

Wednesday 5 February 2025

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement:
Implementing the Medication Assisted
Treatment Standards

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
Addressing Child Poverty Through Education

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
16155 Mark Ruskell: Save Local Libraries

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public
Petitions Committee

9:30am Criminal Justice Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic – Questions 3 and 4

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

- 1. Richard Leonard:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-04282](#))
- 2. Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to monitor the impact of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024 on small- and medium-sized businesses in the local authority areas that apply it. ([S6O-04283](#))
- 3. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with the board of Ferguson Marine and what was discussed. ([S6O-04284](#))
- 4. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what the total monthly running cost of Ferguson Marine is. ([S6O-04285](#))
- 5. Foysoi Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working to increase investment in Scotland's artificial intelligence sector. ([S6O-04286](#))
- 6. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has carried out an assessment of the economic impact on Dumfries and Galloway and the Scottish Borders of the South Scotland Enterprise Agency, since its inception in 2019. ([S6O-04287](#))
- 7. Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding establishing a standalone postgraduate business school to help create more companies, attract talent and boost innovation. ([S6O-04288](#))
- 8. Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support and grow the night-time economy in Glasgow. ([S6O-04289](#))

Finance and Local Government

- 1. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the finance secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding infrastructure investment plans for the building of new schools, in light of the recent Audit Scotland report, which noted that further borrowing will be needed to invest in these. ([S6O-04290](#))
- 2. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what it will do to address any difficulties with recruitment and retention in local government due to the reported declining value of pay. ([S6O-04291](#))
- 3. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider reviewing the planning guidance provided to local authorities relating to issuing a call for ideas/sites when undertaking their statutory requirement to prepare a 10-year local development plan. ([S6O-04292](#))
- 4. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the finance secretary has had with NHS Fife regarding the revised infrastructure investment pipeline. ([S6O-04293](#))
- 5. Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what factors it considered when determining not to introduce any new bands or increase the rates of Scottish income tax for the remainder of this parliamentary session. ([S6O-04294](#))
- 6. Jackie Baillie:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-04295](#))

7. James Dornan: [Withdrawn] ([S6O-04296](#))

8. Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Accounts Commission report, *Local government in Scotland: Financial bulletin 2023/24*, which was published on 28 January 2025. ([S6O-04297](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Implementing the Medication Assisted Treatment Standards

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Addressing Child Poverty Through Education

[S6M-16330](#) Jenny Gilruth: Addressing Child Poverty Through Education—That the Parliament notes the critical contribution made by education in eradicating child poverty, which is a national mission and the single greatest priority for the Scottish Government; notes recent analysis by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, which highlights that Scotland will see a reduction in child poverty levels in the years ahead due to Scotland-specific policies, such as the Scottish Child Payment; further notes that the Scottish Government has committed to making further progress, and agrees that there is a collective responsibility for every local authority, and educational organisation and body in Scotland, to work together with the Scottish Government to address child poverty; commends Scotland's teachers and schools for their work to close the poverty-related attainment gap, and recognises that progress has been made, and that this programme will require more funding certainty over the longer term; welcomes the further investment in tackling child poverty through education in the draft Scottish Budget for 2025-26, including within schools through the expansion of free school meals, the uprating of the school clothing grant, continued funding for the Scottish Attainment Challenge and investment in Bright Start Breakfasts, as well as the around £1 billion investment in funded early learning and childcare and the £3.5 million investment in new skills pathways for colleges, and agrees that all MSPs across the Parliament have a responsibility to promote the interests of children and young people and to work together to share ideas and innovation to address child poverty through education.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-16330.4](#) Miles Briggs: Addressing Child Poverty Through Education—As an amendment to motion [S6M-16330](#) in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Addressing Child Poverty Through Education), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "acknowledges that more than a quarter of children in Scotland live in poverty; recognises that, while investment in tackling child poverty through education is important, it must be accompanied by a focus on improving educational standards; notes that, while the Scottish Government has spent £1 billion on early years and childcare, there remains a significant disparity in the availability of early years provision across Scotland, which risks deepening inequalities and limiting parental employment opportunities, and has long-term consequences for children's development and educational outcomes; further notes with concern that education in Scotland has gone backwards in Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) international rankings; acknowledges that the attainment gap in primary pupils' reading, writing, literacy and numeracy remains similar to pre-COVID-19-pandemic levels and has failed to close; regrets that the pledge to provide universal free school meals for primary pupils has not been fulfilled; expresses concern over the rising level of violence in schools, which negatively impacts both attainment and wellbeing; calls on the Scottish Government to provide greater support for teachers and local authorities to tackle this issue; further calls for a review of policies to improve the identification of and support for care

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S6M-16330.3 Pam Duncan-Glancy: Addressing Child Poverty Through Education—As an amendment to motion S6M-16330 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Addressing Child Poverty Through Education), leave out from ", which is" to end and insert "; commends Scotland's teachers and schools for their work; notes that the poverty-related attainment gap has not improved in P1 and is the widest it has ever been at Higher level; further notes that the Scottish Government's failure to plan for the school workforce has meant that teachers are often overworked and children are unsupported; expresses its disappointment at what it sees as the Scottish National Party's broken promise of rolling out free school meals to all P6 and P7 pupils; believes that education should set young people on the path to opportunities for their future and can help lift people out of poverty; understands that 'Scotland's colleges play a particularly important role in supporting learners from more deprived communities to access learning', as described by Audit Scotland, but that the 'financial health of the sector has deteriorated since 2021-22'; welcomes that 100,000 people in Scotland have already received a pay rise thanks to the UK Labour administration's New Deal for Working People; acknowledges recent analysis by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation on the extent of child poverty in Scotland, which observed deficiencies in the key data used to calculate poverty rates and found that 'we will need to go further to reach the 2030-31 targets', and calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Department for Work and Pensions to ensure that accurate data is available for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and other organisations to accurately assess the extent of child poverty in Scotland and the impact of policy interventions on it."

followed by Business Motions

S6M-16340 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 February 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Community Wealth Building Progress and Future Ambition

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Employer National Insurance Contributions

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 February 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Protecting the Powers of the Scottish Parliament

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Renters' Rights Bill - UK Legislation

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 20 February 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Income Tax Rate Resolution 2025-26

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Independent Review of Sentencing and Penal Policy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 February 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 February 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Green 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

Thursday 27 February 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 17 February 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

[S6M-16341](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 23 May 2025.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-16342](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-16155](#) Mark Ruskell: Save Local Libraries—That the Parliament notes what it sees as the vital role that local libraries play in their communities, acting as central hubs for borrowing, learning, community engagement and sourcing advice and support; believes that the closure of libraries leaves communities without these vital services, and that this is particularly damaging for rural areas where libraries can be heavily relied on; considers that library closures have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations, including children, older residents and people with limited access to digital resources; notes the reported concerns raised by communities around the proposed closure of libraries across Scotland, including the threatened closure of those in the Perth and Kinross Council area; understands that local authorities have a legal obligation to

provide public library services; believes that mobile libraries are often not suitable alternatives; considers that library services require adequate public funding to remain viable and have a critical role to play in achieving the Scottish Government's priorities, including eradicating child poverty; believes that a closed library is unlikely to reopen, permanently limiting opportunities for the communities they once served, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to help protect the future of Scotland's libraries.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 5th Meeting, 2025

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 item 3 in private.
2. **Inshore Fisheries Management Improvement Programme:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stuart Bell, Senior Policy Manager, Helen Downie, Senior Policy Manager, Dr Coby Needle, Chief Fisheries Advisor for Scotland, and Jim Watson, Head of Domestic Fisheries Management, Marine Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Inshore Fisheries Management Improvement Programme:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 2nd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
PE2048: Review the FAST stroke awareness campaign. The Committee will take evidence from—
Sophie Bridger, Policy and Campaigns Manager, CHSS
Michael Dickson OBE, Chief Executive, Scottish Ambulance Service
Professor Arshad Majid, University of Sheffield
John Watson, Associate Director, Scotland, Stroke Association
and then from—
Dr Ron Cook, Medical Director, NHS 24
Professor Mary Joan MacLeod, University of Aberdeen
PE1812: Protect Scotland's remaining ancient, native and semi-native woodlands and woodland floors;
PE1979: Establish an independent inquiry and an independent national whistleblowing officer to investigate concerns about the alleged mishandling of child safeguarding enquiries by public bodies;
PE2035: Recognise legal control of generalist predators as a conservation act;
PE2056: Introduce legislation allowing Scottish Ministers to intervene on the hire of public land;
PE2058: Require all dog boarding kennels to install smoke detectors, smoke alarms and sprinkler systems; and
PE2065: Improve and prioritise pedestrian safety.
;
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE2121: Run a targeted roadside litter awareness campaign; and

PE2124: Keep private and work place pensions out of divorce.

4. **Consideration of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Criminal Justice Committee 5th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland)**
Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Fiona Drouet, Founder and CEO, EmilyTest;
Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Women's Aid;
and then from—
Katie Brown, Equally Safe Policy Manager, COSLA;
Graeme Simpson, Chief Social Work Officer, Aberdeen City Council, representing Social Work Scotland;
Dr Emma Fletcher, Director of Public Health, NHS Tayside.
2. **Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland)**
Bill (in private): The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 5th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **City Region and Regional Growth Deals:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic,
Kate Bryson, Head of East & West of Scotland Growth Deals, Kimberley Daly, Head of Highlands, Islands, Edinburgh and South of Scotland Growth Deals, and Anne-Marie Martin, Deputy Director for Regional Economic Development, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take further evidence on the following instruments:
Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]
Registers of Scotland (Fees and Plain Copies) Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2025 [draft]
Moveable Transactions (Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
Moveable Transactions (Register of Assignations and Register of Statutory Pledges Rules) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Camilo Arredondo, Solicitor, Jill Clark, Team Leader, Private Law Unit, and Rob McConnell, Solicitor, Scottish Government;
David Robertson, Policy Lead, Registers of Scotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—
S6M-15910—That the Economy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2025 be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—

S6M-15911—That the Economy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Registers of Scotland (Fees and Plain Copies) Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2025 be approved.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Moveable Transactions \(Forms\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)
[Moveable Transactions \(Register of Assignations and Register of Statutory Pledges Rules\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)
6. **City Region and Regional Growth Deals (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 5th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Roz McCall will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Colleges Regionalisation Inquiry: Post-Inquiry Scrutiny** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Andy Witty, Director of Strategic Policy and Corporate Governance, Colleges Scotland;
 Joanna Campbell, Chair of the College Principals Group and Principal, Dumfries and Galloway College;
 Audrey Cumberland, Principal, Edinburgh College;
 Neil Cowie, Principal, North East Scotland College.
3. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Public Audit Committee 5th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **The 2023/24 audit of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (Holdings) Limited:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 David Dishon, Chief Financial Officer and Accountable Officer, Andrew Miller, Chairman, and John Petticrew, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Ltd;
 Gregor Irwin, Director General Economy, Colin Cook, Director of Economic Development, and Dermot Rhatigan, Deputy Director, Strategic Commercial Assets Division, Scottish Government.
3. **The 2023/24 audit of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (Holdings) Limited:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
 Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
 John Boyd, Audit Director, and Dharshi Santhakumaran, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **The 2023/24 audit of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (Holdings) Limited:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 29 January 2025

Thursday 6 February 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-15657 Elena Whitham: Report on Alcohol Use Disorder in the Justice System

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Simplifying the Post-School Education and Skills Funding Body Landscape in Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving Miscarriage Care

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Great British Energy Bill - UK Legislation

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Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm>

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

6 February 2025

5th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Review of the UK-EU trade and Cooperation Agreement: Part 2:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Paul James Cardwell, Professor of Law, the Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London;
 - Peter Brown, Director, British Council Scotland;
 - Ellie Bevan, Head of Policy, Programmes & Engagement, Taith.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at james.johnston@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

6 February 2025

5th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Pensioner Poverty:** The Committee will take evidence in a round-table discussion from—
 - Adam Stachura, Associate Director of Policy, Communications and External Affairs, Age Scotland;
 - Mark McLeod, Fuel Poverty Partnerships Manager, Home Energy Scotland, Energy Saving Trust;
 - Richard Gass, Welfare Rights & Money Advice Manager, Glasgow City Council;
 - Debbie Horne, Scotland Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Independent Age;
 - Heidi Karjalainen, Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies;
 - Claire Cairns, Director, The Coalition of Carers in Scotland.
3. **Pensioner Poverty:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Diane Barr on 85220 or at diane.barr@parliament.scot

SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

6 February 2025

3rd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **SPCB supported bodies landscape review:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Rosemary Agnew, Ombudsman, Scottish Public Services Ombudsman.
2. **SPCB supported bodies landscape review:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, David Millett on 85244 or at David.Millett@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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- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

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

Motions for Debate

***[S6M-16353](#) Jenni Minto: Improving Miscarriage Care**—That the Parliament recognises the devastating impact that miscarriage and stillbirth can have on women and their families, and extends its condolences to all those who have been affected; acknowledges the importance of good stillbirth care and that improvements continue to be made by NHS boards and through the stillbirth national bereavement care pathway; notes that, although miscarriage care in Scotland is generally considered to be of high quality, there is still more to do to standardise and end the variation in the care and support delivered across Scotland; welcomes efforts from NHS boards to further improve miscarriage care following recommendations in *The Lancet* series, *Miscarriage Matters*, and Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and NICE guidelines around the use of progesterone; thanks hardworking NHS staff and all those who have contributed to the progress to date for their care and professionalism when caring for women experiencing miscarriage; welcomes the publication of the *Delivery Framework for Miscarriage Care in Scotland* and the *Progesterone Pathway* as key steps in implementing a graded model of care that will ensure that women receive tailored support from their first miscarriage; supports the provision of dedicated facilities for women experiencing unexpected pregnancy complications, miscarriage or still birth, and believes that it is vital that everyone in society, including employers, works together to break the stigma surrounding miscarriage and stillbirth to ensure that women and their families can access the information, care and support that is right for them.

Supported by: Maree Todd*, Neil Gray*

***[S6M-16346](#) Alasdair Allan: Great British Energy Bill - UK Legislation**—That the Parliament agrees that all relevant provisions of the Great British Energy Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 25 July 2024 and subsequently amended, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Supported by: Gillian Martin*

[S6M-16330](#) Jenny Gilruth: Addressing Child Poverty Through Education—That the Parliament notes the critical contribution made by education in eradicating child poverty, which is a national mission and the single greatest priority for the Scottish Government; notes recent analysis

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that the 'financial health of the sector has deteriorated since 2021-22'; welcomes that 100,000 people in Scotland have already received a pay rise thanks to the UK Labour administration's New Deal for Working People; acknowledges recent analysis by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation on the extent of child poverty in Scotland, which observed deficiencies in the key data used to calculate poverty rates and found that 'we will need to go further to reach the 2030-31 targets', and calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Department for Work and Pensions to ensure that accurate data is available for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and other organisations to accurately assess the extent of child poverty in Scotland and the impact of policy interventions on it."

Supported by: Martin Whitfield*

***[S6M-16330.2](#) Willie Rennie: Addressing Child Poverty Through Education**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16330 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Addressing Child Poverty Through Education), leave out "and recognises that progress has been made" and insert "but accepts that despite the hard work of education staff little progress has been made to close the gap and it will not be closed by the deadline of 2026".

***[S6M-16330.1](#) Ross Greer: Addressing Child Poverty Through Education**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16330 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Addressing Child Poverty Through Education), insert at end "; welcomes the recently published guidance on school uniforms, including key recommendations to limit costs, and calls for this guidance to be put on a statutory footing as soon as possible."

Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

***[S6M-16302](#) Paul O'Kane: Young Carers Action Day 2025**—That the Parliament acknowledges that 12 March 2025 marks Young Carers Action Day; welcomes the annual campaign initiative, led by Carers Trust, which is encouraging as many organisations, communities and individuals as possible to take part in the day by taking action, and supporting and raising awareness of young carers; recognises the 2025 theme, Give Us a Break, which will focus on ensuring that young carers are able to access timely and restful breaks to avoid burnout from their caring role, and the need for education professionals and employers to give them a break in life by supporting them in school and at work, and creating better life opportunities; commends what it sees as the immense contribution that young carers make to society, including in the West Scotland region, by caring for their family or friends who are ill, frail, disabled or have mental health or addiction problems; believes that caring for someone should not be a barrier to having an equal opportunity in learning, earning or being able to participate and get on in life; recognises that young carers' responsibilities at home can mean that they often feel overwhelmed at having to juggle their caring responsibilities with their school work and social life; notes Carers Trust's research, which found that 52% of young carers surveyed said that they always or usually feel stressed because of being a young carer or young adult carer; acknowledges what it considers is the importance of events such as the Scottish Young Carers Festival, which provide an opportunity for young carers to have a break from their caring role, meet other young carers and have fun; understands that young carers want lasting meaningful change to take place to ensure that young carers now, and in the future, remain at the forefront of policy development and have access to the support and breaks that they are entitled to and deserve; recognises what it sees as the importance of rest and respite for young carers in Scotland; notes the view that all young carers deserve a break, and wishes all involved in this year's #YoungCarersActionDay the very best of luck in their endeavours.

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***[S6M-16291](#) Carol Mochan: Holistic Approach to Alcohol-related Brain Damage**—That the Parliament notes what it sees as the concerning and under-recognised issue of alcohol-related brain damage (ARBD) in the South Scotland region and across the country; believes that there are significant permanent physical, psychological and social consequences of the condition, including decreased cognitive functioning, mental health problems and harm to quality of life; notes the view that there is a need to adopt a more holistic multidisciplinary approach, integrating healthcare, social services, public health and addiction teams for people with alcohol dependence; further notes the belief in working collaboratively to prioritise the recognition, prevention and treatment of ARBD, ensuring healthcare professionals are adequately trained to identify and manage the condition, with adequate resources provided to ensure early diagnosis and treatment, and recognises the calls for public health campaigns to raise awareness and remove stigma.

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***[S6M-16290](#) Clare Adamson: MacDiarmid's Brownsbank Cottage, a Scottish Cultural Treasure**—That the Parliament commends the work of MacDiarmid's Brownsbank; notes that it is a charitable organisation, which was founded in 2015 to preserve and promote the legacy of Brownsbank Cottage in the Peebleshire Hills near Biggar, South Lanarkshire; understands that Brownsbank Cottage is an A-listed building, most notably remembered as the former home of the renowned poet, Christopher Murray Grieve, who was better known by his pen-name, Hugh MacDiarmid; further understands that the charity works to restore and upgrade the cottage, to conserve its contents, to promote the works of Hugh MacDiarmid nationally and internationally, to re-establish the Brownsbank Writing Fellowship for writers in residence to work from the cottage and to generate educational and community creative involvement, as well as promote literary tourism; recognises that Hugh MacDiarmid stood as a significant Scottish poet, journalist, essayist and political figure, and believes that he is widely regarded as one of the most influential Scottish writers of the 20th century, making a profound and lasting impact on Scottish culture and politics; acknowledges that MacDiarmid's Brownsbank has, to date, been supported by the Clyde Wind Farm Community and Development Fund, Architectural Heritage Fund, SSE Renewables Community Investment Programme, the William Grant Foundation and generous donations from the public, but that further support is urgently required; notes that distinguished past occupants of Brownsbank include the award-winning author and publisher, Matthew Fitt, and James Robertson, the inaugural Scottish Parliament Writer in Residence and author of the Booker Prize-nominated, *The Testament of Gideon Mack*; believes that Brownsbank Cottage has made an indelible imprint on Scottish cultural heritage and that its preservation, with immediate works required, is a cultural priority; commends the board of trustees and volunteers of MacDiarmid's Brownsbank on what it sees as their tireless efforts to protect and promote this historical Scottish landmark; notes the view that the protection and development of Scotland's literacy heritage is vital to the nation's cultural health, identity and confidence, and further notes the calls for the Scottish and UK governments to assist with the restoration of Brownsbank Cottage, to preserve this historic and national treasure.

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-16342](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-16341](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—**That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 23 May 2025.

***[S6M-16340](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 February 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Community Wealth Building Progress and Future Ambition

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Employer National Insurance Contributions

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 February 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Protecting the Powers of the Scottish Parliament

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Renters' Rights Bill - UK Legislation

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 20 February 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Income Tax Rate Resolution 2025-26

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Independent Review of Sentencing and Penal Policy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 February 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 February 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Green 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

Thursday 27 February 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

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5.00 pm Decision Time

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 17 February 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

***[S6M-16327](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow to Host the Michelin Guide Ceremony for Great Britain and Ireland 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates the City of Glasgow on hosting the first ever *Michelin Guide* Great Britain and Ireland awards ceremony to take place in Scotland; understands that the restaurant selection will be unveiled on 10 February 2025 at Glasgow’s Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum; believes that the prestigious event will not only showcase Glasgow, and Scotland, to the culinary world, as an outstanding location for produce, but will also enhance Scotland's ambition to be a globally renowned food tourism destination; acknowledges that the event will not only see the announcement of the renowned Michelin Stars, but also of the Green Stars, which recognise pioneers in the field of sustainable gastronomy; understands that a range of special awards, celebrating exceptional industry professionals, will also be presented on the night, and believes that hosting an event of this scale will only raise the profile of Glasgow’s incredible food and drink scene.

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***[S6M-16326](#) Martin Whitfield: Children’s Mental Health Week 2025**—That the Parliament recognises that 3 to 9 February 2025 marks Children’s Mental Health Week and welcomes this year's theme, Know Yourself, Grow Yourself, which encourages children and young people to develop self-awareness, build resilience, and understand their emotions in order to support their mental wellbeing; believes that fostering emotional literacy from an early age is crucial in enabling children to express themselves in a healthy and constructive manner; acknowledges what it sees as the vital role that schools, parents, carers, and youth workers play in creating supportive environments where young people feel safe to talk about their mental health; commends the work of organisations such as Place2Be and others in promoting awareness and providing essential mental health support to children, young people, families, and educators across Scotland, and notes the particular challenges that it believes are facing young people, including the impact of poverty, social isolation, exam pressures, and access to mental health services.

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***[S6M-16325](#) Ruth Maguire: Tesco Irvine's Toy Appeal**—That the Parliament commends the generosity of Irvine shoppers who contributed to the Tesco Christmas toy donation campaign, which it believes resulted in 125,000 toys being gifted to children in need across the UK, including 250 brand-new toys donated to Women’s Aid in Irvine; recognises the kindness and community spirit demonstrated by local people in ensuring that children from vulnerable families received a gift on Christmas Day; acknowledges the efforts of Tesco Irvine Riverway Extra and its staff in organising the collection, and welcomes Tesco’s additional £25,000 donation to the Salvation Army to further support families in need during the festive season.

***[S6M-16324](#) Ruth Maguire: High Praise for Blacklands Primary School**—That the Parliament congratulates Blacklands Primary School and Early Years Class in North Ayrshire on receiving a highly positive inspection report from Education Scotland; welcomes the recognition of the

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school's nurturing environment, where children are reportedly happy, confident, and proud members of their community; acknowledges the reported strong leadership of the headteacher and the commitment of staff in fostering a culture of teamwork, continuous improvement, and support for children's emotional and social wellbeing; commends the early years class for delivering what it believes to be high-quality learning experiences that enable children to make progress in their education; recognises the hard work of all of the staff involved, who it understands work tirelessly to provide a nurturing environment for learners to flourish, and wishes the pupils, staff, and wider school community continued success in their efforts to provide the best possible learning environment for all children.

***[S6M-16323](#) Stephanie Callaghan: North Lanarkshire Breastfeeding Rates Reach 50.7% for the First Time**—That the Parliament warmly welcomes the news that, according to NHS Lanarkshire, the significant milestone has been achieved in North Lanarkshire, where 50.7% of babies born were breastfed; understands that this marks the first time that the area has surpassed the 50% benchmark, reflecting a growing awareness among new parents of the benefits of breastfeeding; notes that this achievement follows the reported similarly encouraging progress in South Lanarkshire, where 57.8% of babies were breastfed this year, and believes that, together, these statistics represent a positive cultural shift in infant feeding practices across the NHS Lanarkshire area; considers that breastfeeding provides babies with the best possible start in life by delivering essential nutrition, strengthening their immune systems, and reducing the risk of infections, allergies, and chronic conditions later in life, while also fostering a unique bond between mother and baby, promoting emotional wellbeing; attributes this progress to what it believes to be the unwavering dedication of those involved in NHS Lanarkshire maternity services, including those leading outreach programmes, enhancing support for new mothers, and collaborating with local organisations to create breastfeeding-friendly environments; commends NHS Lanarkshire maternity services, in partnership with both North and South Lanarkshire health and social care partnerships, for recently being awarded the prestigious UNICEF Achieving Sustainability Gold Baby Friendly Accreditation, which recognises excellence in supporting breastfeeding and nurturing mother-baby relationships, and wishes NHS Lanarkshire, Lanarkshire families, and the wider healthcare community every success as they continue to build on what it sees as this far-reaching positive impact and commitment to ensuring that every family has access to the invaluable guidance and support required to make informed decisions about infant feeding.

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***[S6M-16322](#) Ruth Maguire: Irvine Mascots for Scotland's Six Nations Match**—That the Parliament congratulates the five young players from Irvine Rugby Club for being selected as mascots for Scotland's Six Nations match against Ireland at Murrayfield on 9 February 2025; acknowledges that four mascot places were awarded by Scottish Rugby in recognition of the club's exceptional growth in youth participation, with a fifth place earned through a regional Christmas card competition; commends Robert McIlvenna and the club's volunteers for their efforts in expanding youth participation from around 20 to nearly 100 players across various age groups; recognises the dedication of the club's fully qualified and PVG-checked coaches in providing opportunities for young people to engage in rugby, and encourages more youngsters to get involved in the sport at Irvine Rugby Club.

***[S6M-16320](#) Colin Beattie: Dalkeith and District Citizens Advice Bureau**—That the Parliament congratulates Dalkeith CAB on what it sees as its innovative system, VERA (Virtual Expert

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Remote Advice); understands that VERA allows people to access a range of supportive information via a touchscreen station, sited in community hubs and pantries; believes that this allows the service to reach a wide range of people, in a safe environment, and provides assistance before any further escalation; further believes that there are currently three VERA units, with plans to expand this number as funding allows; thanks the hard work of Dalkeith CAB for developing the ideas to make them a reality, and looks forward to seeing further roll-out of VERA units across the Midlothian area to that ensure more people have access to CAB and other support services when they need it most.

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***S6M-16319 Liz Smith: Kevin Howett Mountain Award**—That the Parliament sends its congratulations to Kevin Howett on achieving the Scottish Award for Excellence in Mountain Culture; understands that the prestigious award recognises an elite list of individuals, who have gone beyond personal achievement and further enhanced the outdoor community as a whole; further understands that Kevin Howett's extensive contributions include shaping the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, forming the Scottish Climbing Advisory Group and the Mountain Safety Group, organising Scotland's first youth climbing competitions and helping to establish the UK's climbing coaching system, creating nesting bird guidance for climbers, advocating for investment in footpath repairs and defending Scotland's wildlife and landscapes from power line, hydro and wind farm applications; notes that he is also the longest-serving editor of *Scottish Mountaineer*, and author of various mountaineering and climbing guidebooks, given his experience as one of Scotland's most prominent climbers; commends Kevin Howett's dedication and what it sees as his defence of Scotland's wild places, and wishes him the best on his well-earned retirement.

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***S6M-16318 Foyso Choudhury: Volunteering Organisations to Retain PVG Waiver**—That the Parliament welcomes, with relief, that the Scottish Government has abandoned proposals to remove the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme waiver for voluntary organisations, following a public consultation; understands that the PVG waiver allows qualifying voluntary groups to provide free Disclosure Scotland PVG scheme membership to volunteers; believes that the proposed changes would have had a substantial negative financial impact on voluntary organisations, particularly those working in the health and social care sector; further believes that volunteers and volunteer organisations play a vital role in Scotland, in the care, health, sports, community and children's recreational activities sectors; acknowledges what it sees as the challenges faced by the volunteer sector in the recruitment and retention of volunteers, and wishes the best to all organisations that will benefit from the retention of the waiver for PVG charges.

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***S6M-16317 Douglas Ross: The Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation Allocates over £2 Million to Good Causes**—That the Parliament congratulates The Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation, which has reached the major milestone of contributing more than £2 million to good causes across Moray, the Highlands and Islands and the north east since it was established; recognises that the Foundation was created using the couple's personal legacies with

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the intention to give back to the communities that supported them and helped Baxters of Fochabers grow into an international company; acknowledges that it is run and managed by a board of trustees who have supported local groups, organisations and good causes around the area, from health and wellbeing projects, to the arts and heritage, education and sport, conservation and the environment; notes that, to date, 535 awards have been made, totalling £2.17 million, and understands that these grants have delivered substantial benefits to the individuals, organisations, groups and communities involved, and wishes The Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation every success as the funding application round for 2025 gets underway.

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***S6M-16316 Jackie Dunbar: Asda's Winter Warmer Initiative in Aberdeen Donside—**That Parliament welcomes Asda's Winter Warmer café scheme, including Kids Eat for £1 café meals and over 60s eat for £1; further welcomes its Chatty Cafés initiative, which aims to address loneliness and isolation amongst older people, and which it understands has operated across Asda's 207 in-store cafes, and believes that the initiative has served millions of customers, including 31,034 meals served at Asda's Dyce store within the Aberdeen Donside constituency, helping to improve access to healthy and affordable food options and ensuring that the local café is an accessible and popular community asset.

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***S6M-16315 Annie Wells: Battlefield's Window Wanderland Returns —**That the Parliament congratulates all those participating in the Battlefields Window Wanderland, which sees local houses and tenements lit up in a spectacular style; notes that the Battlefields Community Project event will run from 15 to 18 February 2025, from 6.00 pm until 9.00 pm; understands that this will be Battlefields' sixth event, with the first having taken place in October 2020 during the COVID-19 lockdown; acknowledges that the theme suggested for 2025 is "Stage & Screen", but that organisers are keen to point out that anything goes, as long as it is family friendly; recognises that, in previous years, the free walking trail has seen incredible performances in front rooms, amazing projections onto buildings, dance parties, giant human jukeboxes, intricate installations, pop-up bingo halls and music filling the streets; understands that it has been described as a "magical outdoor gallery" and that previous entries, such as the "cat house", where an entire tenement worked together to create a feline-themed display, have seen the event go viral online, and notes that organisers are still accepting windows, with locals being asked to register online through the Window Wanderland website to help turn Battlefield into a magical outdoor gallery once again.

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***S6M-16314 Annie Wells: Glasgow Community Bands Together for Park Transformation —**That the Parliament congratulates volunteer members of the Friends of Elder Park, who have worked tirelessly to restore the Rose Garden in Elder Park, Govan; understands that the area had been described as an absolute mess, due to fly-tipping, shopping trolleys in the pond, overgrown

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weeds, shrubs, grass and rubbish littering the park; further understands that, after initiatives to restore the ornate Victorian entrance gate on Govan Road, and create a wildflower meadow, the group turned to the Rose Garden, close to the Langlands Road entrance, in June 2024, with the aim of having the area blooming once again for spring 2025; understands that the volunteers wanted the Rose Garden restored to its former glory, and began by clearing the beds ready for planting, ahead of the spring; acknowledges that the work to restore the Rose Garden included tidying up the statue of Govan philanthropist, Isabella Elder, at the garden's heart, which was surrounded by tall, overgrown grasses; understands that new beds have been dug out around the statue, with plans to surround the statue with gravel, thanks to a £500 donation from Govan Weavers' Society; further understands that the park is described as "Govan's back garden", and notes that the groups has several projects ongoing to revitalise the green space, which are led by a group of around 10 Elder Park volunteers, who meet every Sunday for three hours to work on improving the park.

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***S6M-16313 Annie Wells: Springburn Academy Pupil Heads to International Wrestling Championships**—That the Parliament congratulates Springburn Academy pupil, Nathan Gardiner, from Possilpark, who is heading to his second international championships for backhold wrestling, which will take place in France on 15 February 2025; notes that the Bretton International Wrestling Championship is held in Pontivy, in Brittany; acknowledges that Nathan first picked up the sport in September 2022, after the Red Road Wrestling Club, which trains at Maryhill Community Centre, paid a visit to the Young People's Futures youth club, calling on people to join; understands that backhold wrestling is a traditional form of wrestling, which originated in Scotland, and has been practised since the eighth century, and further understands that Nathan finished third in 2024, and that the Red Road Wrestling Club has high hopes of him finishing in the top three against some of Europe's top wrestlers.

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***S6M-16312 Liam McArthur: Appeal for Orkney Football Kits to Aid Community Health Campaign in Malawi**—That the Parliament welcomes news that Rendall FC player, Callum Murdoch, is leading a community appeal in Orkney, which is asking islanders to donate their old football kits to be sent to Malawi; understands that the project has been undertaken in partnership with University of Glasgow scientist, Walt Adamson, who has done extensive work in Malawi and is aiming to increase testing drives for sleeping sickness, an illness which is treatable but can be fatal if it goes undiagnosed; notes that diagnosis of the illness is often hampered by logistics, misinformation and mistrust of scientific and healthcare workers and understands that the aim is to improve this relationship through innovative community-based methods; understands that Malawian colleagues have identified football, which is the most popular sport in the country, as the most effective way to encourage community participation; considers, therefore, that the donation of Orkney team kits to village teams in Malawi will, in turn, help forge relationships between communities and provide opportunities to increase the level of disease testing; celebrates the news that events of this kind have already drawn crowds of over 1,000, and congratulates all involved for their efforts to improve the accessibility of vital, lifesaving healthcare services in Malawi, as well as to create meaningful connections through community sporting events.

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***[S6M-16311](#) Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen - Britain in Bloom Finalist**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Aberdeen has been named as a finalist in the 2025 Britain in Bloom competition; notes that Aberdeen has a long history of success in both the Britain in Bloom and Beautiful Scotland competitions, stretching back as far as 1964, and winning a medal in either competition every year since 2008; understands that Britain in Bloom is organised by the Royal Horticultural Society and is the top gardening competition for councils and other community organisations across the UK, and that category winners will be announced at an awards event in the autumn; believes that this shortlisting is a testament to the continued hard work of the many council workers and community volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to attending to Aberdeen's green spaces, ensuring residents of the Granite City can enjoy the various parks and green spaces it has to offer, and hopes that judges are impressed when they visit this summer.

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***[S6M-16310](#) Maurice Golden: Calling for Urgent Action to Ban the Use of Electronic Shock Collars on Dogs**—That the Parliament believes that urgent action is needed to ban the use of electronic shock collars for dogs in Scotland; further believes that appropriate stakeholders should be consulted to ensure a ban that is enforceable, that prioritises the welfare of animals and promotes more humane and effective training methods, and understands that this is supported by the Kennel Club, Dogs Trust, Scottish SPCA, the British Veterinary Association, Bluecross, Battersea, the UK Dog Behaviour and Training Charter and the Animal Behaviour and Training Council.

***[S6M-16309](#) Michelle Thomson: Hippodrome Silent Film Festival Secures Significant Creative Scotland Funds**—That the Parliament congratulates the Hippodrome Cinema in Bo'ness on securing £313,986 in Creative Scotland multi-year funding for its Silent Film Festival; understands that HippFest is Scotland's first and only silent film festival with live music, attracting a diverse range of cinema-goers across the period of the festival to enjoy commissions, workshops and exceptional screenings; notes that HippFest has gone from strength to strength, celebrating its most successful year ever in 2024, with almost 3,000 ticket sales across four days; recognises what it sees as the security and assurance provided by Creative Scotland's multi-year funding programme, which allows events like HippFest to continue; notes that HippFest 2025 will take place from 19 to 23 March 2025, and wishes everyone involved all the best for this year and those beyond.

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***[S6M-16308](#) Kevin Stewart: Creative Scotland Funding for Aberdeen**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement of multi-year funding for the next three years for a number of arts organisations based in the city of Aberdeen; notes that Peacock and the Worm will receive £1,001,001, Grampian Hospitals Art Trust will receive £392,246, Citymoves Dance Agency will receive £470,000 and Scottish Culture and Traditions Association Youth will receive £320,897; further notes that the Belmont Cinema will receive £507,000 towards its continued refurbishment,

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and Aberdeen Performing Arts, which runs His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen Music Hall and the Lemon Tree, will receive £1,691,373; believes that the organisations receiving this funding are all worthy recipients and play a huge part in enriching the lives of people in Aberdeen and expanding the north east's creative sector; thanks Creative Scotland for what it sees as this vote of confidence in what Aberdeen has to offer, and hopes that the funding enables these organisations to do great things in the years to come.

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***S6M-16307 Kevin Stewart: Norwegian Sovereign Wealth Fund Records Highest Ever Profits**—That the Parliament notes reports that Norway's sovereign wealth fund returned the highest profit in its history last year; understands that the fund, which is overseen by the Norwegian central bank and stands at \$1.8 trillion, is the largest government fund in the world, returned 2.51 trillion Norwegian Krone (NOK), the equivalent of \$222 billion, surpassing the record of 2.2 trillion NOK the previous year; acknowledges that the fund, which was created in 1996, was set up to manage revenue from Norway's oil and gas production; recognises that Norway is an independent country of around 5.5 million people, located in the north west of Europe, with a significant oil and gas industry in the North Sea and that it is currently ranked fifth in the world by the International Monetary Fund in terms of GDP per capita, which is 17 places ahead of the UK; believes that Norway is an example of what Scotland could have been if it had the full powers of independence; condemns the UK Government for what it sees as an immoral waste of Scotland's wealth from oil and gas revenues in recent decades, and looks forward to the day when Scotland is an independent country, with full control over its own resources and wealth.

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***S6M-16306 Ivan McKee: Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]**—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Shona Robison

***S6M-16301 Claire Baker: Stirling Bike Charity Recyke-a-bike Celebrates 20 Years**—That the Parliament recognises the 20 years of service provided by Stirling bike charity, Recyke-a-bike, offering people living in the local area the opportunity to purchase recycled and re-purposed bikes at lower prices; understands that Recyke-a-bike, formerly known as Fallin Community Enterprises, was first set up in 2005 and has now grown to provide several key projects, including visiting schools across Stirling and Clackmannanshire to deliver "bikeability" sessions and also offering key bike mechanic and retail training, and volunteering opportunities; notes that the charity's recycling ethos includes offering e-bikes for hire and for free for up to 25 days to improve active travel and cut down on people buying bikes and throwing them away; acknowledges that the charity was set up in the mining town of Fallin to help to address unemployment and social deprivation issues, with a focus on accessibility and inclusivity, and is delivering training through the "inspire-a-ride" skills programme; is very grateful that Recyke-a-bike provided local people with 250 bikes in 2024, with 27 staff members working hard to deliver the charity's various initiatives, including through the challenging period of the COVID-19 pandemic, and extends its very best wishes to the staff and the volunteers of Recyke-a-bike for the future.

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***[S6M-16300](#) Emma Roddick: Biennial Findhorn Bay Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates Findhorn Bay Arts, which runs the biennial Findhorn Bay Festival, on holding a successful festival in 2024; recognises that the festival was able to bring in nearly 9,000 visitors from around the world and bring together people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy what Moray and the wider Scottish arts scene has to offer; believes that the Findhorn Bay Festival is a vital part of the local arts scene in Moray, and that it provides a space for all people to express themselves artistically through drama, music or art; understands that the festival is not just an economic boost for the artists in Scotland, but also for the local economy of Moray, for which nearly £700,000 was raised, benefitting local businesses and the wider community; commends the organisers and volunteers for a great festival, and wishes them well for the future.

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***[S6M-16298](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Congratulating Kelvinside Academy Pupil on Being Awarded MacRobert Commendation Medal** —That the Parliament congratulates Rebecca Young, an S2 pupil at Kelvinside Academy, on winning a highly-coveted national competition, beating 70,000 other entrants with her innovative design for a solar-powered blanket to help the homeless; notes that Rebecca created her design as part of the UK Primary Engineer competition, where she was awarded the prestigious MacRobert Commendation Medal, decided by public vote, and understands that the 12-year-old's creation, a heated blanket integrated into a backpack and power by solar panels, was inspired by seeing people sleeping rough on the streets of Glasgow.

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***[S6M-16297](#) Jenny Gilruth: Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Qualifications Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2025 [draft]**—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Qualifications Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Natalie Don-Innes, Graeme Dey

***[S6M-16296](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Welcoming Glasgow Universities' Status as Amongst the Best in the UK**—That the Parliament welcomes the recognition of Glasgow's universities as amongst the best in the UK; notes that the University of Glasgow was ranked as the third best performing university in Scotland and the 16th in the UK; further notes that the University of Strathclyde was ranked as the fifth best university in Scotland and 20th best in the UK and that Glasgow Caledonian University was ranked as the seventh best university in Scotland and 44th best in the UK, and congratulates the city's universities and their staff for all their hard work to ensure teaching quality, positive student experiences and research quality, some of the significant factors that have led to this important recognition.

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***[S6M-16295](#) Foyso Choudhury: North Edinburgh Arts Receives £1.7 Million from Community Ownership Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates North Edinburgh Arts on receiving £1.7 million from the Community Ownership Fund towards the completion of its community hub; understands that North Edinburgh Arts, based in Muirhouse, North Edinburgh, is

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a purpose built space for North Edinburgh Residents to relax, learn and take part in creative pursuits; further understands that the funding will go towards the construction and fitting out of the refurbished and expanded Macmillan Hub, which will house a 96 seat theatre, café, music room, studios, workshops, offices, and a half acre community garden; hopes that more projects like Macmillan Hub and North Edinburgh Arts can be supported to ensure communities across Scotland have local access to arts, creativity, and culture; looks forward to the opening of Macmillan Hub, and wishes all those at North Edinburgh Arts well.

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***S6M-16289 Bill Kidd: The Doomsday Clock Reaches 89 Seconds to Midnight**—That the Parliament acknowledges that the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* has set its Doomsday Clock to 89 seconds to midnight, the closest it has ever been; notes that this has moved from three minutes to midnight in 2015 to 89 seconds now due to what the scientists see as the increasing risks posed by nuclear weapons, climate change and artificial intelligence; considers that, as the 80th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki approaches, the threat of nuclear weapon use is at an unprecedented level, exacerbated by a 34% increase in nuclear arsenal spending over the past five years; emphasises what it sees as the importance of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) as a critical diplomatic tool to address this threat; notes that the next meeting of states' parties to the TPNW will be held in New York from 3 to 7 March 2025, and calls on the UK Government to actively engage with the TPNW.

***S6M-16257 Kenneth Gibson: The Presidential Election in Belarus**—That the Parliament condemns the recent Belarussian presidential election, which took place on 26 January 2025, and which it believes to be a sham; notes reports that no independent observers monitored the vote in Belarus, which, it understands, has also shut down all of its independent media; highlights that the Central Election Commission declared incumbent President Lukashenko the winner with nearly 87% of the vote, in an election where, it believes, all credible opposition figures were either jailed or exiled; expresses concern at reports that the pro-Russian Belarussian regime under President Lukashenko routinely persecutes people who stand up for democracy, the rule of law and human rights, as well as marginalised groups; notes that Alexander Lukashenko has been in power since 1994 and is often referred to as "Europe's Last Dictator"; believes that Lukashenko made his country a launchpad for Russian President Vladimir Putin's full-scale illegal invasion of Ukraine; recognises the work of the Liberco Partnership for Human Rights in raising awareness of the Belarussian political prisoners that it considers are languishing in Lukashenko's jails; acknowledges that the exiled opposition leader, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, who claimed victory in the 2020 election in which she stood in place of her jailed husband, reportedly dismissed the recent election as fraudulent; believes that this ongoing situation is an affront to democracy, and urges the international community to support the people of Belarus in their fight for democracy and human rights

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***S6M-16248 Humza Yousaf: Aleksandr Lukashenko Europe's Last Dictator**—That the Parliament does not consider the 26 January 2025 elections for the Presidency of Belarus as legitimate, nor does it consider the vote legitimate or democratic; believes that the four non-incumbent candidates were merely "paper candidates" sanctioned by the Lukashenko regime, and understands that, for the first time, there were no candidates from the democratic opposition on the ballot; echoes the concerns of the Viasna Human Rights Centre and Belarussian Helsinki

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Committee regarding the "repressive climate of threat, fear-mongering, pressure and persecution" in the country; supports the sanctions in place against the Lukashenko regime; applauds what it sees as the refusal of the Belarusian people to be silenced and their continued calls for democratic elections, respect for human rights, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms; stands in solidarity with them; supports the Belarusian democratic forces, and calls for real, free and fair elections, the release of all political prisoners and the end of repression in Belarus, with the perpetrators, including what it sees as Europe's last dictator, Aleksandr Lukashenko, to be held to account.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-16304 Rachael Hamilton: Tackling the Rise in Rural Crime and Equipment Theft in Scotland (lodged on 03 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Craig Hoy*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Brian Whittle*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jamie Greene*, Pam Gosal*, Murdo Fraser*, Tim Eagle* R, Russell Findlay*, Sue Webber*, Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*, Ben Macpherson*

S6M-16294 Willie Rennie: Future Workforce and Educational Pathways Report by the Royal Society of Chemistry (lodged on 03 February 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*

S6M-16293 Jackie Dunbar: #LoveScotlandsColleges 2025 (lodged on 31 January 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Sue Webber*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

S6M-16292 Meghan Gallacher: Girls into Construction (lodged on 31 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Stephen Kerr*

S6M-16288 Rhoda Grant: Coastal Testimonies (lodged on 31 January 2025)

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

S6M-16287 Kenneth Gibson: The Ongoing Impact of PFI/PPP on Scotland's Public Finances (lodged on 29 January 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

S6M-16281 Clare Adamson: Ashley McCaig's Annual Fundraiser for St Andrew's Hospice (lodged on 31 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

S6M-16280 Clare Adamson: Recognising the Generosity of Tesco Wishaw Customers (lodged on 31 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

S6M-16279 Jeremy Balfour: Congratulating Chloe McMillan Beecher (lodged on 31 January 2025)

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New Support: Sue Webber*, Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16278](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow-based Charity Raises £96,000 at Burns Supper (lodged on 31 January 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*, Tess White*, Alexander Stewart*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jamie Greene*, Edward Mountain*, Pam Gosal*, Tim Eagle*, Elena Whitham*, Colin Beattie*, Russell Findlay*, Douglas Ross*, Sue Webber*, Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-16277](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Apprentices Revamp Easterhouse Football Academy (lodged on 31 January 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*, Tess White*, Alexander Stewart*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jamie Greene*, Edward Mountain*, Pam Gosal*, Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*, Elena Whitham*, Colin Beattie*, Russell Findlay*, Douglas Ross*, Sue Webber*, Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-16274](#) Edward Mountain: Recognition of Dell McClurg's Contribution to the Merkinch Community (lodged on 30 January 2025)

New Support: Rhoda Grant*, Sue Webber*, Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16273](#) Mark Ruskell: Supporting Scottish Raptor Study Group Volunteers (lodged on 29 January 2025)

New Support: Liam McArthur*, Alex Rowley*, Ariane Burgess*, Foysoyl Choudhury*

[S6M-16272](#) Maggie Chapman: Congratulating Campy Growers in Dundee (lodged on 30 January 2025)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16271](#) Maggie Chapman: Acknowledging the International Fire and Rescue Association (lodged on 30 January 2025)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16270](#) Edward Mountain: Caithness Krakens Win the Caledonia North Region League 2 Title (lodged on 30 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16269](#) Edward Mountain: Highland Success at the National Autistic Society Branch Awards (lodged on 30 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16263](#) Claire Baker: Enigma Gymnastics Club in Buckhaven Nominated for Community Club of the Year at the British Gymnastics Awards (lodged on 30 January 2025)

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New Support: Paul O'Kane*, Sue Webber*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16261](#) Foyso! Choudhury: Supporting Efforts to Challenge Global Debt in 2025 (lodged on 29 January 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-16260](#) Jackie Dunbar: Ashgrove and Stockethill Community Council Volunteers Tackle Icy Pavements (lodged on 29 January 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Emma Harper*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*

[S6M-16258](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Play Park Officially Opens at Bairds Avenue Viewpark (lodged on 03 February 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Emma Harper*, Gillian Mackay*, Stuart McMillan*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

[S6M-16254](#) Paul O'Kane: Johnstone Dance School Pupil Ava Morrison Achieves Starring Role in The Nutcracker (lodged on 03 February 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16253](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to the Aberdeen Youth Movement on Winning the 2025 Anne Frank Award (lodged on 29 January 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-16250](#) Karen Adam: Commending Cancer Research UK Portsoy for Over 40 Years of Dedication (lodged on 29 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16245](#) Craig Hoy: Recognising a Report on the Significant Economic Impact of Torness (lodged on 29 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-16240](#) Murdo Fraser: Call for Pilot Project Providing Venison on School Menus to be Rolled Out Nationally (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-16238](#) Douglas Lumsden: Recognising Sir Ian Wood's Contribution as Chairman of The Wood Foundation (lodged on 29 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-16231](#) Michael Marra: Dundee's Unicorn Preservation Society Secures National Lottery Heritage Funding (lodged on 27 January 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-16230](#) John Mason: Billionaire Wealth (lodged on 30 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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[S6M-16229](#) Michael Marra: Relationships Scotland Supporting Families and Communities in Dundee (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-16228](#) Douglas Ross: Jean Pryde Named as One of the UK's Most Inspiring Female Entrepreneurs (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-16227](#) Douglas Lumsden: Commemorating the Legacy of Stewart Spence MBE (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-16226](#) Stuart McMillan: Braille 200 (lodged on 29 January 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*, Elena Whitham*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-16224](#) Tim Eagle: Loch Fyne Candles Opens First Shop in Tarbert, Argyll (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-16221](#) Alexander Burnett: Banchory Gymnastics Coach Lauded for Decades of Work (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-16217](#) Douglas Lumsden: Welcoming the Restoration of the Bruce Miller's Union Street Clock (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-16216](#) Claire Baker: Nurina Sharmin, Engineering Graduate, Receives UHI Perth 2024 Alumni of the Year Award (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16215](#) David Torrance: 50 Years of Radio Forth (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16214](#) David Torrance: Restoration Forth Wins Coasts and Waters Award at Nature of Scotland Awards (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16210](#) Tim Eagle: Oban Mountain Rescue Team Members Complete Britain's Most Brutal Race (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-16209](#) Tim Eagle: The Leanne Fund Celebrates its 15-year Anniversary (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Stephen Kerr*

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[S6M-16208](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Student First Scottish Voice on Ring Doorbells (lodged on 27 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16202](#) Douglas Lumsden: Aberdeen Trinity Centre Comes Second in Loo of the Year Awards (lodged on 30 January 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Kevin Stewart*, Sue Webber*, Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-16200](#) Martin Whitfield: VoiceBox 2025 Joke-telling Competition Launched (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-16199](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Welcoming the 21st Edition of Glasgow Film Festival (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-16193](#) Tess White: Grampian Hospital Radio Shortlisted for Five Awards (lodged on 27 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16192](#) Tess White: Wendy Milne Trains Her 100th Guide Dog Pup (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-16189](#) Neil Bibby: Abbeycare Scotland Becomes First Rehab Centre in UK to Earn BSI Accreditation (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-16188](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Company Retains Award for Helping its Young People Get on in the Workplace (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-16182](#) Colin Beattie: Lorna Greig Appointed an MBE (lodged on 22 January 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S6M-16172](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Football Club Reaches Scottish Cup Fourth Round (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S6M-16165](#) Jackie Dunbar: Denis Law, the King (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S6M-16163](#) Monica Lennon: Welcoming the Nick Sheridan Memorial Bursary Scheme (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

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[S6M-16161](#) Rhoda Grant: Recognition of Scottish Powerlifting Team Success in Home Nations Championships (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-16159](#) Stuart McMillan: Launch of Help for Veterans in Inverclyde (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S6M-16157](#) Stuart McMillan: Recognition of Long-Serving Care Staff at Bagatelle and Glenfield Care Homes (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S6M-16155](#) Mark Ruskell: Save Local Libraries (lodged on 22 January 2025)

New Support: Liam McArthur*, Claire Baker*

[S6M-16154](#) Katy Clark: ScotRail's Plans to Reduce Ticket Office Opening Hours (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-16142](#) Michelle Thomson: Tinderbox Collective Named First Scottish Recipient of Ed Sheeran Foundation (lodged on 16 January 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S6M-16131](#) Douglas Lumsden: Congratulating Aaron Cardno's Victory at the PolarNorth Half Marathon (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-16086](#) Kevin Stewart: Energy Security and the Avoidance of Blackouts (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper*

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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 04 February 2025

[S6W-34533](#) Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the investment approach published on 19 September 2024, when it will increase Whole Family Wellbeing Funding to children's services planning partnerships for transforming holistic family support.

Written questions lodged on 04 February 2025

[S6W-32896](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many times it has corresponded with (a) Hampton Group International, (b) the UK Chinese Business Association and (c) Pitch@Palace in the last 12 years; what any such correspondence related to; whether Yang Tengbo is named in any such correspondence, and, if so, whether it will conduct an urgent review of any correspondence relating to Yang Tengbo.

[S6W-34318](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33251 by Ivan McKee on 23 January 2025, how much revenue has been raised from non-domestic rates levied on properties with pylon infrastructure in each of the last three years; whether any other levies are applied to pylons based on their height or size, and, if so, how much revenue was raised in 2024 from each of these levies.

[S6W-34389](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted an analysis of any potential economic impact on Scottish businesses of the disparity in transmission impact assessment thresholds between Scotland and the rest of Great Britain.

[S6W-34390](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) the National Energy System Operator, (b) ScottishPower Energy Networks, (c) Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks and (d) the UK Government regarding the disparity in transmission impact assessment thresholds between Scotland and the rest of Great Britain.

[S6W-34391](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact on Scotland's net zero targets of maintaining the current 200-kilowatt threshold for transmission impact assessments.

[S6W-34392](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what powers it has to influence grid management in Scotland, and whether it has assessed the possibility of using any such powers to align Scottish transmission impact assessment thresholds with those in England and Wales.

[S6W-34395](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government who the members are of the Wildlife and Species Forum; on what date the Forum will next meet, and how many meetings are scheduled for the next 12 months.

[S6W-34396](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many investigations have been carried out each year under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021; how many led to a report being made to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), and how many subsequent (a) prosecutions and (b) convictions there were, also broken down by how many people convicted were given a (i) fine and (ii) custodial sentence. **R**

[S6W-34399](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what the highest (a) fine and (b) custodial sentence imposed has been each year under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021; how many people received this, and how this compared with the maximum sentence that was available. **R**

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[S6W-34402](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) funding has been directed towards projects that aim to reduce freight transport's reliance on fossil fuels, and what the anticipated outcomes of this investment are.

[S6W-34403](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government on how many occasions the businesses that have submitted an application for a Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) have asked for the information that they provide to be treated as confidential and therefore not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

[S6W-34404](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what the total amount of funding allocated for the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) has been in each year since 2021.

[S6W-34405](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many businesses have received support through the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) scheme in each year since 2021, broken down by parliamentary region.

[S6W-34406](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what the most common types of transport projects funded through the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) have been since 2016, and how these projects align with its transport and sustainability goals.

[S6W-34407](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) contributes to the reduction of carbon emissions in Scotland, and what quantifiable impact has been recorded in terms of emissions reductions from FFG-funded projects in each year since 2021.

[S6W-34408](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many jobs have been created or supported by projects funded through the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG), and what sectors have seen the most job growth as a result.

[S6W-34409](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what criteria is used to assess applications for the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG), and how often these criteria have been updated or revised.

[S6W-34410](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to expand the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) programme to include new types of projects or industries, and, if so, what these new areas of focus would be.

[S6W-34411](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many successful applications have been made for the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) in each of the past three financial years, and what the total funding awarded has been for each year.

[S6W-34412](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors the long-term efficacy of projects funded through the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG).

[S6W-34413](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) scheme has supported the growth of Scotland's ports and logistics infrastructure, and what improvements have been made to port facilities as a result of this funding.

[S6W-34414](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) supports projects that contribute to improving connectivity between Scotland and international markets.

[S6W-34415](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) supports the reduction of freight transport congestion in urban areas, and what specific measures have been implemented to address this issue.

[S6W-34416](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of applicants to the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) are small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and what specific support is provided to ensure SMEs can access this funding.

[S6W-34417](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that projects funded through the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) align with its (a) economic, (b) environmental and (c) transport strategy.

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[S6W-34418](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding from the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) has been directed to initiatives promoting the use of low-carbon or zero-emission freight transport solutions.

[S6W-34419](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what the process is for businesses to apply for the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG), and how long it typically takes for an application to be processed and assessed.

[S6W-34420](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) funding has been allocated to projects that aim to improve rail freight infrastructure, and how this compares to funding for road and maritime projects.

[S6W-34421](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications to the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) have been rejected in each year since 2021, and what the reasons for rejection have been.

[S6W-34422](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) has been used to support the integration of digital technologies in freight transport and, if so, which projects have received this support.

[S6W-34423](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) helps businesses meet their environmental and sustainability targets, and what specific metrics or outcomes are used to evaluate this.

[S6W-34424](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many projects funded by the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) are directly linked to the development of intermodal transport facilities, and what the expected benefits of these developments are.

[S6W-34425](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) supports the transition to greener technologies in freight transport, particularly in the use of alternative fuels such as hydrogen or electric power.

[S6W-34426](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) supports projects in both urban and rural areas equally.

[S6W-34427](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to introduce specific outreach programmes to increase awareness and the uptake of the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) among under-represented sectors, such as the agriculture or food production industries. **R**

[S6W-34428](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to applicants of the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) to help them develop their project proposals and ensure that they meet the eligibility requirements.

[S6W-34429](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) has supported projects aimed at improving the efficiency of inland waterways and, if so, which projects have been funded.

[S6W-34430](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how the Freight Facilities Grant (FFG) contributes to its efforts to reduce road freight traffic, and what impact this has had on (a) road congestion and (b) air quality.

[S6W-34431](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to increase the number of social homes available for both construction and purchase.

[S6W-34432](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the steps taken to fully implement the recommendations of the Expert Temporary Accommodation Task and Finish Group, particularly in relation to reducing the number of households with children in temporary accommodation and the duration of their stay.

[S6W-34433](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress made towards the affordable housing supply targets outlined in the Housing to 2040 strategy.

[S6W-34434 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to outline a comprehensive plan for reforming public debt collection practices, including the consideration of debt amnesties for families affected by housing arrears.

[S6W-34435 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much it has cost to run the National Dental Inspection Programme in (a) 2024-25 to date and (b) the four previous financial years.

[S6W-34436 Ariane Burgess](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Government's decision to bring forward secondary legislation that would allow the Genetic Technologies (Precision Breeding) Act 2023 to take effect, what it anticipates the potential impact on Scotland will be in relation to (a) devolved competencies (b) (i) regional and (ii) international trade, (c) consumer choice and (d) the integrity of GMO-free supply chains, such as organic.

[S6W-34437 Fulton MacGregor](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Assembly of Parents and Carers report, *Parental Involvement Survey – Findings Report*, which found that local authorities and the Scottish Government could provide more support to allow parents and guardians to be more involved in their child's education.

[S6W-34438 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-30844 by Jenni Minto on 14 November 2024, when it will provide an update to Parliament on progress towards its goal of eliminating the hepatitis C virus (HCV).

[S6W-34439 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what innovative approaches it is considering to identify undiagnosed individuals living with hepatitis C.

[S6W-34440 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with industry partners to identify undiagnosed individuals living with hepatitis C.

[S6W-34441 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many teachers have been signed off work due to mental ill health in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

[S6W-34442 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many teachers have been signed off work as a result of having been attacked in school in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

[S6W-34443 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many shared headteacher roles have been in place in schools in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

[S6W-34444 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent on supply teachers in primary schools in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

[S6W-34445 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent on supply teachers in secondary schools in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

[S6W-34446 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many exit interviews have taken place for teachers leaving the profession in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

[S6W-34447 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many incidents of whistleblowing have taken place in each public service organisation in each year since 1999.

[S6W-34448 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many people have been fined for parking on pavements in each local authority area since the introduction of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019.

[S6W-34449 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many speech and language therapists have been employed in schools in each local authority area in each year since 1999.

[S6W-34450 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what funding arrangement with local authorities has been developed to support learning for pupils whilst they are receiving treatment in children's hospitals.

[S6W-34451 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has regarding co-locating social workers in schools, and how many schools have developed such hubs, broken down by (a) primary and (b) secondary school in each local authority area.

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[S6W-34452 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much (a) it and (b) its educational bodies have spent on consultants in each year since 1999.

[S6W-34453 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that it will deliver on its commitment to allocate 10% of NHS spend to mental health and 1% to child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS).

[S6W-34454 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the independent schools sector regarding the impact of the implementation of VAT on school lunches.

[S6W-34455 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government who (a) commissioned and (b) is paying for the Project Willow study on the future of the Grangemouth refinery.

[S6W-34456 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government which (a) organisations and (b) groups will be provided with copies of the (i) draft and (ii) final version of the Project Willow study on the future of the Grangemouth refinery.

[S6W-34458 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government by what date the Project Willow study on the future of the Grangemouth refinery will be (a) delivered to it and (b) published.

Amendments

Amendments to Bills lodged on 4 February 2025

Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

After section 47

Murdo Fraser

21 After section 47, insert—

<Adaptation of a mobile home for a disabled person

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide or arrange for the provision of assistance to a person for the purpose of adapting a mobile home for a disabled person to make it suitable for the accommodation, welfare or employment of that person, where it is their permanent residence.
- (2) Assistance under subsection (1) may, in particular, be in the form of—
 - (a) grants,
 - (b) standard loans,
 - (c) subsidised loans.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may provide for—
 - (a) guidance about the availability and amount of assistance,
 - (b) the process for application,
 - (c) the terms of a loan,
 - (d) conditions applicable on completion of an adaptation being made,
 - (e) a process for any disputes over assistance provided.
- (4) Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) local authorities, and
 - (b) persons who appear to them to represent the interests of disabled people.>

Murdo Fraser

22 After section 47, insert—

<Mobile homes: first-tier tribunal

- (1) The Mobile Homes Act 1983 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 4 (jurisdiction of the court: Scotland) for “court” substitute “First-tier Tribunal for Scotland”.
- (3) The section title becomes “**Jurisdiction of the tribunal: Scotland**”.>

Section 52

Murdo Fraser

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- 23** In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Adaptation of a mobile home for a disabled person*)(1)>

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New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following draft instrument was laid before Parliament on 4 February 2025 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

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Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Member's Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no statement is made that the Scottish Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 6 Proposals:

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Final Proposal for a Member's Bill

Ash Regan: Proposed Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill—A proposal for a Bill to create an offence of paying for sexual acts, to repeal the offence of soliciting or importuning by prostitutes, to repeal previous convictions for soliciting or importuning by prostitutes and to support those in or exiting prostitution. (lodged 21 January 2025)

Accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

Supported by: **Fergus Ewing, John Mason, Murdo Fraser, Kenneth Gibson, Annabelle Ewing, Bill Kidd, Michelle Thomson, Carol Mochan, Rhoda Grant, Jeremy Balfour, Brian Whittle, Stephen Kerr, Meghan Gallacher, Roz McCall, Foysol Choudhury, Liz Smith, Martin Whitfield, Claire Baker, Oliver Mundell, Tess White, Sue Webber, Rachael Hamilton, Pam Gosal, Ruth Maguire**

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For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 4 February 2025

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

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

Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 4 February 2025

Stage 2 (Finance and Public Administration Committee), 18 February 2025

Amendments should be lodged by 4:30pm on Friday 7 February with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot). For Budget Bills, only a member of the Government or Junior Minister may lodge amendments.

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 5 February 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (3rd Report, 2025)

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee) published, 10 December 2024

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Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 18 December 2024

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
[*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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)

Before Stage 2 (evidence (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)), 28 January 2025

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
[*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 4 February 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (5th Report, 2025)

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 7 January 2025

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 25 February 2025

Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 19 February with the clerks in the Legislation Team [*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Passed, 15 January 2025

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 28 January 2025

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
[*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 4 February 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)

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

Stage 1 Report (Education, Children and Young People Committee) published, 4 February 2025

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Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024

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

Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill (M)

Introduced, 17 December 2024

Lead committee – Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Criminal Justice Committee), 12 March 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 6 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 January 2025

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Data (Use and Access) Bill LCM-S6-52

Lodged on 22 November 2024

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2nd Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th Report, 2025)

Employment Rights Bill LCM-S6-53

Lodged on 11 December 2024

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

Great British Energy Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-48a

Lodged on 28 January 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 6 February 2025

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (2nd Report, 2025)

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Product Regulation and Metrology Bill LCM-S6-50

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (1st Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (74th Report, 2024)

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Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Report – Lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning) (9th Report, 2024)

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

Tobacco and Vapes Bill LCM-S6-51

Lodged on 21 November 2024

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

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 28 January 2025

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 9 February 2025

[Moveable Transactions \(Scotland\) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (16 December 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

[Registers of Scotland \(Fees and Plain Copies\) Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (16 December 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to approval by 10 February 2025

[International Organisations \(Immunities and Privileges\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (17 December 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 26 February 2025

[Rural Support \(Improvement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (9 January 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 3 March 2025

[Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(List A and B Offences\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (14 January 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Regulated Roles with Children and Adults \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (14 January 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (14 January 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval by 10 March 2025

[Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Incidental, Supplementary and Consequential Provision\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (21 January 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

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Subject to approval by 13 March 2025

[Tied Pubs \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(24 January 2025\)](#) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(24 January 2025\)](#) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(24 January 2025\)](#) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 16 March 2025

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(27 January 2025\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(27 January 2025\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 17 March 2025

[Provision of Early Learning and Childcare \(Specified Children\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(28 January 2025\)](#) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval by 18 March 2025

[Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Treatment of Qualifications Scotland as Specified Authority\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(29 January 2025\)](#) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval by 19 March 2025

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(30 January 2025\)](#) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 24 March 2025

[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(4 February 2025\)](#) (The Parliament)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 6 February 2025

Lead committee report due by 3 February 2025

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

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Subject to annulment 18 February 2025
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[Moveable Transactions \(Forms\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/379\)](#) (16 December 2024)
(Economy and Fair Work Committee)

[Moveable Transactions \(Register of Assignations and Register of Statutory Pledges Rules\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/381\)](#) (16 December 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to annulment 22 February 2025
Lead committee report due by 17 February 2025

[Bread and Flour Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/387\)](#) (20 December 2024)
(Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 2 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 February 2025

[Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Prescribed Services and Activities\) \(Protected Adult\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/4\)](#) (13 January 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Disclosure Information \(Accredited Bodies\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/5\)](#) (13 January 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

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

[Building \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/6\)](#) (16 January 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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

[Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery \(Variation\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/7\)](#) (17 January 2025)
(Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment 12 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 10 March 2025

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/8\)](#) (23 January 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/9\)](#) (23 January 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 19 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 17 March 2025

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[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/18\)](#) (30 January 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rating \(Valuation of Utilities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/19\)](#) (30 January 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 23 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 17 March 2025

[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/24\)](#) (3 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Fees for Scheme Membership and Disclosure Applications \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/25\)](#) (3 February 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Review Application \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/26\)](#) (3 February 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 4 February 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 10th Report, 2025 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
on 4 February 2025 (SP Paper 735)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 2nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Net Zero,
Energy and Transport Committee Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum and
supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Great British Energy Bill (SP
Paper 736)

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

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 4 February 2025 and are not subject
to parliamentary procedure—

**The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2025 – Report by the Scottish Ministers
(SG/2025/26)** laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance
Act 1992

Scottish Local Government Finance Statistics 2023-24 (SG/2025/8) laid under Section 118 of
the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

Corrections

Member's Correction

Official Report, Meeting of the Economy and Fair Work Committee, 8 January 2025

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic (Kate Forbes) has identified an error in her contribution and provided the following correction to the Official Report of 8 January 2025.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic:

At col 18, para 2, line 1—

Original text—

The substantial investment in housing—£768 million of capital in the budget for next year—is an increase of 38 per cent, or £211 million, when compared with the original published budget of £555.8 million last year.

Corrected text—

The substantial investment in housing—£767.7 million in capital and financial transactions in the budget for next year—is an increase of 38 per cent, or £211.9 million, when compared with the original published budget of £555.8 million last year.

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