

Monday 16 December 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Meeting of the Parliament

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Committee Meetings

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 11 December 2024

Tuesday 17 December 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Dr Alexander Leslie Milton, Minister, St. Andrew's High Parish Church, Musselburgh

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

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

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-15775 Emma Roddick: Celebrating 10 Years of Same-sex Marriage in Scotland

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 — S6M-15634 Lorna Slater: A Safe, Accessible and Sustainable Holyrood Park for the 21st Century

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 — S6M-14155 Pam Gosal: Repairing Potholes on Scotland's Roads

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

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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>

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

17 December 2024

38th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Proposed Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the proposed Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 from—
Lin Bunten, Chief Operating Officer, Regulation, Business and Environment, Scott Crawford, Senior Manager, Compliance and Beyond, Permitting, and Wendy Thornton, Senior Manager, Compliance and Beyond, Environmental Performance, Scottish Environment Protection Agency.
3. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Hamish Lean, Partner and Head of Rural Property, Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP;
Martin Hall, Senior Director, Davidson & Robertson;
Tom Oates, Director, Oates Rural;
Andrew Wood, Partner, Residential Development, Bidwells.
4. **Proposed Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 85232 or at peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot

Finance and Public Administration Committee

17 December 2024

36th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—
Andy Witty, Director of Strategic Policy and Corporate Governance, Colleges Scotland;
Reuben Aitken, Managing Director, Scottish Development International;
Sandy Begbie CBE, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Financial Enterprise;
Claire Mack, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Renewables;
Gordon McGuinness, Director of Industry and Enterprise Networks, Skills Development Scotland;

Dr Alastair McInroy, Chief Executive Officer, Technology Scotland;
Professor Alastair Florence, Director, Continuous Manufacturing and Crystallisation Centre (CMAC), University of Strathclyde.

2. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Liam McArthur, Member in Charge of the Bill, Nick Hawthorne, Senior Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, and Liz Anderson, Assistant Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, Scottish Parliament.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, at FPA.committee@parliament.scot

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

17 December 2024

36th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-2026:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2025-2026 from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Shiree Donnelly, Deputy Director, Health and Social Care Financial Management, and Alan Gray, Director of Health and Social Care Finance, Scottish Government.
3. **Tobacco and Vapes Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum [LCM-S6-51](#) from—
Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Professor Linda Bauld OBE, Chief Social Policy Adviser, Fiona Dill, Teams Leader for Tobacco, Gambling, Diet and Healthy Weight Directorate, and Ruth Foulis, Lawyer, Legal Services Directorate (SGLD), Scottish Government.
4. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-2026:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Tobacco and Vapes Bill (UK Parliament Legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

17 December 2024

36th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

- [Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/367)
- Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Conservation of Salmon \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/368)
[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/369)
 - Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Housing \(Cladding Remediation\) \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Commencement\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/370 (C.24))
 - Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers in this Bill at Stage 1.
 - Statutory Instrument Protocol 2:** The Committee will consider an update on Statutory Instrument Protocol 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black at Greg.Black@parliament.scot

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

17 December 2024

29th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider any follow-up to its work on the report of the Gender Sensitive Parliament Advisory Group.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

17 December 2024

36th Meeting, 2024

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
- Scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Michael Cameron, Chief Executive, and George Walker, Chair, Scottish Housing Regulator.
- Scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Scrutiny of SPCB Supported Bodies:** The Committee will consider draft correspondence to the Ethical Standards Commissioner, Standards Commission for Scotland and the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

5. **Housing emergency inquiry:** The Committee will consider a draft report on its visit to Argyll & Bute Council.
6. **Renters' Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report on Legislative Consent Memorandum LCM-(S6)-49.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85212 or at ewan.donald@parliament.scot

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

18 December 2024

31st 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 continue its consideration of a draft report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at emma.johnston@parliament.scot

Education, Children and Young People Committee

18 December 2024

34th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Liz Smith, Member in Charge of the Bill, Neil Stewart, Senior Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, and Claudia Bennett, Senior Solicitor, Scottish Parliament.
2. **Consideration of Evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Committee

18 December 2024

40th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Electronic Monitoring (Use of Devices and Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] and the Electronic Monitoring (Approved Devices) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/354) from—

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Graham Robertson, Head of Public Protection Unit, David Gallagher, Public Protection Unit, and Jamie MacQueen, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** Angela Constance (Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs) to move—
S6M-15677—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Electronic Monitoring (Use of Devices and Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Electronic Monitoring \(Approved Devices\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/354\)](#)
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] from—
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Graham Robertson, Head of Public Protection Unit, and Louise Miller, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Angela Constance (Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs) to move—
S6M-15515—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
6. **Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at Stephen.Imrie@scottish.parliament.uk

Scottish Commission for Public Audit 18 December 2024 2nd Meeting, 2024

The Commission will meet at 11:15 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Commission will decide whether to take agenda item 3 in private.
2. **Audit Scotland's Budget Proposal for 2025/26:** The Commission will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Colin Crosby, Chair of the Board, Vicki Bibby, Chief Operating Officer, Stuart Dennis, Corporate Finance Manager, and Martin Walker, Director Corporate Support, Audit Scotland.
3. **Audit Scotland's Budget Proposal for 2025/26:** The Commission will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Secretary to the Scottish Commission for Public Audit at scpa@parliament.scot

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Motions Glusadan				

Motions

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

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.

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-15868](#) Emma Harper: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2025**—That the Parliament recognises that the week of 24 February to 2 March is Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2025, and that the theme is that anyone can be affected by an eating disorder; understands that eating disorders affect at least one in 50 people across Scotland, including people of all ages, genders and backgrounds, with anorexia nervosa having a higher mortality rate than any other mental health condition, and that there is a range of recognised eating disorders; further understands that the sooner someone is treated for an eating disorder, the better their chance of making a full recovery, but that people too often delay seeking help due to perceived stigma and misconceptions about who can develop an eating disorder; welcomes the work of Beat, a UK-wide charity supporting people living with eating disorders and their families; understands that Beat continues to provide help across Scotland through funding from the Scottish Government; notes what it sees as the importance of protecting vital eating disorder services during the current fiscal challenges, and further notes the calls encouraging anyone in Scotland concerned about an eating disorder to contact their GP surgery and reach out to Beat on 0808 801 0432 or at beateatingdisorders.org.uk.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-15866](#) Annie Wells: Congratulating Social Bite and Itison on Their Christmas Dinner Campaign Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Social Bite and Itison on the incredible success of their Christmas dinner campaign in Glasgow, which allows supporters to donate £5 to provide a Christmas meal for people experiencing homelessness; notes that the appeal received an overwhelming 15,000 donations within the first 24 hours; acknowledges the long-standing partnership between Social Bite and Itison, which has seen over 750,000 meals donated since the first fundraiser launched in 2014; commends the generosity of those who have supported this vital initiative, and recognises what it sees as the significant impact that it has on individuals and families in need during the festive season.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Brian Whittle*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Ross*

***[S6M-15865](#) Alexander Stewart: Scottish Autism's Christmas Market Raises £1,700**—That the Parliament expresses delight that a Christmas market has raised around £1,700 to support services for people living with autism; understands that Scottish Autism's Christmas market, held at its Art Opportunities service in Alloa, brought people in who bought artwork, sweet treats and wreaths; commends members of the local community who turned out in significant numbers to support the event, and who helped raise such an excellent sum; understands that the funds raised will be used to ensure that the organisation has plenty of materials available to support the creative endeavours of the people who attend its services, and congratulates everyone involved on their highly magnanimous endeavours.

Supported by: Annie Wells*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Brian Whittle*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Ross*

***[S6M-15863](#) Craig Hoy: Praising Poppy Appeal Success in East Lothian**—That the Parliament praises the residents of Longniddry for their outstanding efforts in raising money for the Poppy Appeal; understands that, as a village, a total of £2,638.10 has been raised; extends its praise to all volunteers who participated in door-to-door collections; understands the importance of this funding in providing what it sees as life-changing services to Armed Forces communities, such as advice and guidance, recovery and rehabilitation services, and supporting the transition to civilian life, and encourages the Scottish Government to continue to support what it considers to be these vital charities.

***[S6M-15862](#) Craig Hoy: Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue** —That the Parliament commends the work of Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue during this busy time of the year; understands that, in October 2024, the team experienced its busiest month on record, spending almost 400 hours attending 13 incidents, including missing person searches, evacuating hillwalkers, and treating injured mountain bikers; further understands that, as a charity, the team relies on donations to keep operating; recognises that 30% of call-outs are for missing people and that the team is currently campaigning to raise £3,000 for thermal imaging camera equipment to assist it in carrying out this work as it moves into the darker months, and encourages the Scottish Government to support what it sees as these vital services.

***[S6M-15861](#) Craig Hoy: Welcoming the Extension of Torness Nuclear Power Station**—That the Parliament welcomes the decision by EDF Energy to extend Torness Power Station's life by two years, meaning that it will continue to generate power until 2030; understands that, as a result, approximately 750 jobs and apprenticeships in East Lothian will continue to be supported and tens of millions of pounds will flow back into the local economy; believes that Torness Power Station is Scotland's most productive clean energy asset, thus far producing enough clean energy to power every home in Scotland for 30 years, cutting 100 million tonnes of CO₂; understands that dependable and geographically concentrated power from Torness will stabilise balancing and transmission costs in Scotland, which are currently the highest in the UK; considers that this will in turn bolster the UK's energy security and reduce dependence on imported gas; commends the station's commitment to safety through regular inspections and assessments; calls on the Scottish Government to reconsider its position on nuclear power and recognise nuclear energy as a safe, reliable and clean alternative, and wishes the Torness employees and contractors continued success in their hard work keeping the station functioning and productive at such a high level.

***[S6M-15860](#) Craig Hoy: Praise for Asda Charity Funding for East Lothian Primary School**—That the Parliament praises the Asda Cashpot for Schools scheme, which has contributed nearly £5.8 million to UK primary schools; recognises that this funding enables schools to invest in various resources and projects; understands that, in Scotland, a total of £614,326 was raised;

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Motions Gluasadan				

acknowledges that, among the participating primary schools in Scotland, Dunbar Primary School ranked in the top 10 for donations, receiving £4,214, and notes that the scheme ran between September and November 2024, with 0.5% of the value of shopping conducted through Asda Rewards being donated to local primary schools, as chosen by customers.

***[S6M-15856](#) Evelyn Tweed: Sophie McKinlay's Success at Darts World Championships—** That the Parliament congratulates Sophie McKinlay on reaching both the Girls' and Women's Finals of the World Darts Federation's World Championships at Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green on 8 December 2024; understands that Sophie McKinlay, from Raploch, reached both finals on her debut at the World Darts Federation World Championships, and wishes Sophie future success in her endeavours as a professional darts player.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Kevin Stewart*, Clare Haughey*, Jeremy Balfour*, Monica Lennon*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Emma Harper*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-15876](#) Jenny Gilruth: Stage 1: Education (Scotland) Bill (lodged on 13 December 2024)

New Support: Natalie Don-Innes*, Graeme Dey*

[S6M-15875](#) Jamie Hepburn: Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (lodged on 13 December 2024)

New Support: John Swinney*

[S6M-15857](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow's OVO Hydro Named Venue of the Year 2024 (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*, Edward Mountain*, Russell Findlay*, Murdo Fraser*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-15855](#) Evelyn Tweed: Stirlingshire Christmas Tractor Run Raises Over £10,200 for Somerville Heart Foundation (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Tess White*, Annabelle Ewing*, Paul Sweeney*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-15854](#) Sharon Dowey: Marr Cappella Christmas Concerts are a Festive Fundraising Success (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Martin Whitfield*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-15852](#) Humza Yousaf: Local Community Fund Silverburn Cares (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kenneth Gibson*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Miles Briggs*, Audrey Nicoll*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-15851](#) Monica Lennon: Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Hamilton Academical FC (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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[S6M-15850](#) Craig Hoy: Praising Scottish Wedding Awards Success in East Linton (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-15849](#) Craig Hoy: Praising Scottish Italian Awards Success in East Lothian (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-15848](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Recognising Colleges' Role as Anchor Institutions Fuelling Scotland's Economic Success (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15847](#) Christine Grahame: Rural Road Safety in Winter (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15846](#) Martin Whitfield: Life Extension for Torness Nuclear Power Station (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Michael Marra*, Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-15845](#) Rachael Hamilton: Congratulating Peter MacMahon on His Work Over the Last Decade as Political Editor for ITV Border (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Annabelle Ewing*, Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Michael Marra*, Murdo Fraser*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-15844](#) Meghan Gallacher: Lanarkshire Truck and Tractor Charity Christmas Light Run 2024 (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15843](#) Marie McNair: Colpi Ice Cream Wins Best Gelateria/Dessert Café at the Annual Scottish Italian Awards (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*, Ross Greer*

[S6M-15842](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Housing Association Celebrates 40th Anniversary (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15841](#) Finlay Carson: Johnston Nursery Collects Another Woodland Honour (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15840](#) Marie McNair: Allander Leisure Centre Wins Top Accolade at Architectural Awards (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15839](#) Douglas Lumsden: Celebrating the Graduates of Robert Gordon University (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Michael Marra*, Liam Kerr*

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[S6M-15838](#) Foysol Choudhury: Edinburgh Charity Drive Provides Free Experiences to People in Need (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-15837](#) Michelle Thomson: Festive Starring Roles for Polmont's Hazel and Violet Beattie (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15836](#) Michelle Thomson: Forth Valley College Joins Forces with Start Up Stirling to Support Falkirk East Residents (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-15835](#) Michelle Thomson: Community Groups Take Ownership of Vital Community Venues (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kenneth Gibson*

[S6M-15834](#) Foysol Choudhury: Roseburn to Union Canal Active Travel Route Opened (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-15833](#) Rona Mackay: East Dunbartonshire Pupils Shine at Christmas Performances (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15832](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr Gym Fundraising for Women's Aid this Christmas (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15831](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr's Narture CIC Wins at Scottish SURF Awards (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15830](#) Rachael Hamilton: The Last Keeper (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15829](#) Sharon Dowey: Troon Brownies Fill Shoeboxes for Blythswood Appeal (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15828](#) Roz McCall: Everest Inn Wins Scottish Business Award (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Annie Wells*, Brian Whittle*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Tess White*, Murdo Fraser*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-15827](#) Roz McCall: The Commercial Inn Wins CAMRA Award (lodged on 12 December 2024)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Annie Wells*, Brian Whittle*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Tess White*, Murdo Fraser*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-15826](#) Roz McCall: CLP Nature Action Wins Community Initiative Award (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Annie Wells*, Brian Whittle*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Tess White*, Murdo Fraser*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-15823](#) Ben Macpherson: Stop Climate Chaos Scotland (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15822](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank's Looking Good Skin, Health and Beauty Clinic Celebrates 30 Years (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Audrey Nicoll*, Miles Briggs*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annie Wells*, Emma Harper*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Tess White*

[S6M-15821](#) Alexander Stewart: Angharad Evans and Paige van der Westhuizen to Represent the University of Stirling at the World Short Course Swimming Championships (lodged on 11 December 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-15793](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Welcoming ScotRail Policy Changes to Provide Equality for Disabled Rail Users (lodged on 10 December 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-15773](#) Douglas Lumsden: Welcoming the Collaboration Between Shell and Equinor in the North Sea (lodged on 06 December 2024)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

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Written Questions

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

Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the parliament Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

Government initiated questions lodged on 13 December 2024

[S6W-32373](#) Michael Matheson: To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made on developing a route map for delivering approximately 24,000 additional public electric vehicle charge points by 2030.

Written questions lodged on 13 December 2024

[S6W-32246](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how much unspent funding has been returned to it from other public bodies in each year since 1999.

[S6W-32250](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that young people with cancer are included in the delivery of the ambitions set out in the Cancer Strategy for Scotland 2023-2033.

[S6W-32282](#) Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government how much Transport Scotland has spent on Project Neptune to date.

[S6W-32283](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what the remit is of the review of the penalties system that is being undertaken as part of the Future Fisheries Strategy body of work, as set out in its paper, *The Allocation of Scottish Additional Quota from 2024 Outcome of Consultation Document*; who is carrying out the review; which stakeholders will be consulted, and when it will (a) receive and (b) publish the results.

[S6W-32285](#) Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government what the findings were of the 10-year trial of the 50mph speed limit for HGVs on single carriageway sections of the A9 between Perth and Inverness.

[S6W-32290](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government how many referrals for fracture liaison services each NHS board expects in 2024-25, also broken down by how many patients for this service each board expects to deal with.

[S6W-32291](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government, further the answer to question S6W-27968 by Jenni Minto on 14 June 2024, what progress is being made towards delivering the national audit of fracture liaison services.

[S6W-32292](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government (a) how and (b) where it allocates revenue from the Soft Drinks Industry Levy.

[S6W-32293](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the addendum to *Evaluating the impact of Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) of alcohol in Scotland on cross-border purchasing*, which was published on 23 May 2023, other than self-reporting, what surveillance systems are used to monitor cross-border online alcohol sales that are not captured by the MUP regulations.

[S6W-32294](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of minimum unit pricing (MUP) on the competitiveness of physical Scotland-based retailers compared with online retailers that are not captured by the MUP regulations.

[S6W-32295](#) Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Independent Working Group on Antisocial Behaviour with regard to its work to assess removing access to concessionary bus passes from individuals who carry out antisocial behaviour.

[S6W-32296 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much private investment it expects to attract from the capital funding of £150 million to support the offshore wind sector, and how it has calculated this.

[S6W-32297 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it last reviewed the £40,000 threshold for the additional dwelling supplement.

[S6W-32298 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many houses have been bought as second homes or investment properties at a value of less than £40,000, thus making them exempt from liability to the additional dwelling supplement, in each year since the supplement was introduced.

[S6W-32299 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much potential tax revenue it estimates is lost by maintaining the additional dwelling supplement threshold of £40,000.

[S6W-32300 Fulton MacGregor](#): To ask the Scottish Government what support is in place to (a) promote and (b) support access to powerchair football.

[S6W-32302 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many prosecutors are currently employed by the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).

[S6W-32303 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) procurator fiscals and (b) support staff are currently (i) employed by and (ii) based in the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).

[S6W-32304 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government what the current average time is for the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) to bring cases to court, broken down by case type.

[S6W-32305 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many alleged cases of fraud have been referred to the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) in each of the last three years.

[S6W-32306 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many cases prosecuted by the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) in the last reporting year resulted in a conviction.

[S6W-32308 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps are being taken to address any resource challenges faced by the Aberdeen office of Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) in prosecuting cases.

[S6W-32309 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many deferred sentences have been issued in cases prosecuted by the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) in each of the last three years.

[S6W-32310 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government what guidance is issued to the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) regarding the prioritisation of cases involving domestic abuse.

[S6W-32311 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many trials were scheduled but not proceeded with by the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) in the last reporting year.

[S6W-32312 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of appeals lodged against convictions following a prosecution by the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) were upheld in each of the last three years.

[S6W-32313 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many cases involving human trafficking have been prosecuted by the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) in each year since 2020.

[S6W-32314 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many summary cases handled by the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) were closed without prosecution in the last reporting year.

S6W-32315 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what training and development opportunities to address complex case types are available to staff in the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).

S6W-32317 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what measures are in place to ensure equitable access to justice for people from minority backgrounds in cases prosecuted by the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).

S6W-32318 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many cases of corporate crime have been prosecuted by the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) in each of the last five years.

S6W-32319 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many specialist procurator fiscals are currently employed by the Aberdeen office of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), broken down by specialisation.

S6W-32320 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many court sittings were cancelled due to a lack of resources at Aberdeen courts in each of the last five years.

S6W-32321 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many cases were handled by Aberdeen courts in each of the last five years, broken down by court type.

S6W-32329 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what the current average time is to prosecute a criminal case, broken down by court type.

S6W-32330 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many people have been referred to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) for precognition in each of the last five years.

S6W-32331 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many cases referred to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service in the last five years have resulted in no further action being taken.

S6W-32333 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many homicide cases are currently being prosecuted.

S6W-32334 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many appeals against convictions have been handled by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) in each year of the last five years.

S6W-32335 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how much the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) has spent on expert witnesses in each of the last five years.

S6W-32336 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many cases were subject to the fatal accident inquiry (FAI) process in each of the last five years.

S6W-32337 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what the current average time taken to complete a fatal accident inquiry (FAI) is.

S6W-32338 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many corporate crime cases have been prosecuted by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) in each of the last five years.

S6W-32340 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many criminal cases in the last year have been discontinued by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) due to lack of evidence.

S6W-32341 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many procurator fiscals are currently employed by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).

S6W-32342 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many prosecutions there have been for suspected environmental crime in each of the last five years.

S6W-32343 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many extradition cases have been handled by the Lord Advocate in each of the last 10 years.

[S6W-32349 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many Foundation Year 2 doctors are currently working in each NHS board.

[S6W-32350 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many medical specialty training places, including core surgical training places, have been available across Scotland in each of the last five years.

[S6W-32352 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it is encouraging Foundation Year 2 doctors to (a) apply for and (b) start specialty training.

[S6W-32353 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many medical specialty training places have been available in each NHS board in each of the last 10 years.

[S6W-32354 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many medical specialty training places it anticipates will be available in each of the next five years.

[S6W-32355 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many hospitals still use a paper patient note system.

[S6W-32356 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on what the impact of using paper patient notes in hospitals is on (a) patient outcomes and (b) mortality.

[S6W-32357 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it will provide to NHS Grampian during the review of the recently declared critical incident.

[S6W-32358 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care last met the (a) chair, (b) chief executive and (c) board of NHS Grampian.

[S6W-32359 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recently declared critical incident at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, and the chief executive of NHS Grampian's reported comment that the factors causing a trigger point to declare a critical incident are becoming more common, whether it plans to allocate additional resources to NHS Grampian.

[S6W-32360 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review its Health and Social Care Winter Preparedness Plan 2024-25, in light of the recently declared critical incident at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

[S6W-32361 Pam Duncan-Glancy:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the pilot to change the measure of widening access to higher education.

[S6W-32362 Pauline McNeill:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the most up-to-date eligibility criteria are for the COVID-19 vaccine.

[S6W-32363 Pauline McNeill:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it ended the provision of regular COVID-19 vaccines for the whole population.

[S6W-32364 Pauline McNeill:](#) To ask the Scottish Government which groups are currently not eligible for COVID-19 vaccines.

[S6W-32365 Pauline McNeill:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether the eligibility criteria for the flu vaccine have changed in the last three years.

[S6W-32366 Sandesh Gulhane:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the recommended protocol is for (a) disposing of and (b) obtaining replacement sharps bins. **R**

[S6W-32367 Sandesh Gulhane:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that contracts with pharmacies in NHS Lothian to receive and replace used sharps bins for patients requiring to take injectable medicines have ended due to lack of funds. **R**

[S6W-32369 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the project to reduce average rail journey times between Aberdeen and the central belt by 20 minutes by 2026, by how many minutes it now anticipates that journey times will be reduced in the timeframe allocated.

[S6W-32370 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it made any financial contribution to the Save the Belmont Cinema campaign in Aberdeen.

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New Subordinate Legislation | Adhartas Reachdais

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 13 December 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Prescribed Police Stations\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/377\)](#)

Laid under section 138(3) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

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Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 19 November 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 17 December 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2024)

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 18 December 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 17 December 2024

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 9 January 2025

Stage 1 Report – Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee (8th Report, 2024)

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 18 December 2024

Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (6th Report, 2024)

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 28 November 2024

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 10 December 2024

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 17 December 2024

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

Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 11 December 2024

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 2 October 2024

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (71st Report, 2024)

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

Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 26 November 2024

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee), 21 January 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 15 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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 (62nd Report, 2024)

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

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Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 18 December 2024
 Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 19 November 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (63rd Report, 2024)

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 17 December 2024
Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (77th Report, 2024)

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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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 (75th Report, 2024)
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Data (Use and Access) Bill LCM-S6-52

Lodged on 22 November 2024
Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

Employment Rights Bill LCM-S6-53

Lodged on 11 December 2024

Great British Energy Bill LCM-S6-48

Lodged on 8 August 2024
Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022
Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

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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 (74th Report, 2024

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 17 December 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69th Report, 2024)

Tobacco and Vapes Bill LCM-S6-51

Lodged on 21 November 2024

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 17 December 2024

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 8 January 2025

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

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

Subject to approval by 12 January 2025

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

Subject to approval by 16 January 2025

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

Subject to approval by 27 January 2025

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

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Negative instruments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[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

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[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)

Subject to annulment 5 February 2025
Lead committee report due by 3 February 2025

[Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/371\) \(12 December 2024\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/374\) \(12 December 2024\)](#) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Building \(Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/376\) \(12 December 2024\)](#) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 6 February 2025
Lead committee report due by 3 February 2025

[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Prescribed Police Stations\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/377\) \(13 December 2024\)](#) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Petitions

The following petitions were lodged by the Parliament on 13 December 2024:

PE2131: Grant Scottish rivers, including the River Clyde, the legal right to personhood

PE2132: Publish a timeline for the dualling of the A96 between Inverness and Nairn by Easter 2025

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

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 13 December 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Architecture & Design Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the Year Ending 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/307) laid under Section 19(4) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Records of Scotland: Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 - Report by the Keeper of the Records of Scotland 2023-2024 (SG/2024/261) laid under Section 12 of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011

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