

Wednesday 19 February 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands
Health and Social Care

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Promise Oversight Board Report 3: Progress and Next Steps Towards Keeping The Promise

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 — S6M-16304 Rachael Hamilton: Tackling the Rise in Rural Crime and Equipment Theft in Scotland

9:00am Education, Children and Young People Committee

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

1:30pm Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

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Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

1. Emma Roddick: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its policies on land reform and land use, what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding any action that can be taken to tackle land banking investment scams in the Highlands and Islands, in light of the reported impact that such scams can have on the right of a community to have more of a say in how the land that they live on is used. ([S6O-04314](#))

2. Monica Lennon: [Not Lodged] ([S6O-04315](#))

3. Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made on annual reporting of its incentivisation of selective fishing gear and low-impact techniques that the rural affairs secretary committed to commissioning in January 2023. ([S6O-04316](#))

4. David Torrance: [Withdrawn] ([S6O-04317](#))

5. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government, as part of the cross-government co-ordination on islands, including connectivity, what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding support in the draft Budget 2025-26 to improve ferry services to Arran. ([S6O-04318](#))

6. Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to support the Scottish dairy sector. ([S6O-04319](#))

7. Roz McCall: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it can take to challenge the UK Government's inheritance tax changes for farmers. ([S6O-04320](#))

8. James Dornan: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working to support Scotland's food and drink sector, both domestically and internationally. ([S6O-04321](#))

Health and Social Care

1. Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent programme, *Disclosure: Kids on the Psychiatric Ward*, which features Skye House in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. ([S6O-04322](#))

2. Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to encourage the prescription of medicinal cannabis on the NHS for the relief of chronic pain. ([S6O-04323](#))

3. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on using the blood spot test given to newborn babies to screen for spinal muscular atrophy to support early diagnosis and effective treatment of babies born with the condition. ([S6O-04324](#))

4. Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what the current average waiting times are for a neurodevelopmental assessment and a speech and language therapy assessment for children and young people in NHS Lanarkshire and in Scotland as a whole. ([S6O-04325](#))

5. Annabelle Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with the director of the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership, and what was discussed. ([S6O-04326](#))

6. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting frontline staff at University Hospital Wishaw. ([S6O-04327](#))

7. **Sarah Boyack:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-04328](#))

8. **Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the action that it is taking to support people with long COVID. ([S6O-04329](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Promise Oversight Board Report 3: Progress and Next Steps Towards Keeping The Promise

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

[S6M-16511](#) Kate Forbes: Protecting the Powers of the Scottish Parliament—That the Parliament notes the publication of the UK Government’s consultation and review of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020, which sets out that it will “not consider whether to repeal the UK Internal Market Act or any part of it”; recalls that both the Scottish Parliament and Welsh Senedd refused to give the Act legislative consent; notes the position of the Welsh Government, which opposes the Act, believing it to be “an unwarranted attack on devolution”; reaffirms its decision regarding the Act on 3 October 2023, and calls for it to be repealed.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-16511.2](#) Rachael Hamilton: Protecting the Powers of the Scottish Parliament—As an amendment to motion S6M-16511 in the name of Kate Forbes (Protecting the Powers of the Scottish Parliament), leave out from “, which sets” to end and insert “; recognises the fundamental importance of the UK internal market to Scotland’s businesses, investment and jobs, given that trade with the rest of the UK accounts for over 60% of Scotland’s total exports, worth over £52 billion annually; believes that the integrity of the UK internal market is essential to economic stability, consumer confidence and business certainty across Scotland; notes that the Scottish Government has consistently failed to make effective use of the extensive powers already devolved to the Scottish Parliament by presiding over declining public service performance and failing to roll out devolved benefits on time; further notes that, rather than constructively engaging with the opportunities afforded by devolution, the Scottish National Party administration has prioritised constitutional grievance over delivering for the people of Scotland, and condemns the Scottish Government for its attacks on the powers of the Scottish Parliament through its leaking of crucial policies to the press before being announced to the Parliament, passing legislation that bypasses proper parliamentary scrutiny and failing to answer questions from parliamentarians about important topics that are in the public interest.”

[S6M-16511.1](#) Neil Bibby: Protecting the Powers of the Scottish Parliament—As an amendment to motion S6M-16511 in the name of Kate Forbes (Protecting the Powers of the Scottish Parliament), leave out from first “notes” to end and insert “welcomes the publication of the UK Government’s consultation and review of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020, which is broader in scope and being carried out earlier than required by law; notes the change of UK administration in July 2024 and welcomes its commitment to resetting the relationship between the UK Government and devolved governments and its intention to uphold its responsibilities under the Windsor Framework; welcomes the immediate commitment from the UK Government to delivering the joint common framework programme ahead of the review; believes that changes to the Act, co-operation between governments, respect for devolution and ensuring that there are no barriers to trade between Scotland and the rest of the UK are all essential; further believes that the interests of supporting Scotland’s businesses and economic growth should be paramount; welcomes that the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee is due to take

evidence on the review, and awaits its findings, and encourages Scotland's businesses, and other stakeholders, to take part in the review by 3 April 2025."

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

[S6M-16499](#) Paul McLennan: Renters' Rights Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Renters' Rights Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 11 September 2024, which restrict the behaviour of private landlords, in relation to those with children and those who are benefit claimants, namely clauses 49, 52, 54, 137, 139, 142 and 145 of the Renters' Rights Bill, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-16519](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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 Appointment of Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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 Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2025

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Increasing Investment in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 4 March 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 March 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 March 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: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Committee Debate: Tackling Drug Deaths and Drug Harm

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 24 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-16520](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Housing (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 29 May 2025.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-16521](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Consideration of a Bill—That the Parliament agrees that stage 2 of the Housing (Scotland) Bill be taken as follows—

(a) under Rule 9.7.1(b) and 9.7.4—

(i) the Social Justice and Social Security Committee to consider in the following order—

(A) part 5

(B) sections 48 to 50 in part 6

(ii) the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee to consider in the following order—

(A) parts 1 to 4

(B) part 6 (except sections 48 to 50)

(C) part 7, with the schedule being considered immediately after the section that introduces it

(D) the long title

(b) any amendments specifically on matters relating to the part 5 homelessness prevention provisions or the part 6 fuel poverty provisions, except any such amendments to the schedule or the long title, are to be considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee; and

(c) all amendments not covered by paragraphs (a) and (b) are to be considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee.

[S6M-16522](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-16523](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Registers of Scotland (Fees and Plain Copies) Miscellaneous Amendments 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-16304](#) Rachael Hamilton: Tackling the Rise in Rural Crime and Equipment Theft in Scotland—That the Parliament acknowledges the reported concerns regarding rising rural crime and its impact on communities across Scotland, including in the Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire constituency; notes that, according to NFU Mutual, the cost of rural crime in Scotland increased by 34.9% between 2022 and 2023, rising from £1.4 million to £1.8 million, contributing to a UK-wide cost of £58.8 million; recognises that 91% of those surveyed by NFU Mutual believe that rural crime is becoming more organised; notes that equipment and machinery theft, including agricultural machinery, construction equipment and power tools, has a significant financial and operational impact on farmers and businesses across urban and rural Scotland; acknowledges what it considers the effectiveness of technical preventative measures such as the CESAR scheme, tracking devices, immobilisers, PIN-protected GPS systems, and mechanical immobilisers, which it understands are more widely used in other parts of the UK; understands that the Equipment Theft (Prevention) Act 2023 was passed with cross-party support in the UK Parliament to address these issues; notes the belief that there is an opportunity to strengthen equipment and machinery crime prevention in Scotland, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to engage with industry experts, Police Scotland and victims to explore further action to tackle this type of crime.

Committee Meetings

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee 6th Meeting, 2025

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

- Higher History Review 2024:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Shirley Rogers, Chair, John Booth, Director of Communications, and Donna Stewart, Interim Director of Qualifications Development, Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Incidental, Supplementary and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2025 [draft] from—
Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Scottish Government;
Laura Robertson, Deputy Chief Executive, and Gareth Wilks, Director of Policy and Engagement, Disclosure Scotland;
Susan Bonellie, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Natalie Don-Innes Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise to move—
S6M-16124—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Incidental, Supplementary and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (List A and B Offences) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] from—
Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Scottish Government;
Laura Robertson, Deputy Chief Executive, and Gareth Wilks, Director of Policy and Engagement, Disclosure Scotland;
Susan Bonellie, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Natalie Don-Innes Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise to move—
S6M-16125—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (List A and B Offences) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Regulated Roles with Children and Adults (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] from—
Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Scottish Government;
Laura Robertson, Deputy Chief Executive, and Gareth Wilks, Director of Policy and Engagement, Disclosure Scotland;
Susan Bonellie, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Natalie Don-Innes Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise to move—
S6M-16126—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Regulated Roles with Children and Adults (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

8. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2025 [draft] from—
 Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Scottish Government;
 Laura Robertson, Deputy Chief Executive, and Gareth Wilks, Director of Policy and Engagement, Disclosure Scotland;
 Susan Bonellie, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
9. **Subordinate legislation:** Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise to move—
 S6M-16127—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
10. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Prescribed Services and Activities\) \(Protected Adult\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)
[Disclosure Information \(Accredited Bodies\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)
[Fees for Scheme Membership and Disclosure Applications \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)
11. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] from—
 Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Eleanor Passmore, Deputy Director for Early Learning and Childcare, Joanna Mackenzie, Team Leader, Targeted Children and Family Wellbeing, and Kirstie McKerron, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
12. **Subordinate legislation:** Natalie Don-Innes (Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise) to move—
 S6M-16276—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
13. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 6th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Evelyn Tweed will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
3. **Future agriculture policy:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, Andrew Crawley, Lawyer, James Muldoon, Head of Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit, and Amanda Callaghan, Deputy Director Agriculture and Land Transition, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/draft) from—

Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, Andrew Crawley, Lawyer, James Muldoon, Head of Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit, and Iain Carmichael, Head of Agricultural Development, Scottish Government.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity to move—S6M-15912—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 be approved.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—[Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery \(Variation\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/7)
7. **Future agriculture policy:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 3rd 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—
 - PE2006: Review and simplify the legislation in relation to dismissal of property factors. The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety
 - Jill Clark, Team Leader, Private Law Unit
 - Sandra Jack, Policy Advisor, Private Law Unit
 - Stephen Leetion, Housing Registers Policy & Customer Focus Team Leader, Better Homes Division
 - Megan Stefaniak, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate
 and then consider—
 - PE1865: Suspend all surgical mesh and fixation devices;
 - PE1926: Expand universal free school meals for all nursery, primary and secondary school pupils;
 - PE2019: Withdraw rates relief under the Small Business Bonus Scheme from Holiday Let Accommodation;
 - PE2048: Review the FAST stroke awareness campaign; and
 - PE2078: Introduce mandatory licencing and inspection of private ambulance service providers.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE2125: End the pause on new NHS building projects and prioritise capital funding for primary care buildings;
 - PE2126: Ensure abortion services are available up to 24 weeks across all parts of Scotland;
 - PE2127: Develop a new Digital Connectivity Plan for the Highlands and Islands;
 - PE2128: Increase funding for post mastectomy (delayed) breast reconstructions and ensure that waiting time information is accurate;
 - PE2129: Standardise criteria and consultations for assessing demand for denominational schools; and

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

4. **Consideration of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Citizen Participation:** The Committee will consider the draft participation blueprint.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 6th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4, and future consideration of evidence heard in relation to its New Deal for Business inquiry, in private.
2. **New Deal for Business:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Colin Borland, Director of Devolved Nations, Federation of Small Businesses Scotland;
Rose Marley, Chief Executive, Co-operatives UK;
Sara Thiam, Chief Executive, Prosper;
Duncan Thorp, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Social Enterprise Scotland.
3. **New Deal for Business:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (LCM-S6-53).

Public Audit Committee 6th 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 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Administration of Scottish income tax 2023/24:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carole Grant, Audit Director, and Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland;
Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, and Darren Stewart, HMRC Financial Audit Director, National Audit Office.
3. **The 2023/24 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Satti, Interim Chief Executive, and Ronnie Hinds, Chair, Water Industry Commission for Scotland;
Roy Brannen, Director-General Net Zero, Michelle Quinn, Director of Offshore Wind, Kersti Berge, Director of Energy & Climate Change, and Jo Blewett, Deputy Director for Water Industry, Scottish Government.
4. **The 2023/24 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carole Grant, Audit Director, Richard Smith, Senior Audit Manager, and Lauryn Graham, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland.
5. **Administration of Scottish income tax 2023/24:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Carole Grant, Audit Director, and Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

6. **Administration of Scottish income tax 2023/24:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 5 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
7. **The 2023/24 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Criminal Justice Committee

6th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 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—

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Vallath Kavitha Krishnan, Bill Team Leader, Criminal Justice Reform Unit, Vicky Carmichael, Team Leader, Violence Against Women and Girls Justice Unit, and Louise Miller, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

2. **Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland)**

Bill (in private): The Committee will consider a key issues paper.

3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

7th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 1.30 pm in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 2 in private.
2. **Great British Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report on legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-48b.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 5 February 2025

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 — S6M-16287 Kenneth Gibson: The Ongoing Impact of PFI/PPP on Scotland's Public Finances

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 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 Legislative Consent Motion: Great British Energy Bill - UK Legislation

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Criminal Justice Committee, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee and Social Justice and Social Security Committee Joint Meeting

Criminal Justice Committee: 7th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6),

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee: 5th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6),

Social Justice and Social Security Committee: 6th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

20 February 2025

The Committees will meet at 9:15 am in the Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2).

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committees will decidewhether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Reducing drug deaths in Scotland and tackling problem drug use:** The Committees will take evidence from—
James Allan; Helen Douglas; Mairi McIntosh; Alex McKinnon; and Alison Weir, Members of the People's Panel
and then from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care; Laura Zeballos, Deputy Director Drugs Policy Division; and Maggie Page, Unit Head Drugs Strategy, Scottish Government.
3. **Reducing drug deaths in Scotland and tackling problem drug use:** The Committees will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting and consider next steps.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

20 February 2025

6th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **The Scottish Government's Policy of EU Alignment:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Mark Roberts, Chief Executive, Environmental Standards Scotland;
Lucy Ozanne, Industry Strategy and Public Affairs Manager, Quality Meat Scotland;
David Baldock, Senior Fellow, Common Agricultural Policy and Food, Institute for European Environmental Policy UK.
3. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

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

SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee
20 February 2025
4th 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—
David Hamilton, Scottish Information Commissioner;
and then from—
Dr Brian Plastow, Scottish Biometrics Commissioner;
Ross MacDonald, Director, Scottish Biometrics Commissioner office.
2. **SPCB supported bodies landscape review (in private):** 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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
20 February 2025
3rd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Cross-Party Groups Compliance report (in private):** The Committee will consider an update on Cross-Party Groups' compliance with the Code of Conduct.
2. **Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
3. **Committee effectiveness (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot

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

Motions

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***[S6M-16532](#) Angela Constance: Independent Review of Sentencing and Penal Policy**—That the Parliament notes that Scotland has one of the highest proportions of prisoners in Western Europe; recognises the action that has been taken to establish a sustainable prison population and shift the balance between the use of custody and justice in the community, while protecting the public from harm; acknowledges the need for an independent review of sentencing and penal policy to consider how imprisonment and community interventions are used; further acknowledges the key role that the third sector can play in the effective delivery of justice services that reduce reoffending, and support rehabilitation and reintegration into society; agrees that there is a need for strong partnership working and co-ordination between third sector organisations, justice social work and the Scottish Prison Service to provide support and improve outcomes for those leaving prison, and believes that the Parliament has an important role to play in discussing the use of imprisonment and the best means for addressing offending behaviour, by both effective prevention and appropriate rehabilitation, and for reducing crime and keeping communities safe.

Supported by: Siobhian Brown*

***[S6M-16531](#) Shona Robison: Scottish Rate Resolution**—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of section 11A of the Income Tax Act 2007 (which provides for Income Tax to be charged at Scottish rates on certain non-savings and non-dividend income of a Scottish taxpayer to be charged above the personal allowance), the Scottish rates and limits for the tax year 2025-26 are as follows—

- (a) a starter rate of 19%, charged on income up to a limit of £2,827,
- (b) the Scottish basic rate is 20%, charged on income above £2,827 and up to a limit of £14,921,
- (c) an intermediate rate of 21%, charged on income above £14,921 and up to a limit of £31,092,
- (d) a higher rate of 42%, charged on income above £31,092 and up to a limit of £62,430,
- (e) an advanced rate of 45%, charged on income above £62,430 and up to a limit of £125,140, and
- (f) a top rate of 48%, charged on income above £125,140.

Supported by: Ivan McKee*

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***[S6M-16526](#) 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 in relation to sustainable development (clause 7A) on 11 February 2025, 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: Jamie Hepburn*, Kate Forbes*

[S6M-16511](#) Kate Forbes: Protecting the Powers of the Scottish Parliament—That the Parliament notes the publication of the UK Government's consultation and review of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020, which sets out that it will "not consider whether to repeal the UK Internal Market Act or any part of it"; recalls that both the Scottish Parliament and Welsh Senedd refused to give the Act legislative consent; notes the position of the Welsh Government, which opposes the Act, believing it to be "an unwarranted attack on devolution"; reaffirms its decision regarding the Act on 3 October 2023, and calls for it to be repealed.

Supported by: Angus Robertson, Richard Lochhead, Jamie Hepburn, Tom Arthur

***[S6M-16511.2](#) Rachael Hamilton: Protecting the Powers of the Scottish Parliament**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16511 in the name of Kate Forbes (Protecting the Powers of the Scottish Parliament), leave out from " , which sets" to end and insert " ; recognises the fundamental importance of the UK internal market to Scotland's businesses, investment and jobs, given that trade with the rest of the UK accounts for over 60% of Scotland's total exports, worth over £52 billion annually; believes that the integrity of the UK internal market is essential to economic stability, consumer confidence and business certainty across Scotland; notes that the Scottish Government has consistently failed to make effective use of the extensive powers already devolved to the Scottish Parliament by presiding over declining public service performance and failing to roll out devolved benefits on time; further notes that, rather than constructively engaging with the opportunities afforded by devolution, the Scottish National Party administration has prioritised constitutional grievance over delivering for the people of Scotland, and condemns the Scottish Government for its attacks on the powers of the Scottish Parliament through its leaking of crucial policies to the press before being announced to the Parliament, passing legislation that bypasses proper parliamentary scrutiny and failing to answer questions from parliamentarians about important topics that are in the public interest."

***[S6M-16511.1](#) Neil Bibby: Protecting the Powers of the Scottish Parliament**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16511 in the name of Kate Forbes (Protecting the Powers of the Scottish Parliament), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "welcomes the publication of the UK Government's consultation and review of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020, which is broader in scope and being carried out earlier than required by law; notes the change of UK administration in July 2024 and welcomes its commitment to resetting the relationship between the UK Government and devolved governments and its intention to uphold its responsibilities under the Windsor Framework; welcomes the immediate commitment from the UK Government to delivering the joint common framework programme ahead of the review; believes that changes to the Act, co-operation between governments, respect for devolution and ensuring that there are no barriers to trade between Scotland and the rest of the UK are all essential; further believes that the interests of supporting Scotland's businesses and economic growth should be paramount; welcomes that the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee is due to take evidence on the review, and awaits its findings, and encourages Scotland's businesses, and other stakeholders, to take part in the review by 3 April 2025."

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Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-16434](#) Michael Matheson: Awareness of Criminal Exploitation of Children**—That the Parliament welcomes the recent reports of Professor Alexis Jay and Action for Children, and the charity's service provision, which highlight the issue of criminal exploitation of children; considers that the testimony from exploited young people, Action for Children staff who support these young people, and other professionals connected with this work have described the harrowing and shocking experiences that children have encountered; understands that this issue hides in plain sight and that criminal exploitation of children can take place anywhere across Scotland, including in the Falkirk West constituency, and can happen to anyone; believes that these reports offer an opportunity to raise awareness of this important topic with members of the public, parliamentarians and decision makers, while also creating the chance to explore solutions to tackling this form of child abuse, and notes the belief that, in doing so, society can help to meet the aims and vision of The Promise, ensuring that Scotland does become the best place in the world for children and young people to grow up, where they feel loved, safe, respected and able to realise their full potential.

***[S6M-16432](#) Ben Macpherson: Scotland's Seabirds**—That the Parliament believes that Scotland has internationally important seabird populations, including, at the last assessment, 60% of the world's great skuas and almost half, 48%, of the world's northern gannets, with the biggest colony on Earth being found at the Bass Rock in the Firth of Forth, along with important common tern colonies, including one in a special protection area at Leith docks; recognises that the country has international and domestic obligations to protect and enhance these species; understands with concern that 70% of Scotland's national populations are in decline, according to the latest seabird census and notes the view that action is needed to address this; further understands that the proposed Scottish Government Scottish Seabird Conservation Action Plan sets out many measures that would protect seabird prey fish supplies, end the ongoing bycatch of seabirds by fisheries, clear seabird islands of invasive predators and prevent them from returning, and that it would protect, appropriately, important areas for seabirds, both on land and at sea; considers that many people in Scotland care deeply about the fate of puffins, gannets, terns and other seabird species, and acknowledges the view that timely, collaborative action is needed to preserve their future on Scotland's coasts and islands.

Supported by: Rona Mackay*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*, Liam McArthur*, Jeremy Balfour*, Emma Roddick*, Mark Ruskell*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*, Alex Rowley*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-16523](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Registers of Scotland (Fees and Plain Copies) Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-16522](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-16521](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Consideration of a Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that stage 2 of the Housing (Scotland) Bill be taken as follows—

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(a) under Rule 9.7.1(b) and 9.7.4—

(i) the Social Justice and Social Security Committee to consider in the following order—

(A) part 5

(B) sections 48 to 50 in part 6

(ii) the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee to consider in the following order—

(A) parts 1 to 4

(B) part 6 (except sections 48 to 50)

(C) part 7, with the schedule being considered immediately after the section that introduces it

(D) the long title

(b) any amendments specifically on matters relating to the part 5 homelessness prevention provisions or the part 6 fuel poverty provisions, except any such amendments to the schedule or the long title, are to be considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee; and

(c) all amendments not covered by paragraphs (a) and (b) are to be considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee.

***[S6M-16520](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—**That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Housing (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 29 May 2025.

***[S6M-16519](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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 Appointment of Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland

followed by Business Motions

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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 Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2025

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Increasing Investment in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 4 March 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 March 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 March 2025

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11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

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2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Committee Debate: Tackling Drug Deaths and Drug Harm

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 24 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-16504](#) Michael Marra: UK Government Delivering for Dundee with £2.6 million for V&A Dundee and £20 million for City Regeneration Projects**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement of what it sees as a significant investment in the city of Dundee by the UK Government, including £2.6 million for V&A Dundee and a further £20 million for regeneration in the city; understands that the UK Government’s capital investment will enable V&A Dundee to transform its galleries and make the museum even more appealing and accessible to visitors; shares the UK Government’s belief in the importance of V&A Dundee to the city's economy and communities, attracting millions of visitors to the city; welcomes the UK Government’s reported commitment of £20 million for regeneration and growth projects in Dundee; considers that such investments are central to the UK Government’s plan for economic growth; values the difference it believes of having a UK Government that is focused on raising living standards and delivering for people across Scotland, and wishes V&A Dundee, and the city of Dundee, every success with these forthcoming projects.

Supported by: Sarah Boyack*, Paul O’Kane*, Foyso! Choudhury*, Martin Whitfield*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

***[S6M-16493](#) Stuart McMillan: Congratulations to McArthur Scott Estate Agency on Multiple Award Wins**—That the Parliament congratulates McArthur Scott Estate Agency in Inverclyde on its recent success in winning a trio of prestigious awards, including being named Scottish Estate Agency of the Year at *The Herald* Property Awards, receiving a gold title from the *Best Estate Agent Guide*, and seeing founder Fiona McArthur honoured with a global Women’s Business award from the Women’s Business Club; acknowledges the agency’s commitment to ethical business practices and exceptional customer service; commends the dedication and hard work of the close-knit team, which it believes has helped secure these accolades; recognises the agency’s contribution to the Inverclyde community, and wishes McArthur Scott continued growth and success in the future.

***[S6M-16492](#) Stuart McMillan: Congratulations to Inverclyde Band, Slix, on Winning Best Live Act**—That the Parliament congratulates Inverclyde indie-rock band, Slix, on winning the Best Live Act award at the 2024 Scottish Alternative Music Awards; notes that the award was voted for by fans, reflecting the strong local and national support for the band; acknowledges the event’s role in showcasing the best of Scotland’s new music talent, with the ceremony held at Saint Luke’s

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and The Winged Ox in Glasgow; recognises the band's recent success, including touring across Europe and performing at major festivals; commends the band for its dynamic live performances and dedication to its craft, and wishes Slix continued success in its musical journey.

***[S6M-16491](#) Stuart McMillan: Ardgowan Distillery's Success at the World Whisky Awards—**

That the Parliament congratulates Ardgowan Distillery in Inverkip on winning the prestigious Best in Category award for its Draughtsman Blended Malt at the World Whisky Awards; notes that the distillery also received recognition at the Drambusters Festival, where its GlenAllachie 16-Year-Old Islay Cask was ranked third best whisky by 750 enthusiasts; acknowledges the significant achievement of being recognised among hundreds of whiskies worldwide; further commends Ardgowan Distillery for enhancing Scotland's global reputation for producing high-quality whisky, and wishes the distillery continued success in the future.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Emma Harper*, Emma Roddick*, Kevin Stewart*, Finlay Carson*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Rona Mackay*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Pam Gosal*

***[S6M-16490](#) Jim Fairlie: Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025 [draft]—**That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Mairi Gougeon

***[S6M-16487](#) Liz Smith: Flight Lieutenant Graham Wilf Taylor—**That the Parliament marks the sad and sudden death of Flight Lieutenant Graham Wilf Taylor; considers that Flt Lt Taylor dedicated his life to public service and volunteering through the Royal Observer Corps (1979-1992), the Royal Auxiliary Air Force (1992-2006), and the Royal Air Force (RAF) Air Cadets (2003-2025); understands that Flt Lt Taylor founded a 38 Detached Flight (DF) RAF Air Cadets in Crieff, which he later led to become a thriving squadron (1743 Sqn) in its own right; considers that thousands of young people have benefited from attending 38DF and 1743 (Crieff) Sqn over the years, attaining qualifications in flying, academics, marksmanship, music, first aid and more, with several cadets joining the regular and reserve arms of His Majesty's Armed Forces; understands that Flt Lt Taylor was considered to be a pillar of his community through his volunteering with the RAF Air Cadets and as a member of the Board of Directors for Crieff Highland Gathering since 2006, and believes that Flt Lt Taylor's contribution to community life in Crieff and Strathearn will be sorely missed, particularly by the young people who benefited so significantly from the guidance and help offered by someone who can only be described as an officer and a gentlemen.

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***[S6M-16486](#) James Dornan: Organisations across Glasgow Cathcart Benefit from National Lottery Funding—**

That the Parliament notes the awarding of grants to various community projects aimed at supporting youth, families, and marginalised groups in Glasgow, including Carnwadric WIN Project, which has been awarded a £20,000 grant to establish a new youth club for 12- to 18-year-olds, the Scottish Professional Football League Trust, which has received £20,000 for a one-year project aimed at re-launching the 4-4-2 Reading Challenge, creating opportunities for young people aged 5 to 12 across Scotland to develop a passion for reading alongside an interest in football, Shine Your Light Community, which has been awarded £15,154 to provide food parcels for single-parent families across Glasgow and to run an end-of-year

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celebration event for members and their families, Glasgow Living Waters Church International, which has received £11,000 to deliver activities that promote integration and improve health and wellbeing for asylum seekers, refugees, and minority ethnic individuals in the local community, and The Healing Hub, which has been granted £10,000 to deliver community events across the south of Glasgow, benefiting residents and fostering local connections, and commends the work of these organisations in supporting vulnerable groups and enhancing community cohesion within Glasgow.

***[S6M-16485](#) Liz Smith: Hamish MacInnes Donation**—That the Parliament commemorates Hamish MacInnes on the donation of his entire legacy to the Scottish Mountaineering Trust (SMT) charity; acknowledges what it sees as the revelation that the late mountaineer, who died in 2020, donated his full £446,000 fortune, which will be used by SMT to fund mountain skills training, footpath improvements and mountain hut renovations, as well as supporting young people and those in disadvantaged communities to access the outdoors; notes what it regards as Dr MacInnes' extraordinary and extensive achievements, including international mountaineering in the world's highest peaks, recognition as the founder of Scotland's mountain rescue teams and author of some of the most important books in mountaineering, as well as the invention of key equipment, including the first all-metal ice axe and the rescue stretcher that is still used worldwide today, and welcomes this large donation by the "Fox of Glencoe", which it is hoped will influence and inspire a new generation of mountaineers for many years for to come.

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***[S6M-16484](#) Claire Baker: Welcoming the New Bike Pump Track and Jump Loop in in King George V Park in Clackmannan**—That the Parliament welcomes the new bike pump track and jump loop in King George V Park, in Clackmannan, which officially opened recently; understands that as part of the legacy funding from the UCI World Cycling Championships, funding for the £139,000 facility was provided by sportscotland and the National Lottery through the Cycling Facilities Fund and the Place Based Investment Programme; further understands that the bike facility is a unique combination of a pump track and a jump loop with three jumps of increasing height and challenge, and is located in the heart of Clackmannan opposite the primary school and adjacent to the key active travel route linking Clackmannanshire with Fife and Falkirk; believes that this presents a superb facility providing challenges for all ages and abilities; is grateful to Clackmannanshire Council for the opportunity for the creation of the facility and allowing the final design to be shaped by the people of Clackmannan via a number of engagement events; recognises that this facility will increase the opportunities for people to get involved in cycling in Clackmannanshire, and hopes that everyone will enjoy using the facility and benefit from taking part in the sport.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Annie Wells*, Annabelle Ewing*, Finlay Carson*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Colin Beattie*, Mark Ruskell*

***[S6M-16483](#) Bob Doris: Summerston Netball Club Wins Glasgow Lord Provost Award 2024**—That the Parliament congratulates Summerston Netball Club on winning the Glasgow Lord Provost Award 2024 at the Glasgow Sports Awards; considers that the accolade is a huge achievement made all the more remarkable given that the club was only established just over a year ago by Head Coach and Founder Stef Szuka; understands that the club provides a valuable

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opportunity for girls in Summerston and beyond to get actively involved in what is a skilled and rewarding team sport, and that its weekly sessions on Tuesday evenings in John Paul Academy are hugely popular; acknowledges the hard work of everyone involved at the club, including coaches, volunteers and all the players in establishing and growing the club; believes that such sporting opportunities for young women are of great importance, and wishes Summerston Netball Club all the best for the future.

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***[S6M-16482](#) Bill Kidd: Kingsway Community Connections Receives £142,593 from National Lottery Community Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates Kingsway Community Connections, a community development centre set up and managed by local people for local people to help improve the quality of life and their community, on receiving a £142,593 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that this funding will be used to continue to run a free and impartial financial advice service for the Kingsway community and those in the wider area, and thanks everyone involved for their hard work and dedication.

***[S6M-16481](#) Bill Kidd: Bloody Amazing CIC Receives £15,210 from National Lottery Community Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates Bloody Amazing CIC, a teacher-led social enterprise, which designs and delivers workshops on all things to do with menstrual cycle health and menopause in schools, community venues and corporate settings, on receiving a £15,210 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that this funding will be used to deliver English classes and provide work experience for women from minority ethnic backgrounds in Glasgow for one year, and thanks everyone involved for their hard work and dedication.

***[S6M-16480](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Finalists Announced in Fife Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates the finalists recently announced in the Fife Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2025; notes that the awards celebrate the hard work, dedication and achievements of Fife businesses, organisations, individuals and charities that excel in categories such as Community Partnership, Customer Service, Training and Development, Marketing and Innovation, Sustainability and Net Zero, and Tourism and Hospitality, and extends its very best wishes to all the nominees for success at the awards ceremony on 16 May 2025 at the Old Course Hotel in Fife.

Supported by: Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Colin Beattie*, Foysoyl Choudhury*

***[S6M-16479](#) Beatrice Wishart: Celebrating the Success of Scottish Salmon Exports**—That the Parliament welcomes the latest export figures for Scottish salmon published by HM Revenue and Customs on 13 February 2025, which are reported to show record growth exceeding £800 million during 2024 across global markets, reinforcing salmon as Scotland's most valuable food export; recognises what it sees as the vital contribution that the sector makes to rural and coastal communities across Scotland, supporting jobs, businesses, and sustainable economic growth, and also the positive impact of its supply chain across every constituency, from direct employment to supply chain benefits; considers that salmon farming plays an important role in the Shetland Islands constituency, supporting 400 jobs and having a considerable impact on the local economy through its supply chain, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue supporting what it sees as this world-class sector to ensure its long-term success and sustainability.

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Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Fergus Ewing*, Liam McArthur*, Miles Briggs*, Ash Regan*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, John Mason*

***[S6M-16477](#) Alexander Stewart: New SPFL Trust Community Hub to Open at The Hive in Alloa**—That the Parliament is enthused that a new community hub is set to open at The Hive in Alloa; understands that The Wasp Community Club announced the initiative as part of a project by the Scottish Professional Football League (SPFL) Trust, which is an independent, registered charity that works in partnership with associated SPFL clubs across the country, helping them to deliver change that improves people's lives; believes that community hubs will be located at 10 football stadiums in Scotland, providing a safe space for people to seek help, find hope and connect with essential support services; understands that the initiative was inspired by a successful model at Aberdeen and aims to replicate this work right across the country, and that The Wasp Community Club is one of 10 community trusts to receive funding for its hub from the SPFL Trust; believes that the project will be rolled out in two phases, with the Alloa venue opening in October 2025 as part of phase two; acknowledges that through The Wasp Community Club's partnership with HomeStart Clackmannanshire, Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface and local schools, the hubs will offer more than just a welcoming environment as each are planned to provide hot food and a relaxed atmosphere, where people can access advice and support from a range of partner organisations to deliver targeted assistance to help with a variety of challenges, from housing and financial advice, to mental and physical health, as well as overall wellbeing, and commends everyone involved for their highly magnanimous community endeavours.

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***[S6M-16476](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa-based Structural Engineering Consultancy Provides Local Apprenticeships**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that two new apprentices have joined the team at an Alloa-based structural engineering consultancy; understands that CRA (Alloa) Ltd has engaged Cory Hunter and Nico Lemetti as part of its apprenticeship scheme, which takes in school leavers and provides them with employment as well as access to further education; notes that CRA (Alloa) works on many projects across Clackmannanshire, and is involved in the surveying of small- and large-scale domestic properties, which can also include supporting engineers in bridge load capacity assessments or windfarm developments and building warrant applications; believes that the young men have indicated their gratitude for this opportunity and have enjoyed being out assisting in recent structural surveys, especially after Storm Éowyn, which caused significant damage to properties; considers that, as part of the apprenticeship scheme, they will also benefit from attendance at college and university to further their learning, which will help fast-track them through their career development within CRA (Alloa) and will give them the opportunity to develop their educational base while also providing a role within a professional consultancy environment; congratulates Cory and Nico on securing their positions and wishes them all the best for the future, and commends CRA (Alloa) Ltd and its Managing Director, Jonathan Bacon, on what it regards as their forward-thinking approach and contribution to providing quality, skills-based apprenticeship employment.

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Motions Gluasadan				

***[S6M-16474](#) Alexander Burnett: Fish Shop Receives Two Honours in the Michelin Guide Great Britain & Ireland.**—That the Parliament congratulates the Fish Shop restaurant, in Ballater, on receiving two honours in the *MICHELIN Guide Great Britain & Ireland*; notes that it has been named one of the best for quality in the guide; further notes that it earned a Bib Gourmand distinction, and is one of only 36 locations to receive the honour and the most northerly restaurant to make the shortlist; understands that the title recognises establishments that offer good food at a good price, sharing the spirit of generosity and commitment to quality cooking; congratulates owner, Jasmine Sherry, on winning a MICHELIN Service Award; understands that she was recognised for her strong leadership, and wishes all the team at the Fish Shop restaurant every success in the future.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

***[S6M-16518.1](#) Tess White: Revision to Business Programme** (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Douglas Ross*, Roz McCall*, Douglas Lumsden*, Stephen Kerr*, Rachael Hamilton*, Pam Gosal*, Murdo Fraser*, Russell Findlay*, Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16503](#) Michael Marra: Wraparound Care for Children with Additional Support Needs (lodged on 17 February 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Monica Lennon*, Paul O'Kane*, Foysol Choudhury*, Alex Rowley*, Martin Whitfield*

[S6M-16473](#) Audrey Nicoll: Welcoming Over £30 Billion Investment in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16472](#) Christine Grahame: 150 Years of Burgh Primary School, Galashiels (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16471](#) Miles Briggs: Rugby Legend Scott Hastings and Teammates Raise Over £16,000 for Charity (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*

[S6M-16470](#) Colin Beattie: National Lottery Funding for Prana Fitness CIC (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16469](#) Colin Beattie: National Lottery Funding for Seeds of Disruption SCIO (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16468](#) Colin Beattie: National Lottery Funding for Midlothian Wildflowers (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-16467](#) Colin Beattie: National Lottery Funding for Simba Charity (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16466](#) Colin Beattie: National Lottery Funding for Loanhead After School Club (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16465](#) Colin Beattie: National Lottery Funding for Dalkeith and District Citizens Advice Bureau (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16464](#) Colin Beattie: National Lottery Funding for Midlothian Young People's Advice Service (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16463](#) Colin Beattie: National Lottery Funding for The Base (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16462](#) Colin Beattie: National Lottery Funding for Musselburgh and District Citizens Advice Bureau (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16461](#) Colin Beattie: National Lottery Funding for Changes East Lothian (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16460](#) Ariane Burgess: Celebrating The Northern Scot's Achievement as Newspaper of the Year (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*, Douglas Ross*

[S6M-16459](#) Maggie Chapman: Welcoming the Announcement that the European Rural Parliament will be Held in Scotland (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16458](#) Colin Beattie: Skyrora Listed in UK Top 100 Tech Companies (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16457](#) Finlay Carson: Footballer Ryan Helps Defeat Liverpool in FA Cup Shock (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16456](#) Maggie Chapman: Celebrating the Dundee Launch of Hiya In There Wee Bairn (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-16455](#) Maggie Chapman: WayWORD Festival Aberdeen Funding Success (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16454](#) Finlay Carson: Curler Robyn Munro Carries on Family Sporting Success (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16453](#) Fulton MacGregor: Brodie Young Sets New Scottish 400m Indoor Record (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16451](#) Lorna Slater: Porty Community Energy and the "Travel Agents of Change" Exhibition (lodged on 17 February 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16449](#) Foysol Choudhury: Corra Foundation Racial Equity Grants (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Humza Yousaf*, Stuart McMillan*, Annie Wells*

[S6M-16448](#) Foysol Choudhury: Pianodrome Amphitheatre Awarded Multi-year Funding from Creative Scotland (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Stuart McMillan*, Ben Macpherson*, Annie Wells*

[S6M-16447](#) Willie Coffey: Two Outstanding Awards for Local NHS Worker (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Annie Wells*

[S6M-16446](#) Tim Eagle: Eddie Gillanders Recognised for Decades of Agricultural Journalism (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16445](#) Alexander Burnett: Ambassador Accolade Award for Eddie Gillanders (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Alexander Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Meghan Gallacher*, Brian Whittle*, Tim Eagle* R, Kevin Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Douglas Ross*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Alex Rowley*, Pam Gosal*, Liam Kerr*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16444](#) Clare Haughey: 1st Class Credit Union Wins Second Award for Excellent Service (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16443](#) Rona Mackay: Bishopbriggs Choir and Orchestra Raises Over £500,000 for CHAS (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-16442](#) Kevin Stewart: Spectra Scotland's Festival of Light (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16441](#) Alexander Burnett: Funding in Aberdeenshire West from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16440](#) Ruth Maguire: 40 Years of Service by NHS Ayrshire and Arran Staff (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16439](#) Ruth Maguire: Annick Primary School's Environmental Conservation (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16438](#) Ruth Maguire: National Lottery Funding for West Coast Furniture Bank SCIO (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16437](#) Ruth Maguire: National Lottery Funding for Friends of Redburn Community Group (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16436](#) Ruth Maguire: National Lottery Funding for Irvine Cricket Club (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16435](#) Ruth Maguire: National Lottery Funding for Corsehill Community Centre Association (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16433](#) James Dornan: Congratulations to Queen's Park FC (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16431](#) Brian Whittle: National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society Receives National Lottery Award (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16430](#) Brian Whittle: Welcoming Support for Take a Bow Development Trust (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16429](#) Brian Whittle: National Lottery Supports the Stroke Association (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-16428](#) Brian Whittle: Strathaven Memory Club Receives National Lottery Award (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16427](#) Brian Whittle: National Lottery Funds Stewarton Annick Youth and Community Association (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16426](#) Brian Whittle: National Lottery Supports Recovery Enterprises Scotland CIC (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16425](#) Brian Whittle: Welcoming Funding for Partners for Inclusion Limited (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16424](#) Brian Whittle: Welcoming National Lottery Support for Newmilns Regeneration Association (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16421](#) Brian Whittle: Grant Success for Healthy Valleys (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Ross*

[S6M-16415](#) Brian Whittle: National Lottery Grant for Clydesdale Housing Association (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Douglas Ross*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-16413](#) Brian Whittle: National Lottery Funding for Biggar Area Climate Care (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Douglas Ross*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-16411](#) Brian Whittle: Abington Community Development Group Receives National Lottery Funding (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Douglas Ross*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-16409](#) Paul O'Kane: St Thomas' Primary School Receives High Praise from School Inspectors (lodged on 17 February 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Annie Wells*

[S6M-16405](#) Clare Adamson: Cathedral Primary School and Parish Celebrates 150th Anniversary (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-16403](#) Clare Adamson: North Fest Family Receives £7,000 National Lottery Community Fund Grant (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16402](#) Clare Adamson: The Miracle Foundation SCIO Receives £20,000 National Lottery Community Fund Grant (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16401](#) Clare Adamson: Support for Ordinary Living Receives £165,727 National Lottery Community Fund Grant (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16400](#) Clare Adamson: Made4U in ML2 Receives £43,396 National Lottery Community Fund Grant (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16397](#) Carol Mochan: Congratulating the Scottish Thistles Netball Team (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*, James Dornan*, Evelyn Tweed*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Monica Lennon*, John Mason*, Douglas Ross*, Rachael Hamilton*, Colin Smyth*, Alex Rowley*, Annabelle Ewing*, Katy Clark*, Stuart McMillan*, Alexander Burnett*, Sarah Boyack*, Colin Beattie*, Beatrice Wishart*, Pam Gosal*

[S6M-16391](#) Ariane Burgess: Congratulating Eden Court on Increased Creative Scotland Funding (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16389](#) Fulton MacGregor: Northern Corridor Community Forum's Evidence-based Report (lodged on 07 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16388](#) Audrey Nicoll: Welcoming the New Bon Accord Whisky Distillery in Aberdeen (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16387](#) Christine Grahame: Farewell to Scottish SPCA CEO Kirsteen Campbell (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16386](#) Michelle Thomson: Braes High School Receives Commendation in Eco-Schools Programme (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16371](#) Gillian Mackay: World Cancer Day 2025 (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-16370 Gillian Mackay: International Day of Women and Girls in Science](#) (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16362 Stephanie Callaghan: Lloyds Banking Group Closing 14 Local Bank of Scotland Branches](#) (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16359 Liam McArthur: Orkney Sports Awards 2024](#) (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-16358 Collette Stevenson: Celebrating the Success of Caledonia Gladiators Women's Team](#) (lodged on 07 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-16357 James Dornan: Farewell to Fresh 'N' Fruity Mount Florida](#) (lodged on 07 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16355 James Dornan: 10 Years of Soup's On and the Cake Lady](#) (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16352 Clare Adamson: New College Lanarkshire Scottish Regional Heat of the Association of Hairdressing and Therapists](#) (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16351 Clare Adamson: Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund \(SCIAF\) 60th Anniversary](#) (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16348 Christine Grahame: Ross McGinn Named Tweeddale Citizen of the Year 2024](#) (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16347 Rona Mackay: Lenzie Academy Pupils Triumph in Top Climate Change Challenge](#) (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16338 Emma Roddick: Congratulating James Dunbar, Big Issue Changemaker for Housing and Homelessness 2025](#) (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16334 Rona Mackay: 11,180 Meals Served Through Asda Community Initiative](#) (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-16331](#) Emma Roddick: World Wetlands Day 2025 (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16329](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Applauding Asda's Support for Local Communities
(lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16328](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Applauding Renaissance Care's Get Fit and Have Fun Campaign 2025 (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16321](#) Ruth Maguire: Ayrshire Lok Oi Association's Lunar New Year Celebrations
(lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16303](#) Mark Ruskell: Consent for Rosebank Oil Field Ruled Unlawful (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-16298.1](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulating Kelvinside Academy Pupil on Being Awarded MacRobert Commendation Medal (lodged on 06 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16291](#) Carol Mochan: Holistic Approach to Alcohol-related Brain Damage (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*, Audrey Nicoll*, Sandesh Gulhane*

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

New Support: Keith Brown*, Collette Stevenson*, James Dornan*, Clare Haughey*, Emma Harper*, Christine Grahame*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-16219](#) Mercedes Villalba: Amnesty International Report Accuses Israel of Genocide Against Palestinians in Gaza (lodged on 27 January 2025)

New Support: Lorna Slater*

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 18 February 2025

[S6W-34874](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many positions in the Scottish Government include (a) diversity, (b) equality and (c) inclusion in their job title, and what the total staffing cost is of these positions.

[S6W-34875](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many Scottish Government staff participated in training courses related to (a) diversity, (b) equality and (c) inclusion in 2024, and what the total cost for providing these courses was.

[S6W-34987](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason NatureScot reportedly did not invite each of the groups involved in the development of the Grouse Code of Practice to (a) meetings and (a) engage in consultation with it to discuss grouse licence conditions.

[S6W-34988](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) meetings and (b) other discussions NatureScot and Scottish Land and Estates have held to discuss (i) the legal opinions regarding the wording of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 and (ii) what land should be included in a 16AA licence to shoot grouse.

[S6W-34989](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether NatureScot will release the notes of (a) meetings and (b) any other discussions it has had with Scottish Land and Estates to discuss grouse shoot licensing.

[S6W-34990](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) meetings and (b) other discussions took place between ministers and/or its officials with NatureScot in advance of the agency introducing new guidance related to "area of land" and new conditions to 16AA licences; whether these changes were approved and, if so, (i) by whom and (ii) when.

[S6W-34993](#) Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to encourage responsible dog ownership, specifically with relation to the use of crates for domestic pets.

[S6W-34994](#) Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to introduce legislation aimed at reducing the amount of time domestic pets can be left unaccompanied in crates.

[S6W-34995](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects that the mechanism or toolkit that it has committed to developing for staff in the recommended actions of the Ministerial Scottish Nursing and Midwifery Taskforce will be available for staff to use.

[S6W-34996](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when the comprehensive review of practice learning that it committed to in the recommended actions of the Ministerial Scottish Nursing and Midwifery Taskforce will take place.

[S6W-34997](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when it will begin the mapping exercise of the current digital landscape, as committed to in the recommended actions of the Ministerial Scottish Nursing and Midwifery Taskforce.

[S6W-34998](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when it will begin the review of the predicted absence allowance in the staffing level tools used by NHS Scotland, as it committed to in the recommended actions of the Ministerial Scottish Nursing and Midwifery Taskforce.

[S6W-34999](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to ensure that nurses and midwives can access sustainable and progressive opportunities to influence policy, practice, national and local strategy to achieve change, as it committed to in the recommended actions of the Ministerial Scottish Nursing and Midwifery Taskforce.

[S6W-35000](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is planning to take to build a sustainable nursing and midwifery workforce that supports and maximises existing

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Questions Ceistean				

pre and post registration programmes, and what is meant by the term “sustainable alternative entry routes”, as outlined in the Ministerial Scottish Nursing and Midwifery Taskforce recommendations.

S6W-35001 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when it will begin developing the new entry routes into nursing and midwifery with dedicated funding for them, as outlined in the Ministerial Scottish Nursing and Midwifery Taskforce recommendations.

S6W-35002 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when the new entry routes into nursing and midwifery, as outlined in the Ministerial Scottish Nursing and Midwifery Taskforce recommendations, will be open to applicants.

S6W-35003 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to ensure that widening participation of the nursing and midwifery workforce will be responsive to remote and rural needs, as outlined in the Ministerial Scottish Nursing and Midwifery Taskforce recommendations.

S6W-35004 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will outline the work it will do to ensure that there is consistent, sustainable provision of taster sessions across health and social care so that people across many different backgrounds can experience nursing and midwifery, and whether it will clarify what work it will do to ensure that these sessions will help people to experience roles in remote and rural areas as well as support access to these roles.

S6W-35005 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when it will conduct its review of the package of student financial support available for nursing and midwifery studies, and whether, as part of that review, it will explore any changes to reflect those who choose rural and remote work.

S6W-35006 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work to produce official guidance on the welfare of farmed fish.

S6W-35007 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Conflict Avoidance Process will be included in the construction contract for the replacement prison for HMP Barlinnie.

S6W-35008 Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what assurances it can provide that any Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) metro scheme, including a proposed rail link with Glasgow Airport, will have no detrimental impact on current rail services in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency.

S6W-35009 Stephanie Callaghan: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to mesh survivors in Scotland, when it last discussed the findings of *The Hughes Report* with the UK Government, and what information it has on when it anticipates that the UK Government will publish its response to the report, in light of it being a year since its publication.

S6W-35010 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted an analysis of any potential efficiency savings in the judicial system from the establishment of a dedicated environmental court, and, if not, whether it has any plans to do so.

S6W-35011 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of any government-initiated programmes and initiatives focused on improving environmental outcomes since 2016 that it considers have been unsuccessful in achieving their stated outcomes, and what the original estimated costs and benefits were, based on an anticipated successful outcome, in each case.

S6W-35013 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to develop an industry around the decommissioning of oil and gas sites.

S6W-35014 Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the UK Government’s Clean Power 2030 Action Plan, published in December 2024; what its position is on what the plan means for Scotland’s offshore wind industry, and how much of the UK Government’s plan for 43-50 GW of installed offshore wind capacity by 2030 will be in Scotland.

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[S6W-35015 Sarah Boyack](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to drive an increase in the uptake of heat pumps, in light of a reported reduction in field agents at Home Energy Scotland.

[S6W-35016 Sarah Boyack](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it will speed up the processing of Home Energy Scotland grants for heat pumps.

[S6W-35017 Sarah Boyack](#): To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to the heat pump industry, in light of reported concerns that it is experiencing financial uncertainty as a result of delays to the proposed Heat in Buildings Bill.

[S6W-35018 Sarah Boyack](#): To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to households still using the Radio Teleswitch Service for their energy meter.

[S6W-35020 Finlay Carson](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether any section 16AA licence holders, granted under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, have specified the land to which the licence is to relate as the area immediately surrounding a line of grouse butts.

[S6W-35021 Finlay Carson](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether (a) a landowner can assign sporting rights under the terms of a lease to a sporting tenant and (b) the area assigned under the terms of any such lease may not necessarily reflect the ownership boundary of a landholding.

[S6W-35022 Finlay Carson](#): To ask the Scottish Government what the largest number of section 16AA licences is that have been granted to a single landholding under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

[S6W-35023 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will develop a plan to increase Scottish ownership of the Scotch whisky industry, in light of reports that nearly 70% of malt whisky distilleries are ultimately owned by companies outside Scotland.

[S6W-35024 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will calculate the gross national income (GNI) generated by Scotch whisky to establish what value of dividends and retained earnings of producers is accrued by residents in Scotland.

[S6W-35025 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will investigate any impact, sector concentration and risk profile of private equity acquisitions of Scottish companies and assets, in light of reported warnings from the Bank of England over the past year regarding the stability of private equity-backed companies and the potential ripple effect it could have on the wider economy.

[S6W-35026 Jeremy Balfour](#): To ask the Scottish Government when Transport Scotland plans to publish the next version of its *Disability and Transport* report, which was last published in 2023, and whether it will commit to publishing updated versions of the publication each year, taking account of the annual data made available through the Scottish Household Survey and other transport statistics.

[S6W-35027 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish the results of the consultation on homecare medicines services, and any resulting recommendations.

[S6W-35028 Ross Greer](#): To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of any progress towards delivering each of the outcomes in its 2022 Fair Work Action Plan, including the commitment to support strong trade unions and promote national collective bargaining, particularly in underrepresented sectors.

[S6W-35029 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE) has commissioned a structural engineer that is registered on the Conservation Accreditation Register for Engineers (CARE) to assess the structural condition of the Caerlee Mill at Innerleithen, and its viability for retention and conversion in whole or part.

[S6W-35030 Sue Webber](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many electric vehicle (EV) charge points it plans to install in 2025-26.

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[S6W-35031](#) Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been allocated to the Caledonian Sleeper service for (a) engine repairs and (b) carriage upgrades in 2024-25, also broken down by how much of this has been used to date.

[S6W-35033](#) Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with Transport Scotland and Scottish Rail Holdings to encourage the public to use the Caledonian Sleeper service.

[S6W-35034](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what the average primary (a) 1, (b) 2 and (c) 3 class size has been in each year since 1999, broken down by local authority.

[S6W-35037](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to introduce an updated version of the campaign, No Knives, Better Lives.

[S6W-35038](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, following the Year of Young People 2018, what plans it has to hold a new version of the initiative.

[S6W-35039](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what the most recent data it has regarding the number of (a) primary and (b) secondary school pupils leaving the independent sector and enrolling in state schools, broken down by local authority.

[S6W-35040](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the implementation of the pavement parking prohibitions introduced by the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019, and how it ensures that local authorities enforce these effectively.

[S6W-35041](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has received from local authorities regarding any barriers that they have identified in enforcing the pavement parking prohibitions introduced by the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019, and what support it has provided to them to assist with dealing with these.

[S6W-35042](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of local authorities' use of the £2.4 million funding that it allocated in 2022 to prepare for implementing the pavement parking prohibitions introduced by the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019.

[S6W-35043](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to ensure that older people in South Lanarkshire continue to receive the necessary housing support services they require to live safely and independently.

[S6W-35044](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish an assessment of the potential increase in NHS and social care costs resulting from any reductions in local authority-funded housing support services.

[S6W-35045](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has had any discussions with South Lanarkshire Council regarding the potential impact of any reduction in funding for housing support services and whether it will intervene to ensure the continuation of these services.

[S6W-35046](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential financial impact of the reported council tax freeze on local authorities.

[S6W-35047](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that local authorities are being forced to introduce significant council tax increases due to budgetary pressures.

[S6W-35048](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has conducted on the potential consequences of rising council tax rates on low and middle-income households.

[S6W-35050](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review the local government funding model to ensure that local authorities have a sustainable financial settlement.

[S6W-35051](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what resources it is making available to support teachers dealing with violence and abuse in schools, and what plans are in place to introduce further training or intervention strategies.

[S6W-35072](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it will bring forward legislation to prohibit the use of peat in horticultural products.

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New Bills Bilean Ùra				

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 18 February 2025

Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2 (SP Bill 56A) (Government Bill)

New accompanying documents printed on 18 February 2025

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)—A Supplementary Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 25A–FM) and a Supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 25A–DPM) have been printed.

Amendments

Amendments to Bills lodged on 18 February 2025

Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 19

Willie Rennie

29 In section 19, page 13, line 29, leave out from beginning to end of line 33 on page 14

Willie Rennie

30 In section 19, page 14, line 38, leave out from beginning to end of line 2 on page 15

Willie Rennie

31 In section 19, page 15, leave out lines 7 to 25

Willie Rennie

32 In section 19, page 15, line 13, after <to> insert <—
(a)>

Willie Rennie

33 In section 19, page 15, line 14, at end insert—
<(b) the extent to which the let property has been decorated or renovated since the point at which the previous tenancy ended.>

Willie Rennie

34 In section 19, page 15, line 32, leave out from beginning to end of line 1 on page 16

Willie Rennie

35 In section 19, page 16, line 6, leave out <(1)(a)(ii) or (b)(ii)> and insert <(1)(b)(ii)>

Willie Rennie

36 In section 19, page 17, leave out line 7

Willie Rennie

37 In section 19, page 21, line 6, leave out from beginning to end of line 11 on page 23

Willie Rennie

38 In section 19, page 23, leave out line 19

Willie Rennie

39 In section 19, page 23, line 23, leave out from <or,> to <date”> on line 25

Willie Rennie

40 In section 19, page 24, leave out lines 16 and 17

Willie Rennie

41 In section 19, page 24, line 18, leave out from second <section> to <or (b)> on line 19 and insert <or section 43P(2) or (3)>

Willie Rennie

42 In section 19, page 24, leave out lines 35 and 36

Willie Rennie

43 In section 19, page 25, leave out line 1

Section 20

Willie Rennie

44 In section 20, page 25, line 17, leave out from beginning to <previously,> in line 24

Willie Rennie

45 In section 20, page 25, line 28, leave out from beginning to end of line 5 on page 26

Willie Rennie

46 In section 20, page 26, leave out lines 9 and 10

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 13

Gillian Mackay

69 In section 13, page 7, line 17, leave out <may> and insert <must>

Gillian Mackay

70 In section 13, page 7, line 18, leave out <the services that the National Care Service provides> and insert <all social care services>

Section 14

Gillian Mackay

71 In section 14, page 7, line 25, at end insert—

<() overseeing the resolution of those complaints.>

Section 15

Gillian Mackay

72 In section 15, page 8, line 4, at end insert—

<() A relevant complaint may be a complaint by—

- (a) the carer,
- (b) the cared-for person,
- (c) any other person.>

Section 38

Gillian Mackay

73 In section 38, page 18, line 13, leave out <from providing care for the cared-for person>

Gillian Mackay

74 In section 38, page 18, line 14, leave out <from providing care for the cared-for person>

Gillian Mackay

75 In section 38, page 18, line 16, leave out <from providing that care>

Gillian Mackay

76 In section 38, page 18, line 32, leave out <from providing care for the cared-for person>

Gillian Mackay

77 In section 38, page 18, line 33, leave out <from providing care for the cared-for person>

Gillian Mackay

78 In section 38, page 18, line 35, leave out <from providing that care>

Gillian Mackay

79 In section 38, page 19, line 24, leave out <from providing care for the cared-for person>

Gillian Mackay

80 In section 38, page 19, line 36, leave out <from providing care for the cared-for person>

Gillian Mackay

81 In section 38, page 20, line 14, leave out <may> and insert <must>

Gillian Mackay

- 82 In section 38, page 20, line 16, after <may> insert <also>

Gillian Mackay

- 83 In section 38, page 20, leave out line 29, leave out <from providing care for the cared-for person>

Gillian Mackay

- 84 In section 38, page 20, line 36, leave out <from providing care for cared-for persons>

Gillian Mackay

- 85 In section 38, page 20, line 37, at end insert—

<() In section 41(1) (interpretation), after the entry relating to “adult carer support plan”, insert—

““breaks” includes a break for the carer from providing care or other types of break.”.>

After section 38

Gillian Mackay

- 86 After section 38, insert—

<Duty to prepare adult carer support plan

(1) The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.

(2) After section 6(5) (duty to prepare adult carer support plan) insert—

“(5A) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations prescribe timescales for the preparation of adult carer support plans.”.

(3) Section 7 is repealed.>

Gillian Mackay

- 87 After section 38, insert—

<Duty to prepare young carer statement

(1) The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.

(2) After section 12(7) (duty to prepare young carer statement) insert—

“(7A) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations prescribe timescales for the preparation of young carer statements.”.

(3) Section 13 is repealed.>

After section 39

Gillian Mackay

- 88 After section 39, insert—

<Short break services statement

- (1) The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 35(2) (short breaks services statements) insert—
 - “(2A) A short breaks services statement must include—
 - (a) how the local authority will ensure there is sufficient availability and variety in short break provision to meet the identified needs of carers,
 - (b) an assessment of short break provision—
 - (i) during the day (at home or away from home),
 - (ii) overnight (at home or away from home),
 - (iii) at weekends,
 - (iv) in school holidays,
 - (v) for planned and unplanned short breaks,
 - (vi) for the carer to have a short break with or without the cared-for person,
 - (c) how the local authority can adapt short break provision depending on the individual needs of the carer.”.>

After section 40

Katy Clark

- 89** After section 40, insert—

<Requirements for bodies providing care services

Requirements for bodies providing care services

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, specify requirements for bodies providing publicly funded care services.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must, in particular, provide for requirements on—
 - (a) transparency of ownership, and
 - (b) tax status.>

After section 43

Katy Clark

- 90** After section 43, insert—

<Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act: care providers

- (1) The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 1, after paragraph 75 insert—

“75ZZA A person providing publicly funded care services, but only in respect of information relating to the provision of those services.”.>

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New Subordinate Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following draft instrument was laid before Parliament on 18 February 2025 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Part 2 Further Extension\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 133(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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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:

[Proposals for Bills – Scottish Parliament | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

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**

Progress of Legislation

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the website at:

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills>

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 2 completed, 18 February 2025

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 25 February 2025

Amendments should be lodged by 4:30 on Friday 21 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)), 19 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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Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 17 February 2025

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 18 December 2024

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

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 18 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)), 18 February 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
[\(\[legislationteam@parliament.scot\]\(mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot\)\)](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
[\(\[legislationteam@parliament.scot\]\(mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot\)\)](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)

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

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)

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 February 2025

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 20 February 2025

Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 5 February 2025

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

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/legislative-consent-memorandums>

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

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 19 February 2025

Great British Energy Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-48b

Lodged on 17 February 2025

Meeting (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee), 19 February 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 20 February 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)

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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)

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 19 February 2025

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 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

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

Subject to approval by 13 March 2025

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 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)

Subject to approval by 27 March 2025

[Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 28 March 2025

[Tied Pubs \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (10 February 2025) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

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[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (10 February 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 29 March 2025

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[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2025 \(SI 2025/124\)](#) (12 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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