the change,
  - (b) copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation under subsection (4A)(a).
- (4D) A request under subsection (4) must include—
- (a) a document setting out—
    - (i) an explanation of the change sought by the proposed exercise of the power, and
    - (ii) the reasons for seeking the change,
  - (b) copies of any written representations received in response to the consultation under subsection (4A)(a), and
  - (c) except where the requester is the Lord President, written confirmation of the Lord President's agreement to the making of the request.
- (4E) As soon as reasonably practicable after making a request under subsection (4), the requester must publish the documents included with the request in such manner as the requester considers appropriate (having regard to the desirability of the documents being accessible to those likely to have an interest in them).>

### Section 47

#### Siobhian Brown

- 306 In section 47, page 35, line 33, leave out <provider> and insert <business>

#### Siobhian Brown

- 307 In section 47, page 36, line 5, leave out <attached to the grant> and insert <imposed in relation to the authorisation>

### Section 48

#### Siobhian Brown

- 308 In section 48, page 36, line 32, at end insert—

<( ) But the Law Society's ALB rules are invalid unless they have the prior approval of the Lord President.>

### Section 49

#### Siobhian Brown

<p>Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i></p>	<p>Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i></p>	<p>Motions &amp; Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i></p>	<p>Legislation <i>Reachdas</i></p>	<p>Other <i>Eile</i></p>
<p>Amendments   Atharrachaidhean</p>				

**309** Leave out section 49



## 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.

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### 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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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 (55<sup>th</sup> 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 Report (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee) published, 10 December 2024

### **Education (Scotland) Bill (G)**

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

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
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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*  
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### **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Passed, 10 December 2024

### **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 10 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

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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 (71<sup>st</sup> 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

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### **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 10 December 2024

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62<sup>nd</sup> 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 (63<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **Scottish Languages Bill (G)**

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

### **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)), 11 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

*Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (75<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

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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) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

### **Product Regulation and Metrology Bill LCM-S6-50**

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 11 December 2024

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (74<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

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

### **Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49**

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 10 December 2024  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69<sup>th</sup> 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 16 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 6 December 2024**

[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)

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

#### **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**

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

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

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

**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)

**Subject to annulment 29 January 2025**

**Lead committee report due by 27 January 2025**

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/369\)](#) (5 December 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

**Subject to annulment 30 January 2025**

**Lead committee report due by 27 January 2025**

[Conservation of Salmon \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/368\)](#) (6 December 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

## New Documents

### Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 10 December 2024—

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 705)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 75th Report 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 706)

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 10 December 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Food Standards Scotland: Annual Report & Accounts 2023/24 (SG/2024/73)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**The 2023/24 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland (SG/2024/302)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Water Industry Commission for Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 (SG/2024/281)** laid under Section 5(4) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000



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