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# **Business Bulletin**

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# Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions - 13 June 2024

Following the Parliament's agreement to Business Motion S6M-13392, SPCB Questions will take place on Thursday 13 June.

The deadline for lodging oral questions to the SPCB is 4.30 pm on Wednesday 5 June. Up to 12 questions will be randomly selected and published in the Business Bulletin on Friday 7 June. Members are reminded that questions to the SPCB can be only on matters concerning the SPCB or the staff of the Parliament.

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# **Today's Business**

# Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-12559 Alex Rowley: Physiotherapy Workforce Shortage in Scotland

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions Social Justice

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Industrial Relations in the Further Education Sector

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

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4:30 pm Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-12801 Michelle Thomson: Taliban's Suppression of Women's and Girls' Rights in Afghanistan

# **Committee Meetings**

**9:00am** Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:00am Public Audit Committee

**9:00am** Social Justice and Social Security Committee

**9:00am** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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# **Meeting of the Parliament**

# 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

#### 11:40 am General Questions

- **1. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on work to extend the application of Road Equivalent Tariff to Northern Isles ferry routes. (S60-03508)
- **2. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will introduce legislation on climate targets, as announced by the net zero secretary in her ministerial statement on 18 April. (S60-03509)
- **3. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support BSL users across Scotland to access culture, in light of the publication of Scotland's Census 2022 report on language, which found that 117,300 people can use BSL. (S6O-03510)
- **4. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that local authorities are able to provide full-time schooling for children with complex additional support needs. (S6O-03511)
- **5. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to support cultural activities in the Cowdenbeath constituency. (S6O-03512)
- **6. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to take forward the recommendations in the Transport Scotland report, "There's an app for that!" Women's Safety on Public Transport in Scotland. (S6O-03513)
- **7. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of the Sherrifhall roundabout project. (S60-03514)
- **8. Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has held any recent discussions with SSEN Transmission, in light of reported concerns by communities in the Highlands and Islands region regarding electricity transmission proposals. (S6O-03515) **R**

### 12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Douglas Ross: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-03168)
- 2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-03169)
- 3. Patrick Harvie: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-03170)
- **4. Clare Haughey:** To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of the potential impact on the health service in Scotland of Home Office data showing that health and care worker visa applications are 76% lower in January to April this year, compared with last year. (S6F-03174) **R**
- **5. Russell Findlay:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports of a National Crime Agency warning about synthetic opioids being linked to rising numbers of deaths. (S6F-03185)
- **6. Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's position is on whether teacher numbers should be maintained, in light of the reported concerns of many parents, pupils and school staff in Glasgow. (S6F-03176)

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

S6M-12559 Alex Rowley: Physiotherapy Workforce Shortage in Scotland—That the Parliament is concerned about the reported shortage of physiotherapists in the NHS workforce in Scotland and notes the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy's campaign "Scotland needs more physios"; notes the belief that Scotland does not currently educate or train enough physiotherapists to supply the workforce needs, with, it understands, only 7% of the hundreds of university applicants accepted onto undergraduate physiotherapy training places, and that this leaves considerable scope to expand the supply of qualified physiotherapists; understands that undergraduate training places have doubled in England to meet demand, but that there has been no increase in Scotland in the last decade, meaning that, while Scottish course programmes are oversubscribed with applicants, not enough places are funded to meet the needs of Scotland's NHS; acknowledges the reported views of physiotherapists, stating that they are finding it extremely difficult to recruit staff for their practices across Scotland, with record high vacancy rates, averaging over 10%, and that this is having an impact on existing staff morale, with increased levels of stress and work pressures; believes that the shortage of physiotherapists impacts on local communities, their services and staff, including in Mid Scotland and Fife, and further believes that physiotherapy is essential to reduce hospital admissions, speed up discharge from hospital and reduce reliance on social care, all of which are critical.

## 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

#### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

#### **Social Justice**

- **1. Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to address child poverty. (S6O-03500)
- **2. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding it provided to East and South Ayrshire Councils in 2023-24 for Discretionary Housing Payments. (S6O-03501)
- **3. Paul O'Kane:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address food poverty, in light of the recent figures published by the Trussell Trust showing that its network distributed 262,400 emergency food parcels in the last 12 months. (S6O-03502)
- **4. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates the first payment of Employment Injury Assistance will be made. (\$60-03503)
- **5. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that disabled people who receive Scottish social security benefits are treated lawfully, in light of the Equality and Human Rights Commission's reported investigation into the treatment of some disabled benefits claimants by the UK Department for Work and Pensions. (S6O-03504)
- 6. David Torrance: [Withdrawn] (S60-03505)
- **7. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government how its Rural Affordable Homes for Key Workers Fund will help tackle island depopulation. (S6O-03506)
- **8. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to update any guidance that it provides regarding the application of single-sex exemptions under the Equality Act 2010 in public buildings in Scotland. (S6O-03507)

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followed by Ministerial Statement: Industrial Relations in the Further Education Sector

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

<u>S6M-13407</u> Angela Constance: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

S6M-12801 Michelle Thomson: Taliban's Suppression of Women's and Girls' Rights in Afghanistan—That the Parliament condemns what it sees as the continued suppression of the rights of women and girls in Afghanistan, following the takeover by the Taliban authorities: appreciates that, since the Taliban took over Afghanistan in 2021, the United Nations has continued to condemn the actions being enforced and highlight the Taliban's reported behaviour in breaking international law; considers that the requirement to be accompanied by a Mahram, a male chaperone, at all times beyond the home severely inhibits female participation in society; notes the reported restrictions on daily life for women and girls, including access to education, the use of gyms and parks, access to beauty services, bans on women working in various sectors of society, the compulsory wearing of hijabs and the reduction in available aid to women unless being delivered by women workers; notes what it sees as the detrimental impact that restrictions to all educational levels will have on women and girls, including on their acquisition of skills, knowledge and professional development opportunities; further notes what it sees as the detrimental impact that the ban on women and girls accessing outdoor social areas and beauty services will have, including the loss of jobs and the loss of women-only spaces; is appalled by the recently reported intention of the Taliban to re-impose the stoning to death of women; notes reports that the United Nations has declared that the Taliban has restricted the rights of women so gravely that it has made Afghanistan the "most repressive country" in the world; further notes that the overall societal impacts caused by the Taliban restrictions reportedly include increasing food scarcity and reliance on humanitarian aid; understands that population displacement caused by the restrictions has wider impacts, with countries including Scotland welcoming refugees through both humanitarian routes and informal routes; notes the role of the Scottish Government in providing £1 million per annum through the Humanitarian Emergency Fund to international humanitarian crises, including in Afghanistan; recognises the contributions of local groups across Scotland, including those in the Falkirk district, in supporting refugees who have resettled in Scotland to realise their potential, and further condemns the acts of the Taliban authorities in Afghanistan.

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# **Committee Meetings**

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

# Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 14th Meeting, 2024

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. **Creative Scotland funding for Rein:** The Committee will take evidence from—lain Munro, Chief Executive, and Robert Wilson, Chair, Creative Scotland.
- 3. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2

# Public Audit Committee 17th Meeting, 2024

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

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
- 2. Scottish Government's approach to financial interventions: Strategic Commercial Assets Division: The Committee will take evidence from—

Gregor Irwin, Director General Economy, Colin Cook, Director of Economic Development, and Dermot Rhatigan, Deputy Director, Strategic Commercial Assets Division, Scottish Government.

3. Scottish Government's approach to financial interventions: Strategic Commercial Assets Division: The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Dharshi Santhakumaran, Senior Manager, and Helen Russell, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

4. Scottish Government's approach to financial interventions: Strategic Commercial Assets Division: The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

# Social Justice and Social Security Committee 17th 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 5 and 6 in private.
- 2. Scottish Child Payment: The Committee will take evidence from—

Jack Evans, Senior Policy Advisor (Scotland), Joseph Rowntree Foundation;

Stephen Sinclair, Chair, Poverty and Inequality Commission;

Ruth Boyle, Policy and Campaigns Manager, The Poverty Alliance;

Erica Young, Policy Officer (Social Justice), Citizens Advice Scotland.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] from—

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Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Jane Sterry, Policy Lead for Carer Support Payment, and Ross Grimley, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice) to move—

S6M-13023—That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved

- 5. **Scottish Child Payment:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- 6. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will consider its approach to Pre-Budget Scrutiny.

# Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 15th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
- Cross-Party Group: The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Brain Tumours, and take evidence from— Beatrice Wishart, Convener of the proposed CPG on Brain Tumours, Scottish Parliament.
- 3. **Cross-Party Group approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Brain Tumours.
- 4. **Cross-Party Group approval of name change:** The Committee will decide whether to approve a proposed name change to the Cross-Party Group on Drug and Alcohol Misuse.
- 5. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2023 to 12 May 2024.
- 6. **Cross-Party Group complaint:** The Committee will consider a complaint it has received in relation to the Cross-Party Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation.
- 7. **Standing Order Rule Changes: Elected Conveners** The Committee will consider written evidence received.
- 8. **'A Parliament for All': Report of the Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit** The Committee will give further consideration of recommendations in the Gender Sensitive Audit report.
- 9. **Procedures on consent in relation to UK Parliament Bills** The Committee will consider the Standing Order procedures on consent in relation to UK Parliament Bills.

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# **Future Meetings of the Parliament**

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 29 May 2024

# Tuesday 4 June 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan - Annual Progress Report 2023-24

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Vision for Health and Social Care in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-13063 Clare Adamson: Child Safety Week 2024

### Wednesday 5 June 2024

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 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

5:10 pm Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-12850 Kevin Stewart: 40th Anniversary of Volunteers' Week

#### Thursday 6 June 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-13270 Mark Ruskell: Permanently Ending Peak Rail Fares on ScotRail

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

# Tuesday 11 June 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

### Wednesday 12 June 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Abortion Services Safe Access Zones (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

#### Thursday 13 June 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

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2:30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

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# Future Committee Meetings

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#### **Motions**

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# Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

\*S6M-13402 Audrey Nicoll: Invasive Non-native Species in Scotland—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Scottish Environment LINK report, *Invasive Non-native Species in* Scotland: A Plan for Effective Action, which collates the thinking of Scotland's environmental nongovernmental organisations regarding invasive non-native species; understands that invasive nonnative species constitute one of the five principal direct drivers of global biodiversity loss and that invasive non-native species are among the most significant pressures on Scotland's biodiversity; recognises the reported significant negative impacts that invasive non-native species have for Scotland's marine, terrestrial and freshwater environments, including in the Aberdeen South and North Kincardine constituency; highlights reports of the financial impact of invasive non-native and non-native species on Scotland's economy; notes the view that it is necessary to effectively tackle invasive non-native species as a prerequisite to successful nature restoration in Scotland; believes that the Scottish Government's Nature Restoration Fund is providing critical funds to initiate and develop projects, working with communities and volunteers to prevent the establishment, and control the spread, of invasive non-native species, and considers that this is allowing the recovery of biodiversity across Scotland, including river restoration projects addressing invasive non-native plants, controlling invasive rhododendron in Scotland's rainforest and safeguarding internationally important seabird islands from non-native mammals through island biosecurity action.

\*S6M-13359 Christine Grahame: NFU Scotland's ShelfWatch Survey—That the Parliament recognises that Phase Two of NFU Scotland's ShelfWatch is now underway, which it believes represents the largest ever survey of food being offered on Scottish supermarket shelves, with a view to shining a light on how and where Scottish produce is being made available to buy, including in the Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale constituency; notes that the first set of results were reported at NFU Scotland's annual conference in Glasgow in February 2024, with Phase One having seen an independent research firm visit 71 stores across mainland Scotland to look at own-label beef, lamb, pork, chicken, eggs, vegetables and dairy products on offer in Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Co-op, Marks and Spencer, Lidl and Aldi stores, comprising more than 15,000 products; understands that the results from Phase Two will be reported in June 2024, ahead of the Royal Highland Show, with a further two phases planned for later in 2024, and that NFU Scotland will be seeking engagement with retailers off the back of these results, and considers that ShelfWatch is helpful in identifying those retailers who are giving outstanding

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support to local food production in Scotland or those who must do better, and that this is all helpful in allowing consumers to make informed choices about supporting Scotland's farmers and crofters.

Supported by: Kevin Stewart\*, John Mason\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Colin Beattie\*, Emma Harper\*

\*S6M-13339 Keith Brown: Establishing a Banking Hub in Alloa—That the Parliament notes with concern the decision of the TSB to close nine branches across Scotland, including the Alloa branch; further notes that this is the latest in a number of bank closures across the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency, which it believes will leave Alloa town centre with only two cash machines and the entirety of Clackmannanshire, an area with a population of around 52,000, with only one high street bank; acknowledges what it considers to be the significant impact that this closure will have on local residents and businesses who rely on high street banks for access to cash and banking services; notes the belief that the establishment of a banking hub, such as those currently operating in Cambuslang, Carluke, Troon, and numerous other locations across Scotland, could be a viable long-term solution for access to banking services in Alloa and Clackmannanshire; recognises that LINK is the organisation that recommends the location of such hubs, and notes the calls urging it to give consideration to establishing one in Alloa.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Clare Haughey\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Colin Beattie\*

#### Other new and altered motions and amendments

\*S6M-13404 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce 39th Energy Transition Survey—That the Parliament notes with concern the 39th Energy Transition Survey by Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce, which highlights that energy firms could look to leave the UK due to unfavourable policies for the industry; recognises that the report states that industry confidence in the UK has plunged to a record low, and suggests that £30 billion of investment could be lost if confidence is not restored urgently; believes that confidence will not be restored by an incoming UK Labour administration, which reportedly plans to increase the tax burden on the industry in order to fund the construction of nuclear power plants in England; understands that this would cause unimaginable damage to the Scottish economy, and considers that the only way to protect energy industry jobs in Scotland is with the full powers of Scottish independence.

Supported by: Stephanie Callaghan, Alasdair Allan, Colin Beattie, David Torrance, Bill Kidd, Annabelle Ewing\*, Karen Adam\*

\*S6M-13382 Pam Gosal: Helensburgh and Lomond Highland Games 2024—That the Parliament commends the organisers of the 14th annual Helensburgh and Lomond Highland Games, which take place in Helensburgh on 1 June 2024; notes that the event will feature a variety of traditional Highland Games competitions such as the sheaf toss, hammer throw, the world-famous caber toss, athletics, including the Royal Scottish Highland Games Association 90m British Championship and 200m Scottish Championship, the hill race, youth and athletic events, and traditional highland dancing such as the Sailor's Hornpipe, Highland Fling and reel, among other traditional dances; acknowledges the support and dedication of the team of volunteers who make the whole event possible; understands that the games attract visitors from all over the UK and around the world; appreciates the support of local businesses and sponsors, and wishes the games every success this year.

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Supported by: Douglas Ross, Murdo Fraser, Craig Hoy, Alexander Stewart, Jeremy Balfour, Colin Beattie, Miles Briggs, Bill Kidd, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Edward Mountain\*, Tess White\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Brian Whittle\*, Tim Eagle\*, Annie Wells\*, Russell Findlay\*, Ruth Maguire\*

\*S6M-13372 Martin Whitfield: Opening of Dementia Friendly Tranent's Garden of Reflection—That the Parliament welcomes the official opening of Dementia Friendly Tranent's Garden of Reflection, which is located in the town's Polson Park; notes that the garden space, which was first conceived in 2016, with construction work starting in 2020 before being delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, was opened by East Lothian Lord Lieutenant Roderick Urquhart following the completion of all works; further notes that the garden includes a variety of bushes and plants, the installation of benches and flowerbeds, and a tree design, named the *Tree of Life*, and commends Dementia Friendly Tranent and everyone else involved in the development of the Garden of Reflection for creating this important community space.

Supported by: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Colin Beattie\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Sarah Boyack\*, Miles Briggs\*, Bill Kidd\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Pam Gosal\*

\*S6M-13371 Stephanie Callaghan: Victory for Uddingston Pipe Band Crowned Grade 2 UK Champion Drum Corps—That the Parliament congratulates Uddingston Pipe Band on being crowned as Grade 2 UK champion drum corps, and finishing fifth overall as a band, at the 2024 UK Pipe Band Championships; understands that the championships were held on 18 May in Bangor, Northern Ireland, where a total of 76 bands competed under glorious early summer weather; further understands that the band participated with a new leading drummer and a total of 19 new members from the last season, and considers, therefore, the brand new drum corps' victory against the current world champions in their first championships to be an extraordinary victory; applauds every member for what it sees as their tireless effort and dedication, and believes that these qualities are reflected in this fantastic achievement; congratulates them once again on bringing home another triumph for the local community, and wishes them all the best for the upcoming British Pipe Band Championships in Forres on 8 June 2024, and for all other future endeavours.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Colin Beattie\*, Karen Adam\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Kevin Stewart\*, David Torrance\*

\*S6M-13370 Audrey Nicoll: Aberdeen Big Sing 2024—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen City Council on its Aberdeen Big Sing 2024 event, which was held in Duthie Park, Aberdeen; notes that the event brought together P4 pupils from across the whole of Aberdeen to sing in a choir, accompanied by a pipe band, live orchestra and Ashley Road Woodwind Group; commends the Aberdeen Big Sing 2024 event for bringing children and families from varying backgrounds together through a shared enjoyment of music; understands that Aberdeen Big Sing 2024 had a positive impact on the emotional wellbeing of its participants, and, furthermore, that it was a formative and uplifting experience for the participants and their families; believes that, for some of the event's participants, Aberdeen Big Sing 2024 will have led to a life-long interest in music; praises everyone who took part in Aberdeen Big Sing 2024, and looks forward to future Aberdeen Big Sing events.

\*S6M-13369 Fulton MacGregor: Recognising May Tumilty's Volunteering Efforts with St Andrew's Hospice—That the Parliament recognises Coatbridge resident May Tumilty's contribution to her community as a volunteer for almost 20 years with St Andrew's Hospice; understands that May, who recently turned 90, volunteers two days a week at the Hospice's shop

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located on Coatbridge Main Street; believes that May has shown true dedication, commitment, and selflessness in her volunteering role and has been described as "the focal point in our community"; praises the specialist palliative care that St Andrew's Hospice has provided in Lanarkshire since 1957; notes that St Andrew's Hospice currently has 12 stores and two warehouses located throughout North and South Lanarkshire; understands that the income raised in their shops and online platforms helps the hospice to provide important expert palliative care to the people of Lanarkshire; believes that volunteers like May enrich communities across Scotland by fostering a sense of loyalty, community spirit, and altruism, and wishes May a very happy milestone birthday.

\*S6M-13366 Fulton MacGregor: Saving Babies' Lives Progress Report 2024 Published—That the Parliament notes the recent publication of the Saving Babies' Lives Progress Report 2024, published by the Sands and Tommy's Joint Policy Unit; understands that the report analysed the latest data on stillbirth, neonatal mortality, preterm birth and evidence of the state of maternity and neonatal services across the UK; further understands that the report found that rates of stillbirth and neonatal deaths have declined in Scotland since 2010 overall but progress has been more variable since 2014; acknowledges that, according to the report, perinatal-related deaths were the most common cause of child deaths in Scotland between April 2022 and March 2023; supports the collaboration between the Scottish Government and Public Health Scotland to improve miscarriage data recording and build a more accurate picture of the number of miscarriages in Scotland; believes that improved data collection will result in improved policies; understands that the report listed several recommendations, which, it believes, would help realise an ambition to halve rates of stillbirth, neonatal death, preterm birth, maternal death and brain injury relative to 2010 figures, and commends Sands and Tommy's Joint Policy Unit for their diligent work on this sensitive subject.

\*S6M-13364 Maggie Chapman: Ashley Road School Awarded UNICEF Gold Reaccreditation—That the Parliament congratulates pupils and staff at Ashley Road School in Aberdeen, on their school receiving a UNICEF UK Gold Award re-accreditation in recognition of their commitment to children's rights; understands that the Gold Award is considered to be the ultimate stage of the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA), which is granted to schools that have fully embedded children's rights throughout the school in its policies, practice and ethos; commends the efforts of all pupils and staff at Ashley Road School in achieving this award, and wishes the school community all the best as it continues to promote and enhance children's rights.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Colin Beattie\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Miles Briggs\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Ariane Burgess\*

\*S6M-13363 Karen Adam: Banff Academy Leads with Holistic Learning Approach—That the Parliament commends Banff Academy pupils and staff for their innovative commitment to project learning via Pathfinder classes that foster confidence, resilience, communication, teamwork, problem solving and digital fluency and citizenship skills; understands that all pupils take part in the Pathfinder project learning about issues such as the spread of online disinformation and misinformation; further understands that the pupils are encouraged to find solutions to issues, including drafting parliamentary Bills and motions and campaigning to make change a reality, and recognises what it sees as the benefits of a holistic approach to education, based on project learning in terms of building good citizens and achieving positive destination outcomes, compared to a purely attainment education model.

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\*S6M-13361 Fulton MacGregor: Dementia Awareness Week 2024—That the Parliament notes that Dementia Awareness Week 2024 takes place between 27 May and 2 June; understands that every annual Dementia Awareness Week focuses on raising awareness of dementia and improving the lives of people living with dementia, their families and carers; considers that each person living with dementia has their own unique story, and that their needs, preferences and aspirations are as diverse as they are; supports efforts to respect and protect the rights of people living with dementia to access care and support that meets their needs and reflects their will and preferences; commends the work of organisations such as Alzheimer Scotland that play an important role in supporting those affected by dementia, and encourages people across Scotland to engage in events being held in their community to mark Dementia Awareness Week as part of a collective effort to raise awareness and highlight the valuable contribution of people with dementia across society.

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\*S6M-13360 Sue Webber: Five Sisters Zoo in West Calder Voted Best Family Day Out in Scotland—That the Parliament congratulates Five Sisters Zoo in West Calder on being voted Best Family Day Out at the Scottish Entertainment and Hospitality Awards 2024; understands that these awards recognise establishments that excel in providing outstanding experiences for their patrons; recognises that, after originally being established as a garden centre by landscape gardener Brian Curran and his wife Shirley, Five Sisters Zoo was officially founded in 2005 and has evolved into a sanctuary for unwanted pets, with the zoo growing to accommodate over 180 different species of mammals, birds, and reptiles, including rescued bears and lions formerly part of travelling circuses; acknowledges that the zoo has been credited by the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums and is dedicated to the conservation of endangered wildlife, both native and non-native species, and wishes the Five Sisters Zoo continued success for the future.

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\*S6M-13344 Kenneth Gibson: Isle of Arran Beat the Street Success—That the Parliament congratulates the Isle of Arran's success in the 2024 Beat the Street competition; understands that the competition, which took place in February and March 2024, encouraged adults and children to become active by picking up their Beat the Street cards and swiping them at beat boxes across the island to collect points for walking, running, cycling or scootering; understands that more than 10,000 people got involved from across Arran, Ardrossan, Saltcoats, Stevenston, Dalry, Beith, Gateside, Glengarnock, Kilbirnie, Campbeltown and areas in Argyll and Bute, covering an incredible 145,037 miles in six weeks; notes that the project is run by Intelligent Health and delivered in partnership with North Ayrshire Council and Argyll and Bute Council; understands that all seven primary schools on Arran took part, with Whiting Bay Primary School earning the most points on the island, winning a £250 voucher for sports equipment; further understands that joint second in the total points category went to Brodick Primary School, which earned a £100 voucher for sports equipment, and Shiskine Primary School, which also came first in the average points category, awarding it a £150 book voucher; appreciates that the Beat the Street overall winner, Shonagh Pringle, a resident of Arran and classroom assistant at Whiting Bay Primary, took home

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a trophy after amassing a phenomenal 76,750 points; congratulates everyone once again on their achievements, and wishes Beat the Street continued success for the future.

\*S6M-13342 Emma Harper: Congratulating the Allanton, Edrom and Whitsome Lego Club— That the Parliament welcomes the launch in February 2024 of the Allanton, Edrom, and Whitsome Lego Club, for which the Lego was supplied by generous donations from local residents in Berwickshire, Roxburghshire, and North Northumberland; understands that the club was inspired by a small group of parents, who, in 2023, started hosting Lego playdates at each other's homes, and has already supported over 30 children between three and 13 years old from Duns, Swinton and Chirnside primary schools, along with some children who are home-schooled; is encouraged to learn that a number of children with additional support needs (ASN) are flourishing in the club, which is open to all local children in the area and remains completely free; congratulates the children for using Lego and Duplo to construct buildings, animals, racing cars, and pirates, including many loved characters from Disney, Minecraft, Harry Potter, Star Wars and much more; welcomes that the club is working with parents in other local villages to set up their own Lego sessions; congratulates the children for showing off their creations at the Paxton House Lego Exhibition, where their models were displayed alongside professional models and seen by hundreds of people; thanks Paxton House for letting the club host a session during the school holiday for free; further thanks Allanton, Edrom and Whitsome Community Council for their support with the idea of the Lego Club, along with Councillor Aileen Orr for her guidance on setting up the project; thanks local resident and Community Councillor, Janie Orr, for leading the efforts to establish the club, and wishes the many individuals and organisations involved in launching this popular, socially beneficial recreation every success for the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Bill Kidd\*, Colin Beattie\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Karen Adam\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, David Torrance\*

\*S6M-13327 Marie McNair: Clydebank's Caleb Stirrat Receives Child of Courage Trophy — That the Parliament recognises and celebrates Caleb Stirrat, from Clydebank, on being awarded the Child of Courage Trophy at the Pride of Scotland Awards; notes that the eight-year-old was diagnosed with atypical teratoid rhabdoid, a form of brain and spine cancer, in 2019 and that, in 2022, alongside his triplet sisters, helped his parents launch the charity, Caleb's Trio of Hope; understands that the charity aims to create fun memories for children with cancer who have received a palliative care diagnosis; understands that in the last two years they have raised just over £24,000; commends Caleb for his bravery and for this remarkable success, and applauds his family for their strength and determination to help others.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-13381 Pam Gosal: Milngavie Classic Car Show and Milngavie Week 2024 (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Tess White\*, Brian Whittle\*, Tim Eagle\*, Ash Regan\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13357</u> Nicola Sturgeon: Congratulating Shawlands Primary School on its Gold Sportscotland School Sport Award (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, Colin Beattie\*, Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

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<u>S6M-13354</u> Rachael Hamilton: Contaminated Blood Scandal (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*, Tim Eagle\*, Russell Findlay\*

<u>S6M-13350</u> Liam McArthur: Coreen Daly Retires from Kirkwall Grammar School Kitchen after 30 Years (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Douglas Ross\*, Bill Kidd\*, Colin Beattie\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Tim Eagle\*, Karen Adam\*, Ash Regan\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, David Torrance\*

<u>S6M-13346</u> Keith Brown: Congratulations on the Re-opening of the Leighton Library (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Alasdair Allan\*, Ash Regan\*, Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13345 Pauline McNeill: Paying Tribute to Eddie Tobin (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Ash Regan\*

<u>S6M-13343</u> Alexander Stewart: Equi-Power Riding for the Disabled finalist in SCVO Small Charity of the Year (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Edward Mountain\*, Tess White\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Brian Whittle\*, Tim Eagle\*, Maurice Golden\*, Russell Findlay\*, Ash Regan\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13340</u> Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Firefighter Joins Colleagues on a 600-mile Charity Cycle Challenge (lodged on 22 May 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13337</u> Jackie Dunbar: Forehill Primary School Pupils Win Litter Picking Accolade (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Karen Adam\*, Bob Doris\*, Ash Regan\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Kevin Stewart\*, David Torrance\*

<u>S6M-13336</u> Sue Webber: Watsonian Hockey Club Men's 1st XI Team and Watsonian Hockey Women's 1st Team Historic Double Scottish Cup Win (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Edward Mountain\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Craig Hoy\*, Miles Briggs\*, Bill Kidd\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Douglas Ross\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Annie Wells\*, Colin Beattie\*, Foysol Choudhury\*, Pam Gosal\*, Tim Eagle\*, Maurice Golden\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Russell Findlay\*, Ash Regan\*, Audrey Nicoll\*

<u>S6M-13333</u> Elena Whitham: Lochlan Murdoch Wins Pride of Scotland Teenager of Courage Award (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13332 Clare Adamson: Scottish Book Trust 25th Anniversary (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Tess White\*, Karen Adam\*, Ash Regan\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13330</u> Clare Adamson: Arnold Clark's Change for Charity Scheme (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Tess White\*, Karen Adam\*, Ash Regan\*, Ruth Maguire\*

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S6M-13329 Clare Adamson: Wishaw YMCA's 110th Anniversary (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13328</u> Clare Adamson: Jean Ewart, Bookbug Hero Award Nomination (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13316 Annie Wells: Royal Auxiliary Air Force 602 (City of Glasgow) Squadron Marks 100th Anniversary with Parade at Buckingham Palace (lodged on 23 May 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*, Tim Eagle\*, Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-13315</u> Clare Haughey: Drumsagard FC 2007s, Scottish Youth FA Champions (lodged on 23 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13314</u> Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Aberdeen Student Show (lodged on 23 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13313 Paul O'Kane: Enable's 70th Anniversary (lodged on 23 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13312</u> Gillian Mackay: TRNSMT Festival Bans Single-use Vapes (lodged on 23 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13311</u> Gillian Mackay: 2nd Coatbridge Scouts Race Night Raises Over £1,900 (lodged on 23 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13310</u> Gillian Mackay: Awakening the Festival by Enable Scotland Falkirk Branch (lodged on 23 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13308</u> Jamie Greene: Taiwan Presidential Inauguration of Dr Lai Ching-te (lodged on 23 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

S6M-13306 Karen Adam: Community Activism of Lee Young (lodged on 23 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13304 Karen Adam: Six Harbours St Ayles Skiff Challenge (lodged on 23 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13303 Humza Yousaf: International Criminal Court (lodged on 21 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

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<u>S6M-13302</u> Murdo Fraser: New Perth Museum Celebrates Award of Five Stars by VisitScotland (lodged on 23 May 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13300</u> Colin Beattie: Congratulating Black Diamond Cheerleaders (lodged on 23 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13298</u> Willie Rennie: Cupar Hearts AFC Wins Scottish Amateur Cup (lodged on 23 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13295</u> Jackie Dunbar: Economic Impact of Tourism Exceeds £1.1 Billion in North East Scotland (lodged on 22 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13294</u> Liam Kerr: Successful Conclusion of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation Campaign, "Prevention is the Best Treatment" (lodged on 22 May 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*, Maurice Golden\*, Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13290 Jackie Dunbar: River Don Pollution (lodged on 21 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13287</u> Monica Lennon: Hilltop Primary Wins the Keep Scotland Beautiful Litter League (lodged on 21 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13283</u> Oliver Mundell: Georgetown Primary School Pupils Win Awards from Keep Scotland Beautiful (lodged on 21 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13282</u> Carol Mochan: Congratulating Esme Kitson on Supporting Mental Health in the Scottish Borders (lodged on 21 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13281 Karen Adam: Brew Toon Wins Asda Contract (lodged on 21 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13280 Karen Adam: Amity Fish Company Team of the Year (lodged on 21 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13279 Fulton MacGregor: World Football Day (lodged on 21 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13278</u> Fulton MacGregor: Barncluth Herd Named British Friesian Herd of the Year (lodged on 21 May 2024)

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New Support: Karen Adam\*, Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13277</u> Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Our Lady and St Patrick's Teacher for Winning Eco-Coordinator of the Year 2024 (lodged on 20 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13276</u> Claire Baker: Wallace High School, Senior Girls Football Team Wins Scottish Schools' Football Association Shield at Hampden (lodged on 20 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13274</u> Alasdair Allan: Laxdale Primary School Wins Keep Scotland Beautiful Award (lodged on 20 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13273</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: Congratulating Clermiston Litterati and 30th Craigalmond Scouts (lodged on 20 May 2024)

New Support: Tess White\*, Karen Adam\*

<u>S6M-13272</u> Kevin Stewart: Congratulating the Russell Anderson Foundation (lodged on 20 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13271</u> Michelle Thomson: 3rd Bo'ness Scout Group Achieves Net Zero Goals (lodged on 17 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13267</u> Evelyn Tweed: Fallin Community Voice Trustee Nominated for Charity Award (lodged on 17 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13266</u> Ruth Maguire: International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression (lodged on 21 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

<u>S6M-13263</u> Foysol Choudhury: North Edinburgh Community Festival (lodged on 17 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13257 Humza Yousaf: Friends of Crookston Castle (lodged on 17 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13255 Annabelle Ewing: Lumphinnans Community Bowling Club Receives Funding Boost from 4Winds (lodged on 17 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13254</u> Annabelle Ewing: Foulford Primary Parent Partnership Receives Funding Boost from 4Winds (lodged on 17 May 2024)

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S6M-13253 Annabelle Ewing: LADAMA Receives Funding Boost from 4Winds (lodged on 17 May 2024)

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New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13247</u> Stephanie Callaghan: Recognising Newarthill Woman's Achievements in the Community (lodged on 17 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13246</u> Annie Wells: Glasgow Writer Helps Develop Life-saving Course after Brother **Died** (lodged on 16 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13236</u> George Adam: St Mirren Football Club Qualifies for Europe (lodged on 16 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13199 Jackie Baillie: Thanking Fiona Donald of Helensburgh (lodged on 15 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13178 Pam Gosal: 40th Anniversary of Volunteers' Week (lodged on 15 May 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

S6M-13168 Sue Webber: West Lothian Teenager Kara Young Selected to Box for Scotland in Hungary (lodged on 17 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

<u>S6M-13119</u> Annie Wells: Glasgow Woman Raises Thousands of Pounds for Scottish Charity (lodged on 28 May 2024)

New Support: Tess White\*, Brian Whittle\*, Tim Eagle\*, Maurice Golden\*, Ruth Maguire\*

S6M-13063 Clare Adamson: Child Safety Week 2024 (lodged on 03 May 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

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## **Oral Questions**

#### Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 05 June 2024

#### Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

- **1. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that children and young people have opportunities to engage with fine arts and performing arts, such as music, drama and art. (\$60-03516)
- **2. Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the culture secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding how the census outputs on Armed Forces veterans, due to be released on 13 June, will be able to be used to inform a better understanding of the veterans community. (S60-03517)
- **3. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on what role local authorities have in preserving the heritage and culture of the areas that they serve. (S60-03518)
- **4. Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its work to further the case for Scottish independence, what engagement it has carried out with businesses regarding Scotland's constitutional future. (S6O-03519)
- **5. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to propose a parliamentary debate on the provision of early learning and childcare. (S6O-03520)
- **6. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports people in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency to access and participate in cultural activities. **(S60-03521)**
- **7. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government what its assessment is of any impact that Brexit is having on Scotland's culture sector. (S6O-03522)
- **8. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether Creative Scotland's funding will be increased during the next financial year. (\$60-03523)

#### **Justice and Home Affairs**

- **1. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the needs and welfare of women prisoners, in light of the reported challenges arising from a growing prison population. (S6O-03524)
- **2. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government what role the Scottish Government Resilience Room would play in the event of a major nuclear incident. (S60-03525)
- **3. Jackson Carlaw:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to Police Scotland to tackle violent crimes in local communities. (S6O-03526)
- 4. Michael Marra: [Not Lodged]
- **5. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Police Scotland in relation to its guidance on recording non-crime hate incidents. (S6O-03528)
- **6. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the Scottish justice system is "close to collapse" and that solicitors are taking industrial action. (S60-03529)
- **7. Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether there are excessive delays in holding fatal accident inquiries. (S60-03530)

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**8. Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 since it came into force on 1 April 2024. (S60-03531)

#### Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 06 June 2024

#### **Education and Skills**

- **1. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with senior management of West College Scotland to discuss the college's Greenock campus. (S60-03532)
- **2. Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to address any issues regarding the implementation of the presumption of mainstreaming, as set out in the recent Education, Children and Young People Committee report on its inquiry into additional support for learning. (\$60-03533)
- **3. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has reconsidered collating information on the number of children who are "missing from education", in light of its reported failure to do so to date. (S60-03534)
- **4. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any discussions that it has had with universities across Scotland about how public money is used, including in relation to any activities that may impact the ongoing conflict in Palestine. (S60-03535)
- **5. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will increase the take-up of modern foreign languages in schools. (S6O-03536)
- **6. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the national plan for action announced in November 2023 to tackle violence in schools. (S60-03537)
- **7. Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its cross-government support for learning disabilities, autism and neurodiversity, what discussions the education secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding how its proposed Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill will help people into work. **(S60-03538)**
- **8. Foysol Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details of how it is working to ensure free music tuition to pupils in schools across Scotland. (S60-03539)

## General Questions selected for answer on 06 June 2024

- **1. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details of the process that it will follow to develop a Just Transition Plan for the Mossmorran industrial site. (S60-03540)
- 2. Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has held any discussions with stakeholders regarding the future of hyperbaric treatment services on the west coast. (S60-03541)
- **3. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its recognition of a housing emergency, whether it will take steps to improve the application of policy 16 of the fourth National Planning Framework in relation to affordable housing. (S6O-03542)
- **4. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what the longest projected wait is, in years, for a neurodevelopmental assessment for a child currently on an NHS waiting list. (S60-03543)

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- **5. Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to revise the terms of reference that it has set for the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry. (S6O-03544)
- **6. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported calls for a moratorium on the closure of publicly owned care homes. (S6O-03545)
- **7. Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to prevent children and young people from overdosing on over-the-counter medication. (S60-03546)
- **8. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is investing in affordable homes within Glasgow, including within the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency, to help address any housing need. (S6O-03547)

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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 29 May 2024

<u>S6W-27960</u> **Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish its 2024-25 public sector pay metrics.

<u>S6W-27961</u> **Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans for the award of the next Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services contract.

## Written questions lodged on 29 May 2024

<u>S6W-26881</u> Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government how much private finance, which involves paying returns to private investors, was (a) arranged under the support of the private finance pilot and (b) spent on (i) tree planting and (ii) peatland restoration between the launch of the £2 billion private finance pilot on 1 March 2023 and the last day of February 2024; who the private finance providers involved were; how much was invested and on which projects, and whether it considers any finance awarded by any lottery funds to be private finance.

<u>S6W-27459</u> **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish any legal advice that it has received regarding the potential for any action in the Scottish courts against (a) it and (b) Police Scotland resulting from any disclosure of a non-crime hate incident.

<u>S6W-27827</u> **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of how its loss and damage funding assists communities in Central Africa with the preservation of endangered megafauna populations.

<u>S6W-27849</u> Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to publish the number of pupils with less than (a) 90%, (b) 80% and (c) 50% attendance as part of its summary school statistics series, and, if so, how often it will do so.

<u>S6W-27851</u> **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps have been taken to accommodate the use of (a) anastrozole, (b) tamoxifen and (c) raloxifene as risk-reducing treatments for primary breast cancer (i) in existing and (ii) to develop new, clinical pathways.

<u>S6W-27856</u> Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications for the R100 Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme have been (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful across Dumfries and Galloway.

<u>S6W-27858</u> **Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide (a) an update on how it has spent the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund to date and (b) a breakdown of its proposed spending plans for the fund in the current financial year.

<u>S6W-27859</u> Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how many approved providers are available to provide superfast service via the R100 Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme in the Mid Galloway and Wigtown West council ward in Dumfries and Galloway.

<u>S6W-27860</u> **Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how many nurseries have closed since 2016, broken down by local authority area.

<u>S6W-27861</u> **Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how many nurseries have cancelled their registrations with the Care Inspectorate since 2016.

<u>S6W-27862</u> Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what early warning systems are in place to identify any nurseries that are at risk of closure due to financial difficulties or staffing shortages.

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<u>S6W-27863</u> **Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government what long-term strategies are being developed to ensure the financial viability and sustainability of nurseries.

<u>S6W-27864</u> Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration Scottish Forestry has given to allocating funds from the Strategic Timber Transport Fund to support the full reopening of Abovne Bridge.

<u>S6W-27866</u> **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has calculated how many hectares of degraded peatlands it has restored in 2022-23, in line with its commitment to restore 250,000 hectares of degraded peatlands by 2030.

<u>S6W-27867</u> **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what policy measures it is considering in order to reach its commitment to restore 250,000 hectares of degraded peatlands by 2030.

<u>S6W-27870</u> **Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government what opportunities it has identified to exceed current EU standards in encouraging sustainable energy production from commercial, industrial and waste management sources.

<u>S6W-27871</u> **Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects the latest incineration capacity analysis, which is being conducted by Zero Waste Scotland as part of its work in considering the delivery of the ban on biodegradable municipal waste to landfill, to be published.

<u>S6W-27872</u> **Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of any variations granted to allow increased incineration capacities at operational incineration facilities in Scotland, since the publication of the Independent Review of the Role of Incineration in the Waste Hierarchy in Scotland.

S6W-27873 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23750 by Lorna Slater on 19 December 2023, whether the criteria relating to such "exceptional circumstances" is set out in legislation, or whether it is a matter of convention.

S6W-27874 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration has been given to potentially using the pollution prevention and control permit system to establish a waste hierarchy that prioritises the most circular and sustainable incineration methods and outputs.

S6W-27877 Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the introduction and operation of Carer Support Payment, whether it has made an assessment of the potential merits of taking steps to prevent the accumulation of debt among carers in receipt of Carer's Allowance in Scotland due to (a) delayed investigation and (b) non-investigation of overpayment alerts.

S6W-27878 Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it is having with the Department for Work and Pensions under the agency agreement for the delivery of Carer's Allowance in Scotland to identify the (a) number of carers affected by overpayment debt and (b) levels of debt accumulated.

<u>S6W-27879</u> Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government what work it will undertake with (a) the Department for Work and Pensions and (b) Social Security Scotland during the roll-out of, and process of case transfer to, Carer Support Payment, to increase the level of help and advice available to unpaid carers in Scotland who may have been left in debt due to overpayments of Carer's Allowance.

<u>S6W-27880</u> Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to reform the threshold element of the Carer Support Payment following the completion of the transfer from Carer's Allowance in Scotland.

<u>S6W-27881</u> Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government what direction it provides to Glasgow City Council to make new housing developments accessible for wheelchair users and for disabled people.

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<u>S6W-27882</u> Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government how many P1 children have taken (a) one part and (b) both parts of the Scottish National Standardised Assessment since 20 September 2018, broken down by (i) academic year and (ii) local authority.

<u>S6W-27884</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to (a) encourage and (b) incentivise the production of hydrogen buses by Scotland-based manufacturers.

<u>S6W-27887</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government how much support it has provided in (a) grant funding and (b) loan guarantees to Scotland-based manufacturers for the purposes of manufacturing hydrogen buses in Scotland.

<u>S6W-27889</u> **Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government how much support has been provided through the Energy Transition Fund in each of the years in which the fund has operated, and whether it will provide a breakdown of the (a) fund recipients and (b) amounts awarded in each case.

<u>S6W-27892</u> Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the effectiveness of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016, and what its position is on whether further changes might be needed.

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#### **Amendments**

# New amendments to Bills lodged on 29 May 2024

#### Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

#### **Section 1**

#### Paul O'Kane

15 In section 1, page 1, line 5, leave out <may> and insert <must>

#### After section 1

#### Paul O'Kane

16 After section 1, insert—

<Debt arrears: creditor pre-action requirements</p>

## Debt arrears: creditor pre-action requirements

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision for pre-action requirements, where—
  - (a) the creditor intends to take debt recovery action,
  - (b) the creditor is a local authority, and
  - (c) the debtor is an individual.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may (in particular) make provision about—
  - (a) information to be provided by a creditor to a debtor in relation to the debt,
  - (b) steps to be taken by a creditor to refer the individual to income maximisation services,
  - (c) steps to be taken by a creditor with a view to seeking to agree arrangements with a debtor for future payment of debt and any other outstanding financial obligation,
  - (d) such other matters as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

#### **Section 6**

# Paul O'Kane

- 17 In section 6, page 10, line 42, at end insert—
  - <(1B) In section 73F (protection of minimum balance in certain bank accounts), after subsection (6), insert—
    - "(7) Before the end of each financial year, the Scottish Ministers must—
      - (a) calculate the inflation-adjusted level of the protected minimum sum mentioned in subsection (3)(a), and
      - (b) bring forward regulations to replace the protected minimum sum where, in their

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opinion, the sum is materially below its inflation-adjusted level with a figure of at least that level (subject to any rounding they think appropriate).

(8) Regulations under subsection (7) are subject to the affirmative procedure.".>

#### **Murdo Fraser**

- 18 In section 6, leave out subsection (2), and insert—
  - <( ) In section 73G (arrestee's duty of disclosure), after subsection (5), insert—
    - "(6) Subsection (7) applies where—
      - (a) no property is attached, and
      - (b) the arrestee receives a request for information from a creditor in relation to a warrant not granted under summary warrant procedure.
    - (7) The arrestee must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the request is received, send to the creditor in (or as nearly as may be in) the form prescribed by the Scottish Ministers by regulations, information about the reason why no property is attached (for example, the arrestee does not hold funds standing to the credit of the debtor, or does hold such funds but the sum held is less than the sum mentioned in section 73F(3)(a)).".>

#### **Section 7**

# **Colin Smyth**

- 19 In section 7, page 11, line 15, at end insert—
  - <( ) After section 49A, insert—

# **"49B** Deductions allowing for household circumstances

- (1) The debtor may make a request to the creditor for a sum lower than that specified in Schedule 2 to be deducted, where—
  - (a) a deduction from earnings above the minimum protected balance will continue to be made, and
  - (b) the request includes a statement from the debtor setting out why he considers that his household circumstances warrant a lower deduction to be made.
- (2) Where a request has been made under subsection (1), the creditor must, within 21 days—
  - (a) consider the response, and
  - (b) issue a written decision to the debtor confirming that—
    - (i) the creditor agrees with the request and the sum to be paid, or
    - (ii) the creditor does not agree with the request.
- (3) Where the creditor agrees to the debtor's request, the creditor must notify the employer.
- (4) The debtor may make a request under subsection (1) once in each period of 6 months.
- (5) For the purposes of this section, "household circumstances" may include—

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- (a) any ongoing financial liabilities of the household,
- (b) the number of dependent adults and children in the household,
- (c) other household income, and
- (d) health issues of a member of the household.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify subsection (5) by adding, removing or varying the meaning of household circumstances.".>

#### **Murdo Fraser**

- 20 In section 7, page 12, line 33, after <nil,> insert <and,
  - ( ) the person receives a request from a relevant person for information,>

#### **Murdo Fraser**

In section 7, page 12, line 34, leave out <within 21 days of the order or schedule being served> and insert <as soon as is reasonably practicable following receipt of the request>

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# **Colin Smyth**

22 After section 7, insert—

< Earning arrestment

# **Earning arrestment**

- (1) Schedule 2 of the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987 is modified as follows.
- (2) For Table A (deductions from weekly earnings) substitute—

"Net Earnings	Deduction
Not exceeding £230.10	Nil
Exceeding £230.10 but not exceeding £368.34	£4 or 31% of earnings exceeding £230.10, whichever is the greater
Exceeding £368.34 but not exceeding £506.42	£42.85 plus 18% of earnings exceeding £368.34
Exceeding £506.52 but not exceeding £667.73	£67.72 plus 22% of earnings exceeding £506.62
Exceeding £667.73	£103.19 plus 45% of earnings exceeding £667.73".

(3) For Table B (deductions from monthly earnings) substitute—

"Net Earnings	Deduction
Not exceeding £1,000	Nil
Exceeding £1,000 but not exceeding £1,600	£15 or 31% of earnings exceeding £1,000, whichever is the greater
Exceeding £1,600 but not exceeding £2,200	£186 plus 18% of earnings exceeding £1,600

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"Net Earnings	Deduction
Exceeding £2,200 but not exceeding £2,900	£294 plus 22% of earnings exceeding £2,200
Exceeding £2,900	£448 plus 45% of earnings exceeding £2,900".

(4) For Table C (deductions from daily earnings) substitute—

"Net Earnings	Deduction
Not exceeding £32.87	Nil
Exceeding £32.87 but not exceeding £52.60	£0.50 or 31% of earnings exceeding £32.87, whichever is the greater
Exceeding £52.60 but not exceeding £72.36	£6.12 plus 18% of earnings exceeding £52.62
Exceeding £72.36 but not exceeding £95.39	£9.67 plus 22% of earnings exceeding £72.36
Exceeding £95.39	£14.74 plus 45% of earnings exceeding £95.39".>

# Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

#### **Section 3**

#### **Pauline McNeill**

4 In section 2, page 1, line 14, leave out <E> and insert <D>

#### Pauline McNeill

5 In section 2, page 2, line 1, leave out subsections (4) and (5)

# **Pauline McNeill**

- 6 In section 2, page 2, line 6, at end insert—
  - <( ) Condition C is that the offence was alleged to have been committed in connection with—
    - (a) the carrying on of a post office business, or
    - (b) a person working in a post office (whether under a contract of employment or otherwise) for the purposes of a post office business.>

#### **Pauline McNeill**

7 In section 2, page 2, line 7, leave out <E> and insert <D>

#### After section 6

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## Maggie Chapman

**8** After section 6, insert—

< Review of options for legal action

## Review of options for legal action

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must carry out a review of the options available under Scottish law for agencies or individuals to pursue legal action against those responsible for the miscarriages of justice relating to persons alleged to have committed a relevant offence.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than one year after Royal Assent—
  - (a) publish a report on the review under subsection (1),
  - (b) lay the report before the Scottish Parliament.>

# Maggie Chapman

9 After section 6, insert—

< Review of support

#### **Review of support**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must carry out a review of the support available to enable persons alleged to have committed a relevant offence to pursue legal action against those responsible for the miscarriages of justice.
- (2) A review under subsection (1) must include consideration of whether any additional support is required.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than one year after Royal Assent—
  - (a) publish a report on the review under subsection (1),
  - (b) lay the report before the Scottish Parliament.>

#### Maggie Chapman

10 After section 6, insert—

< Review of relevant law

#### Review of relevant law

- (1) Ministers must, within one year of Royal Assent—
  - (a) carry out a review of the legal processes by which persons were convicted of a relevant offence, and
  - (b) consider, in discussion with the Scottish Law Commission, where any changes to the law are required.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must—
  - (a) publish a report of the review under subsection (1), and
  - (b) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.>

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11 After section 6, insert—

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#### Review of relevant law

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within one year of Royal Assent—
  - (a) carry out a review of the options available to allow for the prosecution of those responsible for the miscarriages of justice relating to persons alleged to have committed a relevant offence, and
  - (b) consider, in discussion with the Scottish Law Commission, where any changes to the law are required.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must—
  - (a) publish a report of the review under subsection (1), and
  - (b) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.>

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# **New Subordinate Legislation**

# Subject to the affirmative procedure

The following draft instrument was laid before Parliament on 29 May 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Early Release of Prisoners and Prescribed Victim Supporters (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)

Laid under section 3D(1) of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

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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.

#### Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 12 June 2024

Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 5 June with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Finance and Public Administration Committee), 11 June 2024

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

# Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 15 May 2024

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

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

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

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# Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 6 June 2024

Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 30 May with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (33rd Report, 2024)

# Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 25 April 2024

# Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 28 May 2024

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

# Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 21 May 2024

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

# Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

#### Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 30 April 2024

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

#### Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 14 May 2024

#### Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 28 May 2024 Stage 1 (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 18 April 2024

## **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 7 May 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (11th Report, 2024)

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 26 March 2024

### National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 29 May 2024
Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 7 May 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (75th Report, 2023)

# Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 30 May 2024

# Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 22 February 2024

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (<a href="legislationteam@parliament.scot">legislationteam@parliament.scot</a>)

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

Introduced, 14 May 2024

#### Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 2 May 2024 Stage 1 (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 6 February 2024 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (20<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)

#### Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 22 May 2024 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 4 June 2024

Stage 1 Report – Social Justice and Social Security Committee (5th Report, 2024)

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

Stage 1 completed, 23 April 2024

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

#### Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 28 May 2024

#### Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 completed, 9 May 2024

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

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## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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# Criminal Justice Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-43b

Lodged on 23 May 2024

### Data Protection and Digital Information Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-36b

Lodged on 17 April 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 9 May 2024

Report – Lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security) (4th Report, 2024)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (30th Report, 2024)

# **Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill LCM-S6-38**

Lodged on 19 July 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 20 March 2024

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (6th Report, 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (58th Report, 2023)

# 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)

#### Renters Reform Bill LCM-S6-46

Lodged on 1 May 2024

Meeting (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 14 May 2024 Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 14 May 2024

#### **Tobacco and Vapes Bill LCM-S6-44**

Lodged on 2 April 2024

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 21 May 2024 Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 14 May 2024

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#### Affirmative instruments

#### Subject to approval by 24 May 2024

<u>Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)</u> (15 April 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

#### Subject to approval by 26 May 2024

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<u>Disability Assistance for Older People (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)</u> (17 April 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

#### Subject to approval by 27 May 2024

Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) (18 April 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) (18 April 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

# Subject to approval by 2 June 2024

<u>Sea Fisheries (Remote Electronic Monitoring and Regulation of Scallop Fishing) (Scotland)</u> Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) (24 April 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

## Subject to approval by 3 June 2024

<u>Damages (Review of Rate of Return) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)</u> (25 April 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

# Subject to approval by 4 June 2024

The Healthcare Improvement Scotland (Inspections) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) (26 April 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

The National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (Independent Health Care) Modification Order 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) (26 April 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

#### Subject to approval by 7 June 2024

<u>Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)</u> (29 April 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

#### Subject to approval by 10 June 2024

Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator (Miscellaneous Listings) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) (2 May 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator (Duty to Publish Certain Information) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) (2 May 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

<u>Scottish Pubs Code Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)</u> (2 May 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

#### Subject to approval by 11 June 2024

<u>Tied Pubs (Scottish Arbitration Rules) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)</u> (3 May 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

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<u>Tied Pubs (Fees and Financial Penalties) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)</u> (3 May 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

<u>Protected Trust Deeds (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)</u> (3 May 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

#### Subject to approval by 24 June 2024

<u>Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) (16 May 2024)</u> (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

#### Subject to approval by 13 June 2024

Early Release of Prisoners and Prescribed Victim Supporters (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) (29 May 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

#### **Negative instruments**

Subject to approval by 4 June 2024 Lead Committee report due by 3 June 2024

<u>The Healthcare Improvement Scotland (Fees) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/130)</u> (26 April 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 17 June 2024 Lead Committee report due by 10 June 2024

Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/140) (9 May 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

# Subject to approval by 21 June 2024 Lead Committee report due by 17 June 2024

<u>Disability Assistance for Older People (Consequential Amendment and Transitional Provision)</u> (<u>Scotland</u>) Regulations 2024 (<u>SSI 2024/141</u>) (13 May 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 25 June 2024 Lead committee report due by 24 June 2024

<u>Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/146)</u> (17 May 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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<u>Teachers' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/147)</u> (20 May 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

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

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# Lead Committee report due by 18 June 2024

<u>SPSO Complaints Handling Principles (SPSO/2024/01)</u> (18 April 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

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# **Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 29 May 2024—

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Child Friendly Complaints Handling Principles (SP Paper 598)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee for 2023-24 (SP Paper 599)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 39th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28th May 2024 (SP Paper 601)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee 2023 to 2024 (SP Paper 602)

The following reports will be published on 30 May 2024—

Public Audit Committee, 2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual Report 2023/24 (SP Paper 595)

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual report 2023-24 (SP Paper 603)

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered on 1 May 2024 (SP Paper 604)

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#### **Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 29 May 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**HMICS Custody Inspection Report – Ayrshire (HMICS/2024/04)** laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure

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