

Monday 9 September 2024

Business Bulletin

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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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There are no meetings today.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 4 September 2024

Tuesday 10 September 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Father Gerard Hatton, Administrator of St Patrick's Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcement: Finance and Public Administration Committee on Quality and Consistency of Financial Memorandums

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-14113 Kenneth Gibson: Repealing the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020

Wednesday 11 September 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Transport

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-14024 Graham Simpson: Retrofitting and Tenement Maintenance

Thursday 12 September 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-13909 Bill Kidd: The Late Reverend John Ainslie.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Mission to Reduce Deaths and Improve Lives of People Impacted by Drugs and Alcohol

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government – Growing Scotland's Green Economy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 September 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Languages Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 September 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 September 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

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Gnothaichean an-diugh

Future Business
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followed by Stage 1 Debate: Judicial Factors (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>

Finance and Public Administration Committee

10 September 2024

25th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2025-26: Managing Scotland's Public Finances: A Strategic**

Approach: The Committee will take evidence from—

Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland;
Professor David Bell, Fellow, Royal Society of Edinburgh;
Professor David Heald, Emeritus Professor and Honorary Senior Research Fellow,
Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow;

and then from—

Vikki Manson, Deputy Head of Policy Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses;
David Lonsdale, Director, Scottish Retail Consortium;
David Lott, Deputy Director (Funding, Reform and Accountability), Universities
Scotland.

2. **Proposed Contingent Liability (In Private) (in private):** The Committee will take evidence from—

Dr Alasdair Allan, Acting Minister for Climate Action, Iain Wallace, Director of Marine -
Marine Environment, Debbie England, Offshore Renewable Projects Consenting
Leader – Marine Directorate, Gary Jones, Senior Finance Business Partner, and Robert
Loomes, Finance Business Partner, Scottish Government.

3. **Proposed Contingent Liability (In Private) (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, at

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Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

10 September 2024

23rd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.

2. **National Performance Framework: Proposed National Outcomes:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Emma Congreve, Co-lead, Scottish Health Equity Research Unit;
Professor Cam Donaldson, Professor of Health Economics, Glasgow Caledonian
University;

and then from—

Stephen Boyd, Director, IPPR Scotland;
Carol Calder, Audit Director, Performance Audit & Best Value, Audit Scotland;
Professor Chik Collins, Director, Glasgow Centre for Population Health.

3. **National Performance Framework: Proposed National Outcomes:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

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

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

10 September 2024

25th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Waste \(Materials Facilities\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)
3. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, and Professor David Ulph, Commissioner, Scottish Fiscal Commission;
Dr Emily Nurse, Head of Net Zero, Climate Change Committee;
David Hawkey, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Public Policy Research Scotland;
and then from—
Rt Hon. Philip Dunne, former MP (2005-2024) and former Chair of the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee (2020-24).
4. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

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

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10 September 2024

24th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Daniel Johnson will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes \(Amendment\) Order 2024](#) (SI 2024/Draft)
[Plant Health \(Import Inspection Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/216)

[Charges for Residues Surveillance Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/218)

[Academic Awards and Distinctions \(SRUC\) \(Scotland\) Order of Council 2024](#) (SSI 2024/219)

[Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission \(Permitted Disclosure of Information\) Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/220)

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/225)

- Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Children \(Care and Justice\) \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/211 (C.17))
- Education (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
- Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
- Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the response from the Member-in-charge to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
- Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

Proposed future business

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

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10 September 2024

23rd 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 item 4 in private.
- Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Paul McLennan, Minister for Housing, Laura Dougan, Head of Housing Strategy and Delivery, Catriona MacKean, Deputy Director of Better Homes, Craig McGuffie, Solicitor, Charlotte McHaffie, Private Rented Housing Team Leader, and Yvette Sheppard, Head of Housing Legislation and Reform Unit, Scottish Government.
- Housing (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Housing Emergency:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

Proposed future business

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

11 September 2024

21st 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. **Rural Affairs and Islands remit:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, George Burgess, Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy, Donald Henderson, Deputy Director, Nature Division, Iain Wallace, Head of Operations Portfolio, Marine Directorate, and Malcolm Pentland, Deputy Director, Lead for Marine Economy and Communities, Scottish Government.
3. **Rural Affairs and Islands remit:** The Committee will review the evidence heard.

Proposed future business

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

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

11 September 2024

13th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private and whether its consideration of the Inquiry into A9 Dualling Project draft report should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
PE1723: Essential tremor treatment in Scotland;
PE1871: Full review of mental health services;
PE1936: Remove Potholes from Scotland's Roads;
PE2013: Implementation of a National Dashcam Safety Portal;
PE2026: Eliminate Council Tax discounts for second homes and vacant properties;
PE2029: Nationalise Clydeport to bring the ports and harbours on the river Clyde into public ownership; and
PE2040: Increase funding to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to prevent serious cuts to the service provided to the public.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE2094: Review The Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 and expand the remit of First-tier Tribunal to include commercial properties;
PE2095: Improve the public consultation processes for energy infrastructure projects;
PE2098: Provide essential investment in the Gaelic language to secure its future; and
PE2099: Stop the proposed centralisation of specialist neonatal units in NHS Scotland.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
5. **Inquiry into A9 Dualling Project:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jyoti Chandola on 85227 or at jyoti.chandola@parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Committee

11 September 2024

28th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Policing and mental health:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Threadgold, Chair, Scottish Police Federation;
Superintendent Suzanne Smith, Vice President, Association of Scottish Police Superintendents;
David Malcolm, Branch Secretary, Unison Police Staff Scotland Branch;
and then from—
Chief Constable Jo Farrell, Deputy Chief Constable Alan Speirs, Professionalism, Strategy and Engagement, and Katy Miller, Director of People and Development, Police Scotland;
and then from—
Fiona McQueen, Vice Chair, Lynn Brown, Chief Executive, and Alasdair Hay, Board Member, Scottish Police Authority.
3. **Policing and mental health:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme (In Private) (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

Economy and Fair Work Committee

11 September 2024

22nd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3, and future consideration of pre-budget evidence, in private.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-2026:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stuart Black, Chief Executive, and Nick Kenton, Finance Director, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;
Jane Morrison-Ross, Chief Executive, and Anthony Daye, Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, South of Scotland Enterprise;
Vicki Miller, Director of Marketing and Digital, and Ken Neilson, Director of Corporate Services, Visit Scotland.
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-2026:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 85182 or at anne.peat@parliament.scot

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Motions

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

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- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
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Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-14372](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates all those taking part in the Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival, which is an annual event celebrating the city’s architecture, culture and heritage; notes that 100s of historic buildings, theatres, museum stores, factories, studios, breweries and more, across the city, will be open to the public, for free; understands that the mission is to increase civic pride among Glaswegians and to broaden awareness of the city’s rich built and cultural heritage at local, national and international levels; further understands that Glasgow Doors Open Days is the largest of a family of Doors Open Days events happening across Scotland throughout September, coordinated nationally by the Scottish Civic Trust and supported by Historic Environment Scotland, and acknowledges that the Doors Open event runs from 16 to 22 September 2024.

***[S6M-14371](#) Rhoda Grant: Highland Care Homes Celebrate 10th Anniversaries**—That the Parliament congratulates the residents and staff of Urray House Care Home in Muir of Ord and Innis Mhor Care Home in Tain as they celebrate their 10th anniversaries in September 2024; believes that both care homes are highly valued within their local communities, hosting coffee mornings, offering fun and inclusive activities for families and children, and fostering strong intergenerational connections; acknowledges what it sees as the high standard of care provided at both homes, as reflected in the independent Care Inspectorate’s grading of Urray House and Innis Mhor as grade 5 (very good) in their support of residents’ wellbeing; congratulates Parklands Care Homes, the operator of both facilities, for its ongoing investment in expanding care capacity across the Highlands, and extends its best wishes to the residents and staff of Urray House and Innis Mhor as they celebrate this important milestone.

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***[S6M-14370](#) Annie Wells: Govan Footbridge Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates everyone involved on the opening of the new Govan-Partick bridge, which will be marked with a musical extravaganza in the form of a free one-off festival on 7 September 2024; understands that, being organised by the team behind the Govan Music Festival and Govan’s regeneration orchestra, the Glasgow Barons, the Govan Footbridge Festival will bring local grassroots performers and huge Scottish acts together in a day of musical celebration across the streets of Govan; further understands that the multi-genre, unticketed, festival will take place between 10.00

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am and 8.00 pm and see Govan Road closed off for the day, with performances taking place across the whole of Govan Cross, as well as at the Footbridge Plaza next to the Govan entrance of the footbridge, and highlights that well-known names will be performing along with local school choirs, the Gilded Lilies singing group, the Govan Allsorts Community Choir and the Govan Community Pipe Band, while a Community Cèilidh will be held on Govan Road.

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***S6M-14369 Foysoyl Choudhury: Edinburgh International Film Festival 2024**—That the Parliament congratulates Edinburgh International Film Festival (EIFF) on a successful return in 2024; understands that EIFF returned for the first time since 2022, ran from 15 to 21 August 2024 and was attended by over 12,000 people; notes that EIFF partnered with Edinburgh venues such as the Cameo Cinema, Monkey Barrel Comedy and Summerhall, demonstrating, it believes, the value of supporting cultural venues in Scottish cities; recognises what it sees as the value of culture to “Brand Scotland”, which, it understands, is estimated to be adding £367 million to Scotland’s economy, and £407 million in Edinburgh; believes that Scotland’s festivals are operating in a “perfect storm” of rising costs; views with concern what it sees as the Scottish Government’s failure to provide clarity on arts funding, which, it believes, has left festivals and arts organisations in the dark regarding their long-term financial sustainability; hopes for the continued success of Edinburgh’s festival season, and wishes all those involved in EIFF well.

***S6M-14368 Clare Adamson: Ma Mum & William Wordsworth**—That the Parliament congratulates Julie Kennedy, from Wishaw, on the publication of her novel *Ma Mum & William Wordsworth*; understands that the novel explores the poignant journey of 15-year-old Erin, growing up in Lanarkshire during the late 1970s; further understands that Julie is a celebrated local writer and poet whose work has been featured in prestigious poetry magazines such as *New Writing Scotland*, *Causeway/Cabh-sair* and *Southword*, as well as in publications by the Poetry Society; notes that the novel was published with the support of a Scots Language Publication Grant from the Scottish Government, which is administered by the Scottish Book Trust; acknowledges what it sees as the importance of the Scots Language Publication Grant, which was created by the Scots Language Resource Network to support Scottish and UK publishers to publish and promote work written in Scots; notes that the grant is designed to cover publishing costs such as editing, advances, illustrations and cover design, typesetting, printing and marketing; thanks the Scottish Book Trust and Scots Language Resource Network for their commitment to retaining the Scots Language, and wishes Julie all the best with her future writing.

***S6M-14367 Liam McArthur: 2024 RSA MacRobert Art Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Orkney-born artist Steven MacIver on receiving the 2024 Royal Scottish Academy (RSA) MacRobert Art Award for Painting; recognises that Steven’s paintings, which have recently focussed on creating the impression of depth through the layering and removal of paint, have been exhibited in the US and the UK, including in the Pier Arts Centre in Stromness; understands that the RSA’s MacRobert Award for Painting provides time and financial assistance for the recipient to develop their artistic talent; acknowledges what it sees as the importance of such awards in giving artists the opportunity necessary to focus on utilising their talents and expanding their practice; understands that it is Steven’s intention to use the next year to develop a body of work on the theme of “homecoming”, celebrating Scottish heritage; looks forward to the resulting paintings being exhibited in the RSA, and wishes Steven every success with his art in the future.

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***[S6M-14366](#) Clare Adamson: Acts of Kindness** —That the Parliament congratulates Carol McGinn and the Horseshoe Bar in Motherwell on their successful fundraising events, raising over £1,500 for Chasing the Stigma, a mental health charity; understands that Carol has spearheaded a series of fundraising efforts that have raised significant sums for various charities, including Parksprings Care Home and Guide Dogs; further understands that Carol has a monthly collection for the local food bank, along with seasonal collections at Easter and Christmas, and is currently fundraising for Guide Dogs, inspired by the experience of a partially blind customer who faced difficulties obtaining a new guide dog after the loss of his previous one; commends Carol, the staff and customers of the Horseshoe Bar for their selfless acts of kindness, and wishes them all the best for the future.

***[S6M-14365](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Netballer Awarded Winning Students 100 Scholarship**—That the Parliament congratulates Zara Flett, from Kirkwall, on receiving a Winning Students 100 scholarship, which was awarded for her commitment to both netball and her degree studies at UHI Orkney; further congratulates her on receiving the UHI Sporting Blues Half Blue award, in recognition of her stellar performance in the university team; believes that this scholarship will allow Zara to travel more regularly to training and competitions with both the Strathclyde Sirens and Scotland "A" squad, whilst keeping up with her studies at home; recognises the hard work and tenacity that Zara has shown whilst performing at such a high level in the sport, alongside her commitment to obtaining a degree in business management; looks forward to seeing Zara continue to thrive in the netball world, and wishes her the best with her ongoing studies.

Supported by: Douglas Ross*, Pam Gosal*, Tess White*, Alexander Stewart*, Bill Kidd*

***[S6M-14364](#) Brian Whittle: Gilfoot TARA Action Group Named Finalist in the TIS National Excellence Awards 2024**—That the Parliament acknowledges the achievements of Gilfoot TARA Action Group, which have led to it being shortlisted for the TIS National Excellence Awards in the Tenant Group of the Year category; understands that the Tenant Group of the Year award recognises tenants, residents, or a community group, who have made an outstanding contribution, demonstrated good practice from which others can learn, and shown that they have added value to the local area and improved community spirit; congratulates Gilfoot TARA Action Group on its nomination and for what it sees as its significant contribution to the Gilfoot and Newmilns area of East Ayrshire; notes that its work aims to contribute to maintaining safe and affordable housing conditions as well as improve the lives of community residents, and wishes Gilfoot TARA Action Group well at the awards and beyond.

***[S6M-14363](#) Clare Adamson: St Aidan's Pupils Selected for NASA Programme**—That the Parliament congratulates Zach Aitchison and Joseph O'Hara, pupils from St Aidan's High School in Wishaw, on successfully being selected for a prestigious NASA programme in the United States; understands that Strathclyde University's Faculty of Engineering hosted a one-week residential programme for budding scientists in June 2024; further understands that the Space School programme is supported by NASA astronauts and engineers and offers pupils a unique educational experience to develop a deeper understanding of space and engineering, and wishes Zach and Joseph all the best with future studies. **R**

***[S6M-14362](#) Clare Adamson: Primary Sports School of the Year** —That the Parliament congratulates St Thomas' Primary School in Wishaw on being awarded Primary Sports School of the Year at the recent North Lanarkshire Sport and Volunteer Awards; understands that the annual event, now in its ninth year, offers 12 awards for individuals, groups and schools; further understands that the event celebrates sporting excellence and provides an opportunity to thank

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the many volunteers in our communities who give their time to support and inspire others; commends all the winners and nominees for their remarkable achievements and for making a lasting difference to so many people in North Lanarkshire, and wishes St Thomas' Primary all the best for the future.

***[S6M-14361](#) Clare Adamson: Scottish Civil Engineering Award** —That the Parliament commends Network Rail and Story Contracting on being awarded a top Scottish Civil Engineering Award (SCEA) following the restoration of the historic Camps viaduct near Motherwell: understands that Network Rail and Story Contracting won the award for Best Refurbishment, which recognises civil engineering excellence in transport, water, or rail; further understands that the refurbishment has extended the lifespan of the structure by at least 25 years; notes that the project saw engineers completing 1,370 repairs, replacing more than 10,000 rivets and adding 65 tonnes of new steel to strengthen the 160-year-old viaduct, and thanks Network Rail and Story Contracting staff for their commitment to ensuring the safety of all passengers who use our railways.

***[S6M-14360](#) Clare Adamson: Constance Care North Lanarkshire Raises £1,200 for the Wishaw MS Support Group**—That the Parliament congratulates Constance Care North Lanarkshire on raising £1,200 for the Wishaw MS Support Group; understands that Constance Care North Lanarkshire, which is based in Motherwell, fundraised for the Wishaw MS Support Group after being inspired by a “very special” client, who was supported by the organisation; notes that over 17,000 people live with MS in Scotland, which, it understands, makes MS more common in Scotland than most other countries in the world; thanks the staff of Constance Care, and wishes all those who attend the group all the best for the future.

***[S6M-14358](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Warriors Aim to Raise £85,000 for Glasgow Children’s Hospital Charity with Fighting for our Families Campaign** —That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow Warriors, which has set its sights on raising £85,000 through the Fighting for our Families campaign for the Glasgow Children’s Hospital Charity; understands that this is the eighth year the club has supported Glasgow Children’s Hospital Charity and the second year of the season-wide Fighting for our Families campaign; notes that Glasgow Warriors and the Glasgow Children’s Hospital Charity are launching the campaign on the UN’s International Day of Charity, which seeks to mobilise people and stakeholders, all around the world, to help others through volunteering and philanthropic activities, and understands that, after successfully raising £53,971 for the charity in the first year of the Fighting for our Families campaign, the club is now determined to substantially increase that support by enhancing its current fundraising activities and introducing new collaborations, all while mobilising supporters, sponsors, grassroots rugby clubs and schools across its community.

***[S6M-14356](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Family Restaurant is Winner at Asian Restaurant Awards 2024** —That the Parliament congratulates Desi Dhaba Chaiwala of Glasgow on winning the Family Restaurant of the Year Award at the Asian Restaurant Awards 2024, in conjunction with the Asian Catering Federation, which were held at the Scottish Parliament on 4 September 2024; notes that the restaurant opened in 2022 as a family business; understands that the owner, Mohammed Sharif, has been in the industry for the last three decades and is now supported by his family, who assist in managing the venue; recognises the success of the restaurant, which started life as a small snack bar and now accommodates 80 diners in purpose-built premises, and wishes the team every success for the future.

***[S6M-14355](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Ballet Dancers Recreate Degas Poses at Discovering Degas Exhibition**—That the Parliament congratulates three young ballet dancers from the Dance School of Scotland, Pixie Howitt, aged 11, and Jada-Jo Branney and Darcey McKechnie, both aged 12, who had the rare opportunity to pose at the Burrell Collection *Discovering Degas* exhibition, recreating some of the ballet poses portrayed in Degas' work; understands that the ballet dancers were in traditional handmade ballet costumes, which were made in Brazil in the early 1960's for Cecilia Barrett, for her performances in *Don Quixote*, *Swan Lake* and *Sleeping Beauty*; notes that the exhibition of works by Edgar Degas will be on view until 30 September 2024; understands that Degas was a regular visitor to the ballet and enjoyed backstage access for a time and that, from the early 1870s, he started depicting scenes of the dancers, the strain dancing placed on their bodies, and moments of relaxation behind the scenes acknowledges; notes that over 30,000 people have already seen *Discovering Degas*, which features 23 Degas works from Burrell's original collection together in one space, and understands that they are displayed alongside 28 other world-class artworks that are on loan from some of the UK and Europe's finest collections, including the renowned and controversial work *L'Absinthe*, which is on loan from Musée d'Orsay in Paris.

***[S6M-14354](#) Brian Whittle: Asda Kilmarnock Donates £1,900 to East Ayrshire Local Community Projects**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Asda Kilmarnock has donated £1,900 to local community projects in East Ayrshire; understands that Hurlford Tenants and Residents Association received £400, East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action received £800, and Community Open Gardens Shortlees received £700; further understands that the Asda foundation has announced the launch of a new grant, Foodbank Fundamentals, which helps foodbanks and food providers access the funding they need to keep supporting people in need, by offering grants of up to £1,000; commends Asda Kilmarnock for its continued support for local community projects seeking to provide safe housing conditions, eradicate homelessness and promote the skill and health benefits of gardening, and congratulates each organisation for their efforts.

***[S6M-14350](#) Liam Kerr: Fraserburgh Sea Cadets Unit Celebrates 80th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates the Fraserburgh Sea Cadets Unit, and all its volunteers past and present, on the occasion of its 80th anniversary; notes that the Fraserburgh Sea Cadets Unit aims to help young people to grow into the person they want to be, in a safe and friendly environment; further notes that the unit offers many different activities from sailing, windsurfing and powerboating to rock climbing, camping and music; understands that the 80th anniversary will be marked with several public events, such as a church service, parade and open day, and wishes all the volunteers past and present the very best for the future.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Bill Kidd*

***[S6M-14349](#) Pam Gosal: Congratulating Andrew Stocks on Winning Clean Up Scotland Hero Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Andrew Stocks, from Helensburgh, on being awarded with a Clean Up Scotland Hero award by Keep Scotland Beautiful for his litter-picking work; understands that the award was announced on 26 August 2024, after he was nominated by his daughter, Helen, who has likewise taken up litter-picking; commends the hard work and community spirit exhibited by Andrew Stocks in spending his free time picking litter and making his local community cleaner, and hopes that his determination will inspire and be a positive influence to others to follow in his footsteps and give back to their communities.

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***[S6M-14348](#) David Torrance: Auchtertool Couple Celebrates Diamond Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates John and Elizabeth Macdonald, of Auchtertool, on their 60th wedding anniversary; notes that the couple met in Kirkcaldy and were married on 29 August 1964; further notes that they are proud parents and grandparents; commends what it sees as the achievement of reaching their diamond anniversary, and wishes them continued happiness together.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*, Audrey Nicoll*, Miles Briggs*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Tess White*

***[S6M-14347](#) Maggie Chapman: Dundee and Angus College Shortlisted for Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Dundee and Angus College, which has been shortlisted by the College Development Network (CDN) for five CDN 2024 awards; notes the college's success in being shortlisted by CDN in what, it understands, was a record-breaking year for submissions to these awards, with 163 submissions; further notes that Dundee and Angus College's shortlisted submissions cover a range of categories, including the Inclusive College Award and College Community Learning and Development; recognises the continued role that, it believes, Dundee and Angus College and colleges across the north east play in furthering social justice, and wishes Dundee and Angus College every success in the forthcoming awards ceremony in Glasgow in November.

***[S6M-14346](#) Mairi Gougeon: Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024 [draft]**—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Jim Fairlie

***[S6M-14345](#) Mairi Gougeon: Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]**—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Jim Fairlie

***[S6M-14343](#) Patrick Harvie: Healing Arts Week Scotland**—That the Parliament acknowledges that Healing Arts Week Scotland took place from 19 to 23 August 2024; understands that this was the first healing arts event of its kind and encompassed over 100 events in cities, towns, and rural communities across the country; further understands that it was developed in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and produced by Scottish Ballet and the Jameel Arts & Health Lab, and involved contributions from other organisations such as the International Teaching Artists Collaborative (ITAC); believes that the programme celebrated and contributed to a growing body of evidence that the arts can improve mental and physical health; notes that WHO research has shown that the use of artistic media in health care and in communities can have a variety of benefits for health outcomes, and calls on the Scottish Government and Creative Scotland to urgently address the reported widespread concerns over funding for arts and culture in Scotland, including by giving local authorities more powers to raise revenue for these purposes.

***[S6M-14342](#) Annie Wells: Welcoming the Return of the Big Feed and Melting Pot to Kelvin Way and Kelvingrove Park**—That the Parliament welcomes the return of the Glasgow Big Feed and Melting Pot to Kelvin Way and Kelvingrove Park on 28 and 29 September 2024; recognises that these events will bring a diverse range of street food, entertainment and family-friendly activities, which, it believes, will reinvigorate the city's cultural and social landscape, and

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commends the event organisers for their efforts in supporting local businesses and enhancing community spirit, which, it considers, will further contribute to Glasgow's vibrant cultural scene and attract visitors from across the region.

***[S6M-14341](#) Sharon Dowey: Congratulating South Ayrshire's Youth Councillors**—That the Parliament congratulates the 25 new members of the South Ayrshire Youth Council, following their election in June 2024; understands that over 2,500 young people across South Ayrshire voted, with 53 candidates standing, ranging in age from S1 pupils, to school leavers up to 21 years old; notes that young people who live, work or study in South Ayrshire were encouraged to get involved by running their own campaigns through posters, videos and other means; recognises that the elected young people met with South Ayrshire Council councillors and the executive leadership team to take part in a variety of activities during the event launch at Ayr's County Buildings; understands that the young people reviewed statements from earlier consultations from across South Ayrshire, working together to agree the key priorities to take forward, and suggested solutions to the issues surrounding them; congratulates all the young people from across South Ayrshire who took part in the process, and wishes the youth councillors every success for the future.

***[S6M-14340](#) Marie McNair: Gingerbread Dreams Celebrates its 20th Anniversary** —That the Parliament congratulates Duntocher-based gift shop, Gingerbread Dreams, on celebrating its 20th anniversary; understands that the family-run shop sells personalised plaques, candles and home decor and has become one of the most popular shops in Clydebank; further understands that the shop marked the occasion by hosting a tea party, which raised £915 for Macmillan Cancer Support, and wishes owner Suzie McSwiggan and her family all the best in the future as they continue to provide high-quality gifts to the people of Clydebank and beyond.

***[S6M-14339](#) Pam Gosal: Fullbacks Sports & Pizza Bar Wins Sports Bar of the Year Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Fullbacks Sports & Pizza Bar in Milngavie on winning the Sims Automatics Sports Bar of the Year Award at the 2024 Scottish Bar and Pub Awards; understands that the award was announced at the 29th annual Scottish Bar and Pub Awards ceremony, which was held on 27 August 2024 at the Doubletree Hilton in Glasgow to celebrate outstanding bars and pubs from all across Scotland; commends the hard work of the staff and management of Fullbacks Sports & Pizza Bar, which, it believes, has earned them this prize through their dedication to serving the community of Milngavie, and wishes the bar and its team continued luck and success.

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Bill Kidd*, Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Jackie Dunbar*, Jamie Greene*

***[S6M-14338](#) Douglas Lumsden: Aberdeen International Airport Celebrates its 90th Anniversary** —That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen International Airport on its 90th anniversary; notes that the airport opened in July 1934 as Dyce Aerodrome; recognises what it sees as its historical significance, including its conversion to RAF Dyce during the Second World War; understands that the airport now serves approximately 2 million passengers annually, connecting them to 30 global destinations; believes that the airport plays a vital economic role in supporting thousands of jobs within and around Aberdeen; commends what it sees as the airport's commitment to the local community, particularly its fundraising efforts, which have raised tens of thousands of pounds for local charities through events such as the successful Runway Run; appreciates the airport's contribution to regional connectivity and economic growth over the past nine decades, and wishes Aberdeen International Airport continued success and growth in the years to come.

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***[S6M-14327](#) Alexander Stewart: Asda Launches Cashpot for Schools**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Asda has launched an initiative, Cashpot for Schools, which will run until 30 November 2024 and aims to raise around £7.5 million to primary schools across Scotland, including in the Mid-Scotland and Fife region, and the rest of the UK; notes that this is being delivered in partnership with the charity, Parentkind, and that Asda customers will be able to raise money for schools in their area through using the Asda Rewards customer loyalty scheme, with 0.5% of the value of their shopping donated to their primary school of choice, which they will select using the Asda Rewards app; notes that Asda will provide each school with an initial £50 for their cashpot and that this will be topped up with an extra £1 for every customer that selects that school; believes that this initiative is a first for the retail loyalty market, allowing customers to raise funds simply by using their loyalty app; understands that Asda commissioned research, which suggested that 87% of families in the UK are asked to contribute to their primary school to support funding, with an average annual contribution of £138; notes that the research also reported that nine in 10 primary school teachers said that their schools were reliant on parents and parent teacher associations for funding; understands that Parentkind has also worked to help ensure that, when the campaign closes, the cashpots will be transferred smoothly to the schools; commends Asda and Parentkind on what it sees as this highly magnanimous project, and wishes everyone involved with it the very best of luck.

Supported by: David Torrance, Pam Gosal, Annie Wells, Bill Kidd, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Murdo Fraser*, Jackie Dunbar*, Tess White*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Fulton MacGregor*, Jamie Greene*

***[S6M-14320](#) Rachael Hamilton: Congratulating Stephen Clegg**—That the Parliament congratulates Newcastle-born Stephen Clegg for the tenacity and talent that enabled him to win a gold medal in the Paralympic games in the 100m S12 category; acknowledges what it considers to be the immense pressure and the remarkable achievement of delivering on a world stage; commends the incredible performance and dedication that gained Stephen not only a gold medal, but a new world record, and recognises the resilience required to achieve this feat and invaluable inspiration of his performance.

***[S6M-14304](#) Annie Wells: 90-year-old Glasgow Pensioner's Zipline to Help Homeless**—That the Parliament congratulates 90-year-old pensioner, Gladys Speedie, on her impending zipline on 6 September 2024 to help homeless people in Glasgow; understands that she will take on a 100-foot zipline over the Clyde to raise funds for Glasgow City Mission, a Christian charitable organisation that focuses on helping vulnerable people; acknowledges that Gladys, who turned 90 in April this year, wanted to mark the event by helping others, and understands that she hopes her zipline will raise awareness of the homeless situation in the city.

Supported by: Miles Briggs, Jeremy Balfour, Edward Mountain, Murdo Fraser, Alexander Stewart, Douglas Ross, Russell Findlay, Sandesh Gulhane, Pam Gosal, Christine Grahame, Colin Beattie, Bill Kidd, Annabelle Ewing, Pam Duncan-Glancy, Brian Whittle, Fulton MacGregor, Tim Eagle, Stuart McMillan, Craig Hoy, Jackson Carlaw, Jamie Greene, Foysol Choudhury, Tess White*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-14357](#) Pam Gosal: Welcoming the New Consul General of India in Edinburgh (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Tess White*

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[S6M-14353](#) Christine Grahame: World Duchenne Awareness Day, 7 September (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Annie Wells*, Tess White*

[S6M-14333](#) Foysol Choudhury: Celebrating the Scottish Poetry Library's 40th Anniversary (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Richard Leonard*, Tess White*, Kevin Stewart*, Sarah Boyack*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14332](#) Annie Wells: University of Glasgow's £1.1 Million Award for Pioneering Ovarian Cancer Research Project (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14331](#) George Adam: St Mirren Announces Landmark Partnership with UWS (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*

[S6M-14330](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: 30th Anniversary of The Women's Centre Glasgow (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14328](#) Jackie Dunbar: Mike Melvin Receives the First Ever Denis Law RGUplus Honorary Award (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Audrey Nicoll*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14326](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Migraine Awareness Week 2024 (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Kevin Stewart*, John Mason*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Craig Hoy*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-14325](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow Cathedral Festival 2024 (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Craig Hoy*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14324](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Urology Awareness Month (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Craig Hoy*, Fulton MacGregor*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-14323](#) Christine Grahame: Labour Reduces the Winter Fuel Payment (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-14298](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Congratulating Petal Support Limited on its National Lottery Funding (lodged on 04 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-14292](#) Ben Macpherson: Teuchters Landing Wins Best Drinks Offering at Scottish Bar and Pub Awards 2024 (lodged on 03 September 2024)

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New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annie Wells*, Tess White*

[S6M-14289](#) Rona Mackay: Billington's of Lenzie Named Scotland's Deli of the Year (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-14286](#) Foysoyl Choudhury: Recognising the Work of Health All Round (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-14284](#) Christine Grahame: Congratulating Chief Superintendent Mike Flynn on His Retirement from the Scottish SPCA (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Emma Harper*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Rona Mackay*, Jackie Dunbar*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*

[S6M-14282](#) David Torrance: Asda Launches New Funding Scheme (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-14281](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Island of Rum Named Scotland's First Dark Sky Sanctuary (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-14280](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Shetland Islands Named Cleanest Part of Scotland (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-14279](#) Marie McNair: Beloved Milngavie Vet Retires after 30 Years (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-14278](#) Willie Coffey: Sakai Karate Club Success (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-14277](#) Marie McNair: AllARMED Awarded Scottish EDGE Funding (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-14276](#) Liam Kerr: Aberdeen Teenager, Caelan McKechnie, Triumphs at Wimbledon Event for Future Stars (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Craig Hoy*, Fulton MacGregor*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14273](#) Emma Roddick: Congratulating Sandra McKinlay on her Retirement (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

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[S6M-14266](#) Kevin Stewart: Labour's North Sea Policies (lodged on 04 September 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-14264](#) Bill Kidd: UN International Day against Nuclear Tests (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-14263](#) Martin Whitfield: Freedom of East Lothian for Josh Taylor (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[S6M-14254](#) Elena Whitham: Muirkirk Gala Day Committee (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-14253](#) Elena Whitham: Girvan Christmas Street Party Secures National Lottery Funds (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-14252](#) Elena Whitham: Straiton Village Secure National Lottery Funds (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-14251](#) Colin Beattie: Headway East Lothian 20th Anniversary (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-14249](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Recognising Playlist for Life (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-14248](#) Martin Whitfield: Ross High School's 70th Anniversary (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-14245](#) Jackie Dunbar: P&J Live to Host 20th UK Stroke Forum Conference (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-14243](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Sisters Win Children's Showdance Duet at Dance World Cup (lodged on 30 August 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Tess White*

[S6M-14228](#) Beatrice Wishart: Shetland's Lead Openreach Engineer Retires After Almost 50 Years (lodged on 30 August 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

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[S6M-14221](#) Tim Eagle: Three Campbeltown Firefighters Receive Royal Recognition for 20 Years of Service (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-14197](#) Annie Wells: World Sepsis Day 2024 (lodged on 27 August 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-14196](#) Annie Wells: International Day of Sign Languages 2024 (lodged on 27 August 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-14195](#) Annie Wells: Youth Mental Health Day (lodged on 27 August 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-14194](#) Annie Wells: National Eye Health Week (lodged on 27 August 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-14193](#) Annie Wells: Alzheimer Scotland's Memory Walk Glasgow (lodged on 27 August 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-14191](#) Annie Wells: World Suicide Prevention Day 10 September 2024 (lodged on 27 August 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Gillian Mackay*

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 06 September 2024

[S6W-28513](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of public transport provision, particularly bus services, for accessing grassroots music venues, in light of reported concerns that a lack of access can negatively impact the sector and the wider small business economy.

[S6W-29614](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which non-essential advertising campaigns it plans to stop in the Highlands and Islands region.

[S6W-29615](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29121 by Gillian Martin on 2 September 2024, on what date the (a) analysis of the Flood Resilience Strategy consultation and (b) Flood Resilience Strategy will be published.

[S6W-29616](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29120 by Gillian Martin on 2 September 2024, in which years it expects the remaining £5.3 million of the capital budget to manage coastal change to be allocated.

[S6W-29617](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many projects in the Highlands and Islands will be impacted by its announced reduction of £1 million from the Nature Restoration Fund. **R**

[S6W-29618](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out to estimate how many rural jobs in the Highland and Islands will be impacted by its announced reduction of £1 million from the Nature Restoration Fund. **R**

[S6W-29619](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many projects in the Highlands and Islands will be impacted by its announced reduction of £800,000 from the Community Led Local Development collaboration fund. **R**

[S6W-29620](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how much it currently spends annually on non-essential advertising in newspapers in the Highlands and Islands region, and what the annual reduction will be following its reported announcement that it will stop non-essential advertising.

[S6W-29621](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with people living with vaccine injury, and whether it will consider meeting with representatives of such people in the coming months.

[S6W-29622](#) Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what action it plans to take over the next four years to ensure that it fulfils its duties under article 23 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in relation to disabled children under 12 years old.

[S6W-29623](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with healthcare providers regarding reducing any prolonged diagnosis times for individuals with hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (hEDS) or hypermobility spectrum disorder (HSD).

[S6W-29624](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the healthcare infrastructure for people with hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (hEDS) or hypermobility spectrum disorder (HSD).

[S6W-29625](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to create a coordinated approach for the treatment and care of people with hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (hEDS) or hypermobility spectrum disorder (HSD).

[S6W-29626](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to establish a pathway of care for individuals with hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (hEDS) or hypermobility spectrum disorder (HSD).

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[S6W-29627 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to enhance the education and training of healthcare professionals on hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (hEDS) and hypermobility spectrum disorder (HSD).

[S6W-29628 Tim Eagle](#): To ask the Scottish Government what multi-year funding it can provide to advice services on the Western Isles to ensure that islanders are able to continue to access free legal advice.

[S6W-29629 Tim Eagle](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it carried out an Island Communities Impact Assessment in advance of the reported end of grant funding agreements for advice services in the Western Isles on 31 March 2024, and, if this is not the case, for what reason.

[S6W-29631 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, regarding hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (hEDS) and hypermobility spectrum disorder (HSD), what discussions it has had with healthcare providers regarding (a) the development of and (b) equipping patients with high-quality self-management tools and resources early in their diagnostic journey, to encourage agency and independence in managing their condition.

[S6W-29632 Rhoda Grant](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on whether it will introduce its proposed Human Rights Bill in the current parliamentary session.

[S6W-29633 Karen Adam](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many of the authorities listed in the schedule of the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 had published their own BSL local plans by May 2024, in line with the requirement in section 3 of the Act.

[S6W-29634 Karen Adam](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to improve (a) access to BSL for children and young people and (b) teaching of BSL in schools, as set out in action 19 of the *British Sign Language National Plan 2023-2029*, since the publication of the plan in November 2023.

[S6W-29635 Karen Adam](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to build partnerships and effective working relationships between NHS teams and providers of BSL language and support services to children and young people, as set out in action 10 of the *British Sign Language National Plan 2023-2029*, since the publication of the plan in November 2023.

[S6W-29636 Karen Adam](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many meetings of the *British Sign Language National Plan 2023-2029* Implementation Advisory Group have taken place since the publication of the plan in November 2023.

[S6W-29637 Tim Eagle](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29198 by Gillian Martin on 5 September 2024, how many Scottish Water customers have waited longer than the longest customer reported leak duration of 100 days for a leak repair, in each year since 2021.

[S6W-29638 Tim Eagle](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29198 by Gillian Martin on 5 September 2024, how many Scottish Water customers have waited longer than the average customer leak duration of 4.2 days for a leak repair, in each year since 2021.

[S6W-29639 Nicola Sturgeon](#): To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on implementing the recommendations in the *Hearings for Children: Hearings System Working Group's Redesign Report*.

[S6W-29640 Nicola Sturgeon](#): To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many and (b) what percentage of looked after children have been separated from at least one of their birth siblings in each year since the publication of *The Promise* in 2020.

[S6W-29641 Nicola Sturgeon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether all local authorities record instances of looked after children being separated from siblings, and, if not, which local authorities do not yet do so, and by when it anticipates that all local authorities will routinely record this data.

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[S6W-29642 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that the presumption against sibling separation of looked after children will be fully operational in all local authority areas.

[S6W-29643 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government which local authorities have ended the practice of excluding looked after or care experienced children from school, and by what date it anticipates that all local authorities will have done so.

[S6W-29644 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many looked after or care experienced young people have been excluded from school in each year since the publication of *The Promise* in 2020.

[S6W-29645 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many looked after or care experienced young people have been subject to restraint in each year since the publication of *The Promise* in 2020.

[S6W-29646 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether all local authorities record instances of looked after or care experienced young people being restrained, and, if not, which local authorities do not, and by what date it anticipates that all local authorities will record this data.

[S6W-29647 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether all local authorities are now paying foster and kinship carers equally and at a level equivalent to at least the recommended standard national rate.

[S6W-29648 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many children's residential care homes there are in Scotland, and, of these, how many are owned by (a) local authorities, (b) voluntary organisations and (c) private entities.

[S6W-29649 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the average cost is of a placement in residential children's homes owned by (a) local authorities, (b) voluntary organisations and (c) private entities.

[S6W-29650 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much local authorities have spent on placements in residential children's homes owned by (a) local authorities, (b) voluntary organisations and (c) private entities in each year since the publication of *The Promise* in 2020.

[S6W-29651 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many foster agencies are operational in Scotland, and, of these, how many are owned by (a) local authorities, (b) voluntary organisations and (c) private entities.

[S6W-29652 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the ownership structure is of any private entity operating residential children's homes or foster agencies in Scotland.

[S6W-29653 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding how such a policy could apply in Scotland, what assessment it has made of the Welsh Government's legislative proposal to remove profit from the care of looked after children.

[S6W-29654 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether its policy is for local authorities not to award contracts for the delivery of children's residential care to profit-making companies, and, if so, by what date it anticipates that this policy will be implemented.

[S6W-29655 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to set aside funding, equal to that drawn down from ScotWind to help achieve budget balance, over future years for investment in projects to assist the transition to net zero.

[S6W-29656 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken in response to the Competition and Markets Authority report, *Children's social care market study*.

[S6W-29657 Bill Kidd:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the rate of interest is on student loans for students from Scotland, and how this compares with other parts of the UK.

[S6W-29658 Mark Ruskell:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how any funds for a sports facility at Park of Keir will be re-allocated, in light of the withdrawal of the project.

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[S6W-29659 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors the financial health of private providers of residential children's homes to ensure that there is early warning of potential failure, in line with the recommendation by the Competition and Markets Authority.

[S6W-29661 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential for public equity stakes in future offshore wind developments.

[S6W-29662 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it is monitoring the supply chain development statements submitted by ScotWind developers as part of their option agreement applications, and what action it will take in the event that any commitments are not delivered.

[S6W-29663 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council's collaborative framework charter and its development of a strategic investment model.

[S6W-29664 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will list the (a) nature and (b) value of each of the supply chain projects being progressed through the strategic investment model developed by the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council and its partners.

[S6W-29665 Nicola Sturgeon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any additional conditionality that could be asked of developers applying to future offshore wind leasing rounds, to ensure maximum supply chain development.

[S6W-29666 Daniel Johnson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-26079 by Richard Lochhead on 19 March 2024, when the innovation scorecard will be published, in line with the National Innovation Strategy.

[S6W-29667 Alexander Burnett:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-28979 by Fiona Hyslop on 4 September 2024, how much of the Scottish Zero Emission Bus Challenge Fund (ScotZEB 2) for the installation of wheelchair space in vehicles has been taken up by operators.

[S6W-29668 Paul O'Kane:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it is still committed to investing £10 million in Changing Places toilets by the end of the current parliamentary session, in light of the reprofiling of the commencement of the Changing Places toilet fund, as detailed in the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government to the Convener of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, published on 3 September 2024.

[S6W-29669 Paul O'Kane:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to open the £10 million Changing Places toilet fund, in light of the reprofiling of the commencement of the fund, as detailed in the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government to the Convener of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, published on 3 September 2024.

[S6W-29670 Paul O'Kane:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, prior to the announcement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, in her letter to the Convener of Finance and Public Administration Committee, that the Changing Places toilet fund would be reprofiled, what work it had undertaken to prepare for the fund to open at the start of 2025, as previously committed to by the Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport.

[S6W-29671 Foysoil Choudhury:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6F-03284 by John Swinney on 5 September 2024, how it is working to lower waiting times for urology operations classified as urgent by NHS Scotland.

[S6W-29672 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the conclusions in the Economist Impact report, *The value of action: mitigating the impact of neurological disorders in the United Kingdom*.

[S6W-29673 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that the Independent Review of Adult Disability Payment will report back to it.

[S6W-29674 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that there is early (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of multiple sclerosis (MS).

[S6W-29675](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase the availability of disease modifying therapies for the treatment of multiple sclerosis (MS).

[S6W-29676](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe alemtuzumab (Lemtrada) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29677](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe Avonex (interferon beta-1a) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29678](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe cladribine (Mavenclad) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29679](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe dimethyl fumarate (Tecfidera) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29680](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe diroximel fumarate (Vumerity) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29681](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe fingolimod (Gilenya) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29682](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe glatiramer acetate (Copaxone) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29683](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe natalizumab (Tysabri) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29684](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe ocrelizumab (Ocrevus) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29685](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe ozanimod (Zeposia) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29686](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe Plegridy (peginterferon beta 1a) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29687](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe ponesimod (Ponvory) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this

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disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29688](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe Rebif (beta interferon-1a) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29689](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe siponimod (Mayzent) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29690](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe teriflunomide (Aubagio) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving this disease modifying therapy, and what its position is on whether it should be prescribed to appropriate patients.

[S6W-29691](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards prescribe hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) to treat multiple sclerosis (MS); how many patients in each NHS board are receiving HSCT, and what its position is on whether HSCT should be available.

[S6W-29692](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-28961 by Jim Fairlie on 23 August 2024, whether it has any plans to publish an updated report on Scotland's canal network, in light of it being more than 10 years since the previous report was published.

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 6 September 2024

Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 2

Jeremy Balfour

- 1 In section 2, page 4, line 4, leave out <may> and insert <must>

Jeremy Balfour

- 2 In section 2, page 5, line 31, at end insert—

<() The Scottish Ministers must lay a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing care experience assistance regulations before the Scottish Parliament for approval within two years of the Bill for the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2024 receiving Royal Assent.>

After section 2

Jeremy Balfour

- 3 After section 2, insert—

<Carer support payment

- (1) The Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 are amended as follows.
- (2) In regulation 16(4)(b), for “8” substitute “24”.>

Jeremy Balfour

- 4 After section 2, insert—

<Carer's support payment: power to taper assistance

- (1) The 2018 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 2, in paragraph 1, after sub-paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) The regulations may provide for the amount of assistance that an individual may receive to progressively reduce where the individual's earnings exceed a level specified in the regulations.”>

Jeremy Balfour

- 5 After section 2, insert—

<Winter heating assistance

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must make regulations under section 30 of the 2018 Act to provide for winter heating assistance for individuals in receipt of—

- (a) the highest rate of Attendance Allowance,
 - (b) the highest rate of Pension Age Disability Allowance.
- (2) In this section—
- “Attendance Allowance” means an allowance under section 64 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992,
 - “Pension Age Disability Allowance” means an allowance under the Disability Assistance for Older People (Scotland) Regulations 2024.>

Jeremy Balfour

- 6 After section 2, insert—

<PART

UPRATING FOR INFLATION

Duty to uprate for inflation

- (1) The 2018 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 86A(3)(a)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (i), the word “or” is repealed,
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (ii), for “but”, substitute “or”,
 - (c) after sub-paragraph (ii), insert—
 - “(ii) section 93A, but”.
- (3) In section 86B—
 - (a) in sub-section (1)—
 - (i) the words from “prescribed” where it first occurs, to “2020” are repealed,
 - (ii) in the closing words, the word “those” is repealed,
 - (b) in sub-section (4), the words from “— “carer’s”” to “section 34” are repealed.>

Jeremy Balfour

- 7 After section 2, insert—

<PART

ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

Assistance in relation to a child

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide for assistance in relation to a child to be provided to the individual who is responsible for the child at any point in time so that the assistance follows the child when responsibility for the child changes.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) are to define what being responsible for a child means for the purpose of determining entitlement to assistance.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may make provision about continuing to give assistance for a specified period, and in specified circumstances, to an individual who is no longer responsible

for a child.

- (4) In this section, “assistance in relation to a child” means—
- (a) help towards meeting some of the costs associated with having a child in the family,
 - (b) help with costs associated with a child’s disability.>

Jeremy Balfour

8 After section 2, insert—

<PART

DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENTS

Discretionary housing payments: military compensation

- (1) The 2018 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 89, insert—

“89A Impact of military compensation

- (1) If a local authority is considering income levels as a factor in determining whether to provide financial assistance under section 88, military compensation must not be included in the calculation of income.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, “military compensation” means a payment awarded under—
 - (a) the Armed Forces and Reserved Forces (Compensation Scheme) Order 2011,
 - (b) the Naval, Military and Air Forces Etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Order 2006.”>

After section 15

Jeremy Balfour

9 After section 15, insert—

<PART

THIRD PARTY REPRESENTATIVES

Third party representatives

- (1) The 2018 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 11, insert—

“Third party representatives

11A Third party representatives

- (1) An individual may appoint a person to be a third party representative for matters relating to assistance under this Act, including, for example—
 - (a) applications for assistance,
 - (b) management of assistance,
 - (c) appeals to the First-tier Tribunal.

- (2) Where an individual appoints a third party representative under subsection (1), they must provide notice to the Scottish Ministers of the appointment, which must include—
 - (a) permission to share relevant information with the third party representative,
 - (b) contact details for the third party representative,
 - (c) which form or forms of assistance the third party representative is appointed in relation to,
 - (d) the duration of the appointment, which may be for a specified period of time or for the duration of a specified process.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision about third party representatives including—
 - (a) the form and content of a notice under subsection (2),
 - (b) information sharing.”.
- (3) In section 96(2), after “11” insert “, 11A”.>

Section 16

Jeremy Balfour

- 10 In section 16, page 26, leave out lines 25 to 34.

After section 18

Jeremy Balfour

- 11 After section 18, insert—

<Scrutiny of legislation by the Commission

- (1) The 2018 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 97, insert—

“97A Scrutiny of legislation

- (1) This section applies to—
 - (a) regulations under this Act, which are not regulations to which section 97 applies,
 - (b) Acts of the Scottish Parliament which relate to social security.
- (2) Where Scottish Ministers propose to make legislation to which this section applies, they must (before laying a draft Scottish statutory instrument before or introducing a Bill to the Scottish Parliament)—
 - (a) inform the Scottish Commission on Social Security of their proposals,
 - (b) provide the Scottish Commission on Social Security with an opportunity to provide comments on the proposals in such manner as the Commission considers appropriate.
- (3) When laying a draft Scottish statutory instrument before or introducing a Bill to the Scottish Parliament to which this section applies, the Scottish Ministers must also lay a statement confirming—

- (a) that the Scottish Commission on Social Security had been provided with the opportunity to provide comments on the draft legislation,
 - (b) whether or not the Commission had provided comments,
 - (c) what changes, if any, were made to the draft legislation in response to any comments provided by the Commission.
- (4) This section does not apply to legislation to the extent that it relates to social security for employment injury.”>

After section 21

Jeremy Balfour

- 12 After section 21, insert—

<PART

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Key performance indicators for Social Security Scotland

- (1) The 2018 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) Before section 20, insert—

“20ZA Key performance indicators

The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, specify key performance indicators for the Scottish social security system.”.

- (3) After section 20(2)(a), insert—

“(aa) performance against key performance indicators,”.
- (4) After section 20(3), insert—

“(4) For the purposes of this section, “key performance indicators” are indicators specified by Scottish Ministers by regulations under section 20ZA.”.
- (5) In section 96(2), after “13” insert “, 20ZA”.>

Jeremy Balfour

- 13 After section 21, insert—

<PART

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Key performance indicators for First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber

- (1) The 2018 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 87(1), insert—

“(1A) A report under subsection (1) must include such information on the First-tier Tribunal’s performance against key performance indicators as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.”.

(3) After section 87(3), insert—

“(4) For the purposes of this section, “key performance indicators” are indicators specified by Scottish Ministers by regulations under section 87ZA.”.

(4) After section 87, insert—

“87ZA Key performance indicators

The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, specify key performance indicators for the First-tier Tribunal in relation to the right to appeal under section 46.”.

(5) In section 96(2), after “86” insert “, 87ZA”.>

Jeremy Balfour

14 After section 21, insert—

<PART

FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL FOR SCOTLAND SOCIAL SECURITY CHAMBER

Presumption of in person hearings

(1) The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2018 are modified as follows.

(2) In rule 4 of schedule 1, after paragraph (3), insert—

“(4) The powers in this rule are subject to the restriction that a hearing must take place in person unless the appellant has indicated that they do not require it to be in person.”.>

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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.

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

Stage 2 completed, 11 June 2024

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 10 September 2024

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 21 May 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 10 September 2024

Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 5 September 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)), 10 September 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 10 September 2024

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 3 September 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 25 June 2024

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Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 10 September 2024

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

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.

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 10 September 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)), 5 September 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (50th Report, 2024)

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 19 September 2024

Stage 1 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (43rd Report, 2024)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 25 June 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 June 2024

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

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 (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 10 September 2024

Stage 1 Report – Criminal Justice Committee (7th Report, 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 (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 14 May 2024

Lead committee – Health, Social Care and Sport

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

Introduced, 20 June 2024

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

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Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (evidence (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)), 5 September 2024

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 17 September 2024

Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (5th Report, 2024)

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 19 September 2024

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

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

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Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 18 September 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 11 September with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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Great British Energy Bill LCM-S6-48

Lodged on 8 August 2024

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)

Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill LCM-S6-47

Lodged on 1 August 2024

Meeting (evidence (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)), 3 September 2024

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 15 September 2024

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[Companies Act 2006 \(Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (3 June 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 22 September 2024

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