

Thursday 20 February 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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9:30am SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

9:30am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with SEPA regarding how it will address any environmental concerns that arise from new waste incineration sites that have already received approval. ([S6O-04330](#))
- 2. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration is being given to increasing community resilience and supporting their ability to respond to storm-related disruption such as power outages. ([S6O-04331](#))
- 3. Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it can provide to Dundee Heritage Trust to ensure the long-term future of the organisation. ([S6O-04332](#))
- 4. Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to local authorities to sustain and expand Gaelic-medium education. ([S6O-04333](#))
- 5. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact trade barriers have on the Scottish economy. ([S6O-04334](#))
- 6. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the representations that it has made to the UK Government regarding reimbursements to the public sector in Scotland due to the increase in employer national insurance contributions. ([S6O-04335](#))
- 7. Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the impact that the UK Government's decision to raise employer national insurance contributions will have on Scottish public services and the economy of Scotland. ([S6O-04336](#))
- 8. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government what research it has recently completed into the efficacy and standardisation of the presumption of inclusion in mainstream education. ([S6O-04337](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03801](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03802](#))
- 3. Lorna Slater:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03803](#))
- 4. Clare Adamson:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the recent *Labour Market Outlook* survey by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development on UK business confidence. ([S6F-03823](#))
- 5. Pam Gosal:** To ask the First Minister whether he will provide an update on the Scottish Government's plans to update the School Premises (General Requirements and Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 1967. ([S6F-03808](#))
- 6. Colin Smyth:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to reduce the disability employment gap. ([S6F-03814](#))

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

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

Finances—That the Parliament believes that the total unitary charge payments associated with Public Private Partnership/Private Finance Initiative (PPP/PFI) contracts that were paid across the public sector in Scotland from 2006-07 to 2022-23 amounted to £14.173 billion; understands that PFI/PPPs are long-term contractual arrangements between a public sector entity and a private sector provider, which were introduced by the Conservative UK administration in 1992 and then expanded by Labour following its 1997 election victory; believes that the total PFI and PPP unitary charge payments to be paid across the public sector in Scotland in 2025-26 will be £1.25 billion, the highest in a single year, with the remaining cost associated with PFI/PPP being £14.699 billion from 2023-24; understands that, by 2038, North Ayrshire Council will have paid £440.1 million for four schools that were built for £83 million; notes that research carried out by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research shows that successive UK administrations have made payments to private companies associated with PFI contracts at, on average, more than three times the cost of construction, with said companies distributing £300 million in dividends to investors from £1 billion in profits between 2005 and 2022; recognises that the scheme was abandoned by the UK Government in 2018, 11 years after being replaced with an alternative model known as non-profit distributing (NPD) by the Scottish Government to limit excessive private sector profits; notes with concern media reports that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rachel Reeves MP, is considering relaunching the PPP funding model frequently used by Tony Blair's Labour administration; considers PFI/PPP to have had a disastrous impact on Scotland's public finances, and notes the calls for the UK Government to end what it sees as its obsession with PFI/PPP.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Justice

- 1. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the housing minister has had with ministerial colleagues regarding what action is being taken to tackle homelessness in relation to care experienced individuals. ([S6O-04338](#))
- 2. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to help local authorities move families with children out of temporary accommodation into suitable permanent homes. ([S6O-04339](#))
- 3. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the social justice secretary has had with the UK Government regarding the Women Against State Pension Inequality campaign and potential compensation for women in Scotland. ([S6O-04340](#))
- 4. Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the social justice secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding how it can improve financial literacy levels among children, in light of reports that it is a key driver of inequality, which affects attainment and perpetuates the cycle of generational poverty. ([S6O-04341](#))

5. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that current and future legislative processes further embed the principles and aims of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024. ([S6O-04342](#))

6. John Mason: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its negotiations with the Department for Work and Pensions regarding the release of relevant data pertaining to the two-child benefit cap. ([S6O-04343](#))

7. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the application of equalities legislation, what its position is on the provision of single-sex spaces in public sector buildings, including hospitals. ([S6O-04344](#))

8. Elena Whitham: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its national mission for tackling child poverty. ([S6O-04345](#))

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

[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.

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

[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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-16532.1](#) Liam Kerr: Independent Review of Sentencing and Penal Policy—As an amendment to motion S6M-652 in the name of Angela Constance, Independent Review of Sentencing and Penal Policy), leave out from "Scotland" to end and insert "as a result of, non-exhaustively, significant and long-standing pre-COVID-19 pandemic court backlogs, a high remand population and a failure to timeously build additional prison capacity, Scotland's prison system is now struggling to house the number of prisoners incarcerated and sentenced as a result of independent decisions made by judges; further notes with disappointment that these capacity issues still persist, despite numerous Scottish Government policies, which were aimed at reducing the prison population, such as changes to automatic early release, which allows many offenders to leave prison after serving 40% of their sentence, a general presumption against short sentences, sentencing guidelines that treat under 25-year-olds differently and an increase in diversion from prosecution; raises concerns that, despite repeated warnings about the need for new prisons, HMP Highland and HMP Glasgow are both delayed and over budget, with the former rising from £52 million to £209 million, and the latter increasing from £100 million to £998 million; understands that reoffending rates were up 2.6% for the 2020-21 cohort; recognises that one-in-eight of those released as a result of emergency early release reoffended, and believes that the role of the independence of the judiciary should not be undermined by government, and that any review of penal and sentencing policy should always prioritise victims over offenders."

[S6M-16532.2](#) Pauline McNeill: Independent Review of Sentencing and Penal Policy—As an amendment to motion S6M-16532 in the name of Angela Constance (Independent Review of Sentencing and Penal Policy), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "acknowledges that prisons remain severely overcrowded, with prisons operating above capacity even after the Scottish National Party (SNP) administration's emergency early release of prisoners, impacting on the ability to rehabilitate offenders; is concerned by the high numbers of women in prisons; condemns the SNP administration's failure to tackle high reoffending rates, which result in offenders returning to custody due to the lack of robust alternatives; agrees that the third sector can play a significant role in the effective delivery of justice services that reduce reoffending, and support reintegration into society; calls on the Scottish Government to urgently increase the availability of robust community payback orders, and invest in safe and secure GPS electronic monitoring to drive down the remand population and give more public confidence to non-custodial sentencing; further calls on the Scottish Government to expand access to throughcare services, which are essential in assisting offenders to reintegrate into society and to stop offending; believes that a review of sentencing and penal policy will not address the urgent crisis in Scotland's justice system, and resolves that the SNP administration should take immediate action based on parameters set by the Parliament to address these concerns, rather than focus on a review that will not take the prompt action needed to fix the justice system and keep Scotland's communities safe."

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

[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.

followed by Business Motions

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Committee Meetings

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

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

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.

SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

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.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 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.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 19 February 2025

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 — S6M-15868 Emma Harper: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2025

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 Debate

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 — S6M-16389 Fulton MacGregor: Northern Corridor Community Forum's Evidence-based Report

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 — S6M-15739 Murdo Fraser: Protection of Park Home Residents

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

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Future Committee Meetings

The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

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Motions

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Motions for Debate

[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

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-16509](#) Jackie Dunbar: NHS Grampian Consultant to Lead on UK Breast Cancer Radiology**—That the Parliament congratulates Dr Gerald Lip, who has been appointed as President of the British Society of Breast Radiology (BSBR); understands that the BSBR is a specialist group of the Royal College of Radiologists, representing up to 700 consultant specialist radiologists in breast cancer across the UK and devolved nations; notes that as well as leading work to explore the potential use of artificial intelligence in breast radiology in partnership with the University of Aberdeen, Dr Lip is also planning a conference for the European Society of Breast Imaging, which is set to host up to 2,000 participants at P&J Live in September 2025; recognises that Dr Lip was also awarded the James Clerk Maxwell Award by Aberdeen Convention Bureau in December 2024, in recognition of his instrumental work in bringing national and international conferences to Aberdeen; commends the efforts of Dr Lip, and wishes him all the best in his tenure.

***[S6M-16508](#) Clare Adamson: Commending New College Lanarkshire Level 6 Pastry Chefs on their Bake Sale**—That the Parliament commends the Level 6 pastry chefs at Motherwell Campus on their successful Valentine's Bake Sale; recognises their hard work and dedication in creating a variety of delicious baked goods to sell as part of their fundraising efforts; notes that the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Burnt Chef Project, which it understands is a vital initiative that raises awareness and promotes mental health and wellbeing within the hospitality industry; acknowledges the importance of supporting mental health in a sector that is known for its high-pressure environment, particularly as a ScotHot survey reveals that nearly 60% of hospitality staff have experienced mental health issues in the workplace; applauds the students, staff, and all those who contributed to this meaningful cause, and wishes the Level 6 pastry chefs continued success in their studies and future endeavours.

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***[S6M-16507](#) Clare Adamson: Miracle Foundation SCIO Charity Receives Funding**

Donations—That the Parliament congratulates the Miracle Foundation SCIO charity on receiving £15,000 in donations from three local organisations; understands that Clyde Valley Housing Association, Coatbridge High School, and BellaMoo Lashes from Motherwell each took part in outstanding fundraising activities to collectively raise this amount for the Miracle Foundation; notes that the charity, which is based in Motherwell, supports young people who have experienced or are experiencing bereavement and trauma through counselling and arts therapies, believing that every child should have the opportunity to reach their full potential in a safe space that promotes recovery and well-being; commends the exceptional efforts of everyone involved in these fundraising activities, which it considers provide much-needed assistance to young people across the community, and wishes the Miracle Foundation SCIO, Clyde Valley Housing Association, Coatbridge High School, and BellaMoo Lashes all the best in their future endeavours.

***[S6M-16506](#) Edward Mountain: Ross-shire Roadies' Fundraising Efforts in Support of Motor**

Neurone Disease Research—That the Parliament congratulates the Ross-shire Roadies, a group of dedicated cyclists from Ross-shire, for their remarkable achievement in raising £14,000 for the My Name's 5 Doddie Foundation through their participation in Doddie's Grand Tour; acknowledges the gruelling 800-mile challenge that the cyclists undertook to support research into motor neurone disease (MND), inspired by the late Scottish rugby legend, Doddie Weir; recognises the leadership of former Beaully GP, Robbie Forsyth, in organising the team, and the participation of members, including Catriona Forsyth, Adam Syme, Robert Cartwright, Colin Gilmour, Simon Russell, and Fergus David; notes the poignant contribution of Adam Syme, cycling in memory of his wife Karen, who succumbed to MND in October 2024; commends former Scottish rugby player, Rob Wainwright, for his overall fundraising leadership, and acknowledges the cumulative efforts of all participants in the Grand Tour series, which have collectively raised over £532,000 to date; appreciates the profound impact that it believes such community-driven initiatives have in advancing research towards a cure for MND, and encourages continued support for the My Name's 5 Doddie Foundation's mission to create a world that is free of this devastating disease.

***[S6M-16505](#) Jackie Baillie: Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Cove Park**

—That the Parliament congratulates Cove Park on its 25th anniversary; understands that Cove Park was established in 2000 in order to support local, national, and international artists working individually and in collaboration in all art forms, and at every career stage; notes that the initiative provides a programme of residencies, commissions, and collaborative projects that allow artists, creative practitioners, and researchers to develop and produce ambitious, innovative, and ground-breaking new work; believes that it does this by providing artists with a unique combination of time, support and space to make significant strides in their work; acknowledges that it has welcomed over 3,000 local, national and international artists through its doors, including prominent figures in the industry, such as Margaret Atwood, who have produced work that has been recognised nationally and internationally, and understands that, starting in spring 2025, Cove Park plans to hold 25 Open Fridays that will welcome visitors to special events to celebrate its special anniversary.

***[S6M-16501](#) Edward Mountain: Great Wilderness Challenge and its Donation of Vital Kit to**

Dundonnell Mountain Rescue Team—That the Parliament recognises the success of the Great Wilderness Challenge, established in 1986, where more than 500 participants take part in a 25-mile walk or run through tough Wester Ross terrain each year; understands that the race has raised over £4.7 million for local charities since its beginning; celebrates the donation from Great Wilderness Challenge of a new emergency vehicle to Dundonnell Mountain Rescue Team, which supports the race every year by providing first aid and rescue services to those who need them; commends the lifesaving work carried out by the volunteers of the Dundonnell Mountain Rescue

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Team who regularly use these vital emergency vehicles to rescue casualties across 2,600 square miles of terrain, and who selflessly volunteer their services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

***[S6M-16500](#) Annabelle Ewing: Lottery Funding for That Place in the Bay—**That the Parliament congratulates That Place in the Bay, a small charity based in Dalgety Bay, on its recent success in securing a £10,000 grant from The National Lottery's Community Fund; recognises that the community hub is engaged on a mission to eliminate social isolation and promote mental wellbeing through the provision of arts and crafts; commends That Place in the Bay for its work in partnership with Cafe Inc to provide free meals during school holidays and to facilitate meetings for other local groups, including Andy's Man Club, and wishes these organisations continued success with the work that they are doing.

***[S6M-16498](#) Emma Roddick: Shetland Youth Music Festival Secures Important Funding—**That the Parliament celebrates the news that the Shetland Youth Music Festival has secured a major £5,000 funding award from Shetland Charitable Trust; understands that the grant provides the funding needed to run 2025's programme of events, which will take place in Lerwick's Mareel, from 17 to 20 March; appreciates that the festival is self-funded through sponsorship and donations and that it enjoyed a hugely successful event in 2024, with over 600 young musicians involved; further appreciates that this year's festival is open to all young people of secondary school age in full-time education in Shetland, with the syllabus and entry forms available online, and wishes all of the organisers all the best as they prepare for another brilliant festival.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Evelyn Tweed*, Jeremy Balfour*, Douglas Ross*, Tim Eagle*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Finlay Carson*, Foysoil Choudhury*

***[S6M-16497](#) John Mason: World Day of Social Justice 2025—**That the Parliament notes that 20 February 2025 marks the UN World Day of Social Justice; recognises that this day highlights the importance of promoting fairness, equality, and inclusion in all aspects of society; considers that social justice is fundamental to tackling poverty, reducing inequalities, and ensuring that all individuals, regardless of background, have access to opportunities; notes that this year's theme, "Empowering Communities for Inclusive Prosperity", focuses on the need to support individuals and communities to participate fully in economic, social, and cultural life; commends the work of organisations across Scotland that are dedicated to advancing social justice, including those tackling poverty, supporting marginalised groups, and advocating for workers' rights, and reaffirms its commitment to building a fairer and more just Scotland.

***[S6M-16495](#) Emma Roddick: SEN Transmission's Regional Community Benefit Fund —**That the Parliament celebrates the news that funding has been awarded to 10 organisations across the north of Scotland through SEN Transmission's Regional Community Benefit Fund; understands that the first tranche of awards comes from an initial pot of £10 million, which is associated with electricity transmission projects that are already in delivery; notes that the Regional Community Benefit Fund aims to support projects that bring positive benefits and a long-lasting legacy to communities throughout the north of Scotland; appreciates that projects that have been awarded funding, include Inverness College UHI, Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust, and THAW Orkney, and welcomes that SEN Transmission anticipates that over £100 million in community benefit funding will be delivered in communities across the north of Scotland to help meet energy security and clean power ambitions.

Supported by: Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*

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Motions Glusadan				

***[S6M-16494](#) David Torrance: Autism Rocks Purchases Parish Church, Secures Future—**

That the Parliament congratulates Buckhaven-based charity, Autism Rocks, on the purchase of Buckhaven and Wemyss Parish Church and Hall; commends the organisation for the months of hard work and fundraising required to achieve this goal, without which, it understands, the charity was facing potential closure due to lack of premises; notes that the charity exists to offer support, inclusion and advocacy for children and adults with autism alongside their families, and wishes Autism Rocks the best of luck as it renovates the building and develops its organisation.

Supported by: Emma Roddick*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Elena Whitham*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Finlay Carson*

***[S6M-16286](#) Pam Gosal: Recognising Rhu Man's Volunteer Work at Glenarn Garden—**

That the Parliament commends Gavin Smith for three years of meticulous volunteer work at Glenarn Garden, Rhu, where he restored over 1,400 plant labels, thus safeguarding its botanical heritage; acknowledges Sue and Mike Thornley's transformative stewardship, which earned Glenarn an "outstanding" rating from Historic Environment Scotland; recognises the indispensable role of volunteers in preserving Scotland's historic landscapes; welcomes the garden's continued public access and its forthcoming training initiatives, and wishes all those involved continued success in preserving this remarkable site for future generations.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-16503](#) Michael Marra: Wraparound Care for Children with Additional Support Needs

(lodged on 17 February 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-16492](#) Stuart McMillan: Congratulations to Inverclyde Band, Slix, on Winning Best Live Act (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, David Torrance*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Elena Whitham*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Finlay Carson*

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

(lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16487](#) Liz Smith: Flight Lieutenant Graham Wilf Taylor (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Douglas Lumsden*, Russell Findlay*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-16485](#) Liz Smith: Hamish MacInnes Donation (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Douglas Lumsden*, Russell Findlay*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-16484](#) Claire Baker: Welcoming the New Bike Pump Track and Jump Loop in King George V Park in Clackmannan (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd*

[S6M-16483](#) Bob Doris: Summerston Netball Club Wins Glasgow Lord Provost Award 2024

(lodged on 18 February 2025)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: David Torrance*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-16482](#) Bill Kidd: Kingsway Community Connections Receives £142,593 from National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Kenneth Gibson*, Clare Haughey*, Edward Mountain*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-16481](#) Bill Kidd: Bloody Amazing CIC Receives £15,210 from National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Rona Mackay*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Clare Haughey*, Monica Lennon*, Edward Mountain*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Karen Adam*, Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-16480](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Finalists Announced in Fife Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2025 (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd*

[S6M-16479](#) Beatrice Wishart: Celebrating the Success of Scottish Salmon Exports (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Maurice Golden*, Karen Adam*, Daniel Johnson* R, Michael Marra*

[S6M-16477](#) Alexander Stewart: New SPFL Trust Community Hub to Open at The Hive in Alloa (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-16476](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa-based Structural Engineering Consultancy Provides Local Apprenticeships (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-16474](#) Alexander Burnett: Fish Shop Receives Two Honours in the Michelin Guide Great Britain & Ireland. (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Alexander Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Douglas Lumsden*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Tim Eagle*, Meghan Gallacher*, Russell Findlay*, Bill Kidd*, Edward Mountain*, Murdo Fraser*, Karen Adam*, Kevin Stewart*, Brian Whittle*, Colin Beattie*, Finlay Carson*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*

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

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*, Russell Findlay*, Karen Adam*, Edward Mountain*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*

[**S6M-16434**](#) **Michael Matheson: Awareness of Criminal Exploitation of Children** (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: James Dornan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Emma Roddick*, Rona Mackay*, Colin Beattie*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*, Elena Whitham*

[**S6M-16432**](#) **Ben Macpherson: Scotland's Seabirds** (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: John Mason*, Foysol Choudhury*, Elena Whitham*

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Motions Glusadan				

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Alexander Stewart*, Finlay Carson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Sandesh Gulhane*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16423](#) Brian Whittle: Life Well Lived, Biggar Receives National Lottery Funding (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Alexander Stewart*, Finlay Carson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Edward Mountain*, Meghan Gallacher*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Sandesh Gulhane*

[S6M-16422](#) Brian Whittle: Welcoming National Lottery Support for the Lesmahagow Development Trust (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Douglas Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Alexander Stewart*, Finlay Carson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Edward Mountain*, Meghan Gallacher*, Bill Kidd*, Russell Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Sandesh Gulhane*

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

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-16420](#) Brian Whittle: Grant Funding for Galston Community Development Trust (lodged on 11 February 2025)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16419](#) Brian Whittle: Enable Kilmarnock Receives National Lottery Award (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16418](#) Brian Whittle: National Lottery Award for East Ayrshire Churches Homeless Action (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16417](#) Brian Whittle: National Lottery Funding for Darvel Area Regeneration Team (DART) (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16416](#) Brian Whittle: Crossroads Community Hub Ltd Receives Two National Lottery Awards (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Emma Harper*, Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-16414](#) Brian Whittle: National Lottery Funding for Biggar Parish Church of Scotland (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Emma Harper*, Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-16412](#) Brian Whittle: Avondale Radio SCIO National Lottery Award (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Emma Harper*, Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*, Russell Findlay*

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

New Support: Foyso Choudhury*

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

New Support: Elena Whitham*, Humza Yousaf*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-16392](#) Tess White: Mearns and Coastal Health Living Network's Future Secured with Three-year Funding Grant (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

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

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S6M-16385](#) Edward Mountain: Recognising Helen Leigh's Achievements in North Cross Country League and National Masters Cross Country Championship (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16384](#) Sandesh Gulhane: First Surgery in UK and Ireland Conducted at Glasgow Royal Infirmary (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16383](#) Edward Mountain: Congratulations to Luke Stoltman on Being Crowned Britain's Strongest Man (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16382](#) Edward Mountain: Celebrating the Reopening of Strathconon Primary School and its Role in the Community (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16381](#) Edward Mountain: Recognition of James Dunbar as a Big Issue Changemaker for Housing and Homelessness (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16378](#) Tim Eagle: Euan Warnock Receives National Farmers Union Scotland Argyll and Islands Stalwart Award (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Emma Roddick*, Ariane Burgess*, John Mason*, Emma Harper*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Martin Whitfield*, Bill Kidd*, Carol Mochan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Mark Ruskell*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Liam McArthur*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Karen Adam*, Brian Whittle*, Foysoyl Choudhury*, Finlay Carson*

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

New Support: Emma Roddick*, Ariane Burgess*, John Mason*, Emma Harper*, Martin Whitfield*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, Carol Mochan*, Miles Briggs*, George Adam*, Kenneth Gibson*, Mark

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Motions Gluasadan				

Ruskell*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Brian Whittle*, Foyso Choudhury*, Finlay Carson*

[S6M-16369](#) Sharon Dowey: Prestwick Ice Skater Wins Bronze Medal at European Figure Skating Championships (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16368](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr United Football Academy Launches Dementia-friendly Walking Football Sessions (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16367](#) Alexander Stewart: Stirling School of English Awarded The King's Award for Voluntary Service (lodged on 07 February 2025)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16366](#) Alexander Stewart: Forth Valley College's Medical Skills Simulation Suite (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16365](#) Alexander Stewart: Coalsnaughton Early Learning Centre (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16363](#) Alexander Stewart: Macrobert Arts Centre Funding Award from Creative Scotland (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16354](#) Stephen Kerr: Blackness Primary School Faces Closure (lodged on 07 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16350](#) Tim Eagle: Atlantic Islands Centre Celebrates 10-year Anniversary (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16343](#) Douglas Ross: Audrey Pirie Named JudoScotland Referee/Official of the Year (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16336](#) Ariane Burgess: Congratulations to The Shetland Amenity Trust on Becoming a Living Wage Employer (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-16332](#) Annie Wells: Congratulates Hillwood Community Sports Hub on its Collaboration with Horticulture and Floristry Students (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-16327](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow to Host the Michelin Guide Ceremony for Great Britain and Ireland 2025 (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16319](#) Liz Smith: Kevin Howett Mountain Award (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16317](#) Douglas Ross: The Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation Allocates over £2 Million to Good Causes (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16315](#) Annie Wells: Battlefield's Window Wanderland Returns (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16314](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Community Bands Together for Park Transformation (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-16313](#) Annie Wells: Springburn Academy Pupil Heads to International Wrestling Championships (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Elena Whitham*, Ben Macpherson*

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

New Support: George Adam*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16283](#) Pam Gosal: Congratulating Clydebank's Mark Steven on Being Elected President of ACTACC (lodged on 06 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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

New Support: Monica Lennon*

[S6M-16212](#) Paul Sweeney: International Year of Co-operatives (lodged on 24 January 2025)

New Support: Douglas Ross

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Questions Ceistean				

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 26 February 2025

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

- Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how its work on international development and support for humanitarian aid is being used to ensure the safety and security of those who are fleeing war and persecution. ([S6O-04346](#))
- Foyso Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working to increase the number of film and television productions created in Scotland. ([S6O-04347](#))
- Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is giving to local authorities to maintain arts and cultural programmes. ([S6O-04348](#))
- Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has for Dumbarton Castle. ([S6O-04349](#))
- Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the announcement by Creative Scotland that it will provide multi-year funding to deliver cultural and creative programmes. ([S6O-04350](#))
- Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports virtual libraries. ([S6O-04351](#))
- Mark Griffin:** [Not Lodged]
- Audrey Nicoll:** [Not Lodged]

Justice and Home Affairs

- Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its National Strategy for Community Justice, including the delivery of the sustainable housing on release for everyone standards across all local authorities. ([S6O-04354](#))
- Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the justice secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding action to counter the reported proliferation of child sex abuse images online. ([S6O-04355](#))
- John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on Police Scotland's work to tackle the issue of uncontrolled pyrotechnics at football matches. ([S6O-04356](#))
- Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the establishment of the Emma Caldwell public inquiry. ([S6O-04357](#))
- Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the number of police officer and police staff working days lost due to mental health illness has risen in recent years. ([S6O-04358](#))
- Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it and its partner organisations are taking to tackle antisocial behaviour in city centres. ([S6O-04359](#))
- Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Cashback for Communities programme. ([S6O-04360](#))
- Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve the way the justice system handles crimes involving animals. ([S6O-04361](#))

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Questions Ceistean				

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 27 February 2025

Education and Skills

- Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to update its guidance on the use of mobile phones in classrooms. ([S6O-04370](#))
- Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to expand dyslexia support in schools, to remove any barriers for children who need the right support to thrive. ([S6O-04371](#))
- Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the Scottish Funding Council regarding the University of Dundee. ([S6O-04372](#))
- Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting pupils with additional support needs in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency. ([S6O-04373](#))
- Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government what role the Skills Transition Centre at Forth Valley College will play in protecting and redeploying the skills base, and providing further training opportunities for a just transition of workers in the Grangemouth chemical cluster. ([S6O-04374](#))
- Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to deal with violence in schools. ([S6O-04375](#))
- Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support school pupils with dyslexia. ([S6O-04376](#))
- Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the rise in employer national insurance contributions on local authority partnership early learning and childcare settings. ([S6O-04377](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 27 February 2025

- Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will reduce any administrative burdens on GPs across the Highlands and Islands to allow them to spend more time treating patients. ([S6O-04362](#))
- Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it will reach a decision regarding extending the terms of reference for the inquiry into the death of Sheku Bayoh. ([S6O-04363](#))
- Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the Housing (Scotland) Bill, which two local authority areas have been identified as areas for the planned homelessness prevention pilots, in light of reports that the pilots are due to commence in spring 2025. ([S6O-04364](#))
- Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is, regarding any potential impact on the environment, to reports that Mowi Scotland, a multi-national fish farming company, has purchased Sanda Island in Argyll and Bute. ([S6O-04365](#))
- Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership regarding its reported projected overspend of £34.8 million for 2024-25. ([S6O-04366](#))
- Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government when Public Health Scotland will produce updated statistics on the screening rates for cervical cancer. ([S6O-04367](#))

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Questions Ceistean				

7. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government how many new-build social and mid-market rental properties have been delivered in the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency in the last 10 years. ([S6O-04368](#))

8. Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any correspondence it has had with the UK Government and the Scottish Public Pensions Agency (SPPA) regarding the legacy of the Scottish Police Pension 1987 Scheme. ([S6O-04369](#))

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Questions Ceistean				

Written Questions

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

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

Government initiated questions lodged on 19 February 2025

[S6W-35115](#) Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress and impact of the £30 million allocated in 2024-25 to reduce NHS waiting times.

Written questions lodged on 19 February 2025

[S6W-34819](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many people have been referred for transgender chest surgery, including masculinising mastectomies, in each of the last five years, also broken down by how many were aged (a) 17 to 25 and (b) 26 and over.

[S6W-34821](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on the number of people who have sought transgender chest surgery privately in each of the last five years, including those who fundraise through online platforms.

[S6W-34822](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many GPs took early retirement in each of the last five years, also broken down by what proportion of the total GP workforce this represented.

[S6W-34823](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the reported decline in the number of fully qualified GPs from 4,514 in 2022 to 4,438 in 2024 on people's access to primary care services.

[S6W-34824](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how the reported additional £13.6 million investment in general practice in 2024-25 is being allocated, and what proportion will be directed towards recruitment and retention initiatives.

[S6W-34825](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent to date on planning and development for each of the five national treatment centres, and how this compares with the estimate in its initial proposals.

[S6W-34827](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what the revised projected costs are for the proposed national treatment centre in Livingston, and how this compares with the original estimate of £70.9 million.

[S6W-34828](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many alcohol-specific deaths have been recorded in each of the last five years, also broken down by what proportion were attributed to liver disease.

[S6W-34829](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many lives it estimates have been saved annually as a result of minimum unit pricing for alcohol, and what assessment it has made of the impact of the recent uprating to 65p per unit.

[S6W-34830](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many hospital admissions in each of the last five years have been directly attributed to alcohol consumption, and how much this has cost.

[S6W-34831](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of strokes recorded in each of the last five years were posterior circulation strokes, and what information it has on how many of these were initially missed despite using the FAST (face, arms, speech, time) test.

[S6W-34832](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many stroke patients have required mechanical thrombectomy in each of the last five years, and what proportion of these procedures took place outside daytime hours.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-34833](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding what impact adopting the BE FAST (balance, eyes, face, arms, speech, time) test could have on the number of additional strokes that could be detected quicker annually.

[S6W-34834](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government on what dates the First Minister has held meetings regarding the commitment to keeping The Promise for care-experienced children since May 2024; who attended; what was discussed, and what the outcomes were.

[S6W-34844](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how much it allocated to public health campaigns for stroke awareness in each of the last five years.

[S6W-34845](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government on what date its most recent stroke awareness campaign was launched, and what evaluation it carried out on its effectiveness.

[S6W-34846](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many non-departmental public bodies there are, and how this compares with May 1999.

[S6W-34847](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of its budget is allocated to local authorities, and how this compares with 1999-00.

[S6W-34848](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many public services have been transferred from local authorities to its agencies or non-departmental public bodies since 1999, and which services have been affected.

[S6W-34849](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the money that it allocates to local authorities is ring-fenced, and how this compares with (a) 1999-00 and (b) 2006-07.

[S6W-34850](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what the average length of the local authority funding settlement has been since 2014-15, and what consideration it has had to introducing three-year settlements.

[S6W-34899](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government how many of its buildings have had (a) renewable energy generation equipment, such as solar panels, installed and (b) investment in renewable energy generation projects in each of the last 10 years, and what proportion of overall energy use in these building this covers.

[S6W-35049](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it will implement to prevent any service reductions in local government as a result of reported funding shortfalls.

[S6W-35052](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review existing policies on classroom discipline and pupil behaviour management, in light of reported concerns raised by teachers about insufficient consequences for disruptive behaviour.

[S6W-35053](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what guidance it provides to local authorities regarding appropriate disciplinary measures for violent or abusive behaviour by pupils towards teachers and school staff.

[S6W-35054](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what national measures are being taken to address reported increasing concerns over poor pupil behaviour and abuse towards staff in schools, in light of the industrial action at Kirkintilloch High School.

[S6W-35055](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to harmonise the reporting of violent and abusive behaviour towards teachers and staff in schools.

[S6W-35056](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to support local heritage organisations, such as Friends of Kinneil, in their efforts to safeguard and promote key historical sites in the Central Scotland region.

[S6W-35057](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether any local authorities are receiving special support beyond that which is offered to all local authorities to meet their particular budget issues.

[S6W-35058](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether any local authorities have raised concerns regarding financial viability for the (a) 2025-26 and (b) 2026-27 financial year.

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>
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[S6W-35059](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how many socially rented properties were vacant in each of the last 12 months, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-35061](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what plans it has to ensure that Transport Scotland takes action to mitigate any safety concerns regarding the Shawhead flyover in Coatbridge.

[S6W-35062](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many requests for the closure of rural schools it has received from each local authority in each of the last four years.

[S6W-35063](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what regulations and checks are made regarding any local authorities that are seeking to close rural schools, in relation to the veracity of their decision-making processes, including the consultation process.

[S6W-35065](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what role it envisions for its economic agencies, such as Scottish Enterprise and Business Gateway, in addressing the reported gender export gap and supporting women-led businesses to expand internationally.

[S6W-35066](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that a third of all hip and knee replacements in Scotland are now paid for privately, and what measures it is taking to address lengthy NHS waiting lists for these procedures.

[S6W-35067](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the reported decision by the health secretary not to act in response to a letter warning about potential non-compliance by NHS Fife with its legal obligations is consistent with the Scottish Government's duty to uphold the Equality Act 2010.

[S6W-35068](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reported concerns of HM Chief Inspector of Railways about "systemic" failings by Network Rail in ensuring the safety of bridges, tunnels, and stations, and how any such concerns may apply to Scotland's rail infrastructure.

[S6W-35069](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the economic and employment impact of the UK Government's reported plans to support the steel sector in Scotland with reduced electricity costs compared to any absence of targeted support for the Grangemouth refinery.

[S6W-35132](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34488 by Ivan McKee on 19 February 2025, whether it will provide the information that was requested regarding for what reason its partial island communities impact assessment (ICIA) for the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill did not recommend carrying out a full ICIA on the basis that the measures in the Bill were "not likely to have an effect on an island community which is significantly different from its effect on other communities", in light of the assessment also noting that "the geographical remoteness of islands can generate a number of particular challenges".

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 19 February 2025

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about setting targets relating to biodiversity; to confer on the Scottish Ministers a power to modify certain legislation in relation to environmental impact assessments and habitats; to make provision in relation to national parks; to make provision in connection with the management of deer; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Mairi Gougeon

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 59–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 59–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 59–PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 59–DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 59–LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

Amendments

Amendments to Bills lodged on 19 February 2025

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

After section 29

Sharon Dowey

86 After section 29, insert—

<Training on trauma-informed practice

Training on trauma-informed practice

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision requiring relevant persons to complete a training course on trauma-informed practice.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, make provision—
 - (a) determining training requirements, such as—
 - (i) the form and content of the training course,
 - (ii) requiring a person providing training to meet specified criteria,
 - (b) accrediting courses and the persons providing courses,
 - (c) determining the minimum criteria for successful completion and how successful completion is to be recorded.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), “relevant persons” means any person who works with—
 - (a) accused persons,
 - (b) victims,
 - (c) witnesses,in relation to criminal investigations or criminal proceedings.>

Sharon Dowey

87 After section 29, insert—

<Reporting on trauma-informed practice

Report on trauma-informed practice

- (1) Each criminal justice agency must, in respect of each reporting period—
 - (a) prepare and publish a report on the agency’s implementation of trauma-informed practice,
 - (b) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (2) For the purposes of this section—

“criminal justice agency” means—

 - (a) the Lord Advocate,
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers,

- (c) the chief constable of the Police Services of Scotland,
 - (d) the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service,
 - (e) the Parole Board for Scotland,
- “reporting period” means—
- (a) the period of 2 years beginning with the day after section 24 comes into force,
 - (b) each subsequent period of 1 year.>

Sharon Dowey

88 After section 29, insert—

<PART

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Admission as a solicitor: training requirements

- (1) The Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 5 (training regulations), after subsection (1) insert—
 - “(1A) Regulations under this section must make provision for a person to complete training on—
 - (a) trauma-informed practice in relation to the conduct of criminal and civil proceedings, and
 - (b) handling sexual offences cases.”.>

Sharon Dowey

89 After section 29, insert—

<PART

SPECIAL MEASURES IN CRIMINAL CASES

Vulnerable witnesses: information and choice as to special measures

- (1) The 1995 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 271E (vulnerable witnesses: supplementary provision)—
 - (a) for subsection (2), substitute—
 - “(2) The party or, as the case may be, the court shall—
 - (a) ensure that the witness is given appropriate information about the special measures available,
 - (b) in the case of a deemed vulnerable witness—
 - (i) seek the views of the witness as to the special measures, if any, the witness wishes to request for the purpose of giving the witness’s evidence, and
 - (ii) specify or, as the case may be, order the use of any special measures requested by the witness,
 - (c) in the case of any other vulnerable witness—

- (i) have regard to the best interests of the witness, and
- (ii) take account of any views expressed by—
 - (A) the witness (having regard, where the witness is a child witness, to the witness’s age and maturity), and
 - (B) where the witness is a child witness, the witness’s parent (except where the parent is the accused).”,
- (b) in subsection (3), in the opening words, for “subsection (2)(b)”, substitute “subsection (2)(c)”.>

After section 33

Sharon Dowey

90 After section 33, insert—

<PART

CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS

Decisions not to prosecute

- (1) The 2014 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) Before section 4 (rules: review of decision not to prosecute) insert—

“3K Victims’ right to be informed of decision not to prosecute

- (1) Where a prosecutor decides not to prosecute a person for an offence or alleged offence, the prosecutor must, as soon as reasonably practicable, inform any person who is, or appears to be, a victim in relation to that offence or alleged offence of the prosecutor’s decision.
- (2) In this section, “prosecutor” means Lord Advocate, Crown Counsel or procurator fiscal.”.
- (3) The italic cross heading immediately preceding section 4 becomes “*Decisions not to prosecute*”.>

Sharon Dowey

91 After section 33, insert—

<PART

TRIAL DIETS

Reporting on floating trial diets

The Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, prepare and publish a report on—

- (a) the number of times during the financial year that a court, when appointing a trial diet under section 72A of the 1995 Act, indicated that the diet was to be a floating trial diet, and
- (b) the impact of the use of floating trial diets on victims.>

Section 35

Sharon Dowey

- 92** In section 35, page 20, line 36, leave out from beginning to end of line 7 on page 21 and insert—
- <(2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4) below, the verdict of the jury must be unanimous.
 - (3) The verdict of a jury need not be unanimous if—
 - (a) in a case where there are 11 or 12 jurors, 10 of them agree on a verdict,
 - (b) in a case where there are 10 jurors, 9 of them agree on a verdict.
 - (4) The court must not accept a verdict by virtue of subsection (3) unless it appears to the court that the jury have had such period of time for deliberation as the court thinks reasonable having regard to the nature and complexity of the case.>

After section 36

Sharon Dowey

- 63A** As an amendment to amendment 63, line 8, before <for> insert <after the delivery of the verdict,>

Section 69

Sharon Dowey

- 93** In section 69, page 49, leave out lines 7 to 13 and insert—
- <() recognises when a person may be affected by trauma,
 - () adjusts ways of working to take into account that a person may be affected by trauma,
 - () responds in a way that supports recovery,
 - () does no harm, and
 - () recognises and supports a person's resilience.>

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 13

Brian Whittle

- 91** In section 13, page 7, line 16, at end insert—
- <() Every individual has a right of access to independent advocacy in connection with the individual's entitlement to social care services.
 - () It is the duty of the Scottish Ministers to ensure that independent advocacy services are available to the extent necessary for that right to be exercised by the individuals who have it.>

Paul Sweeney

- 92** In section 13, page 7, line 19, at end insert—

- <() Regulations under subsection (1) must provide for—
- (a) a right to independent advocacy in connection with an individual’s entitlement to social care services, if, owing to a disability, the individual requires an advocate's help to engage effectively with the process for determining the individual’s entitlement to, or the arrangement or delivery of social care services,
 - (b) independent advocacy services to be available to the extent necessary for that right to be exercised by the individuals who have it,
 - (c) the establishment of advocacy service standards to be applied to those providing independent advocacy services under the regulations, including—
 - (i) the training and experience individuals providing advocacy services must have,
 - (ii) service quality,
 - (iii) quality assurance processes,
 - (iv) record keeping.>

Brian Whittle

93 In section 13, page 7, line 19, at end insert—

- <() Regulations under subsection (2) must make provision for advocacy service standards which may, in particular, include provision in relation to—
- (a) the training and experience individuals providing advocacy services must have,
 - (b) service quality,
 - (c) quality assurance processes,
 - (d) record keeping.>

Gillian Mackay

94 In section 13, page 7, line 19, at end insert—

- <() For the purposes of this section—
- (a) “advocacy services” means services of support and representation that are made available for the purpose of enabling an individual to whom they are provided to have as much control of, or capacity to influence, the decisions that determine the individual's entitlement to social care services as is, in the circumstances, appropriate,
 - (b) advocacy services are independent if they are provided by a person other than the Scottish Ministers.>

Paul Sweeney

95 Leave out section 13 and insert—

<Independent advocacy

- (1) Every individual to whom subsection (3) applies has a right of access to independent advocacy in connection with the individual's entitlement to social care services.
- (2) It is the duty of the Scottish Ministers to ensure that independent advocacy services are available to the extent necessary for that right to be exercised by the individuals who have it.

- (3) This subsection applies to an individual if, owing to a disability, the individual requires an advocate's help to engage effectively with the process for determining the individual's entitlement to, or the arrangement or delivery of social care services.
- (4) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) “advocacy services” means services of support and representation that are made available for the purpose of enabling an individual to whom they are provided to have as much control of, or capacity to influence, the decisions that determine the individual's entitlement to social care services as is, in the circumstances, appropriate,
 - (b) advocacy services are independent if they are provided by a person other than the Scottish Ministers.
- (5) It must be a term of any agreement that the Scottish Ministers enter into with a person for the provision of advocacy services in connection with their duty under subsection (2), that the person undertakes to comply with the advocacy service standards.
- (6) The advocacy service standards are to be set by the Scottish Ministers in regulations and may, in particular, include provision in relation to—
 - (a) the training and experience individuals providing advocacy services must have,
 - (b) service quality,
 - (c) quality assurance processes,
 - (d) record keeping.
- (7) The advocacy service standards, or a part of them, may be set by reference to another document (whether or not prepared by the Scottish Ministers).>

Brian Whittle

- 96 Leave out section 13

Section 14

Gillian Mackay

- 97 In section 14, page 7, line 23, leave out <the services that the National Care service provides> and insert <care services provided by local authorities>

Section 15

Gillian Mackay

- 98 In section 15, page 8, line 2, leave out from beginning to <other> in line 3 and insert <a>

Gillian Mackay

- 99 In section 15, page 8, line 5, at end insert—
- <() provide for the complaint to be assessed against the principles of—
- (i) the realisation of human rights,
 - (ii) enabling people to thrive and fulfill their potential,

- (iii) enabling communities to flourish and prosper,
- () provide for guidance on the handling of complaints regarding—
 - (i) the allocation of social care resources,
 - (ii) any assessment of eligibility for care services,
- () provide timescales for—
 - (i) the complainer to make a complaint, and
 - (ii) a response to be provided.>

After section 35

Jackie Baillie

100 After section 35, insert—

<PART

FAIR WORK AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN CARE

CHAPTER 1

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

Founding principles

Fair work, equality and human rights at work are the founding principles of services provided by Scotland's social care sector, including—

- (a) the requirement to put people before profit,
- (b) that Scotland's social care sector is to be an exemplar in its approach to fair work for care workers, ensuring that they are recognised and valued for the critically important work that they do,
- (c) that Scotland's social care sector respects, protects, and fulfills equality law and human rights at work,
- (d) that Scotland's social care sector realises the human rights of service users and workers to the maximum of available resources by tackling tax avoidance.>

Jackie Baillie

101 After section 35, insert—

<CHAPTER

DUTIES AND DUTY BEARERS

The social care sector duties

- (1) It is the duty of the Scottish Ministers and all relevant public authorities to promote in Scotland a care service designed to secure improvement in the wellbeing of service users, carers and the social care workforce.
- (2) In discharging their duty under subsection (1) the Scottish Ministers and relevant public authorities must have due regard to the founding principles of the social care sector, as set out in section (*Founding principles*) and the strategic plan prepared under section (*Strategic plan for*

social care services).>

Jackie Baillie

102 After section 35, insert—

<CHAPTER

ETHICAL COMMISSIONING

Ethical commissioning: code of practice

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a code of practice on ethical commissioning in social care.
- (2) In preparing a code under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) consult and share a draft with—
 - (i) service users,
 - (ii) carers,
 - (iii) providers of social care services,
 - (iv) trade unions representing those working in the social care sector,
 - (v) such other persons as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate,
 - (b) consider any representations made, and
 - (c) have regard to the National Standards for Community Engagement or any other equivalent guidance on community engagement and collaboration published by the Scottish Ministers.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must review the code at least once during each 3 year period and, following such a review must—
 - (a) revise the code of practice, or
 - (b) lay a statement before the Scottish Parliament that, having undertaken a review, the Scottish Ministers have concluded that there is no need to revise it.
- (4) Subsections (2) and (3) apply to a revised code of practice as they apply to the code of practice prepared under subsection (1).>

Jackie Baillie

103 After section 35, insert—

<**Ethical commissioning of services**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers and relevant public authorities must have due regard to the code of practice prepared under section (*Ethical commissioning: code of practice*) in the—
 - (a) design,
 - (b) commissioning,
 - (c) delivery, and
 - (d) review,
 of services provided by the social care sector.

- (2) The Scottish Ministers and relevant public authorities must have due regard to the National Standards for Community Engagement or any other equivalent guidance on community engagement and collaboration published by the Scottish Ministers in the—
- (a) design,
 - (b) commissioning,
 - (c) delivery, and
 - (d) review,
- of services provided by the social care sector.>

Jackie Baillie

104 After section 35, insert—

<CHAPTER

ETHICAL PROCUREMENT

Ethical procurement

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide for arrangements for the ethical procurement of social care services.
- (2) Scottish Ministers and all relevant public bodies must ensure that procurement decisions in relation to social care services give effect to the founding principles of the social care sector as set out in section (*Founding principles*).
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) must include—
 - (a) circumstances in which procurement of social care services is permitted,
 - (b) the process or processes by which contracts may be awarded,
 - (c) the grounds for excluding specific classes of bidder,
 - (d) minimum ethical standards that contractors are required to meet,
 - (e) requirements that embed minimum legal standards in contracts for social care services,
 - (f) arrangements for promoting continuous improvement as regards fair work, equality and human rights in contracted services,
 - (g) requirements for contract management by commissioning authorities including requirements for—
 - (i) monitoring,
 - (ii) reporting,
 - (iii) review,
 - (iv) improvement notices,
 - (v) enforcement,
 - (h) measures to ensure contractors assist the commissioning authority in the discharge of—
 - (i) the public sector equality duty as set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010,
 - (ii) human rights obligations,
 - (i) accessible and effective procedures for complaints and whistleblowing,

- (j) effective remedies to be provided in the event of provider breach,
- (k) procedures and alternative service delivery arrangements to be applied in the event of service failure or contract termination, and
- (l) any other measure that the Scottish Ministers consider is required to ensure the principles and duties as set out in sections (*Founding principles*) and (*The social care sector duties*) are applied—
 - (i) during procurement, and
 - (ii) throughout the period of contracted service delivery.>

Jackie Baillie

105 After section 35, insert—

<Minimum ethical standards in procured services

A contracting authority must include in each public contract or framework agreement such conditions relating to the performance of the contract or framework as are reasonably necessary to ensure that the social care provider complies with legal obligations in the following areas—

- (a) environmental protection and climate change,
- (b) social policy,
- (c) employment and labour relations,
- (d) health and safety,
- (e) equality, including the public sector equality duty as set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010,
- (f) human rights,
- (g) training and skills acquisition,
- (h) any relevant collective agreements, and
- (i) the international law measures referred to in Annex X of Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement.>

Jackie Baillie

106 After section 35, insert—

<CHAPTER

SECTORAL BARGAINING

Sectoral bargaining

- (1) To the extent permitted by any other enactment, the Scottish Ministers must negotiate employment conditions for social care workers in Scotland through sectoral bargaining.
- (2) Social care sectoral bargaining agreements are relevant collective agreements for the purposes of section (*Minimum ethical standards in procured services*)(h).>

Carol Mochan

107 After section 35, insert—

<CHAPTER

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS

Treatment of international workers

- (1) Less favourable treatment or victimisation of social care workers on the grounds of—
- (a) race,
 - (b) nationality,
 - (c) national origin, or
 - (d) immigration status,

is a breach of the principles and duties as set out in sections (*Founding principles*) and (*The social care sector duties*).

- (2) The Scottish Ministers must publish—
- (a) a fair work charter for international workers, and
 - (b) guidance on the application of the code of practice on ethical commissioning prepared under section (*Ethical commissioning: code of practice*) and regulations on ethical procurement under section (*Ethical procurement*) to the delivery of fair work for international workers.>

Carol Mochan

108 After section 35, insert—

<CHAPTER

FAIR WORK AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Fair work and continuous improvement

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish guidance on continuous improvement in the arrangements for fair work in the social care sector.
- (2) Guidance under this section must apply to all—
- (a) relevant public authorities, and
 - (b) contracted providers of social care services.
- (3) In preparing guidance under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must—
- (a) consult and share a draft with—
 - (i) service users,
 - (ii) carers,
 - (iii) providers of social care services,
 - (iv) trade unions representing those working in the social care sector,
 - (v) such other persons as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate,
 - (b) consider any representations made, and
 - (c) have regard to the National Standards for Community Engagement or any other equivalent guidance on community engagement and collaboration published by the Scottish Ministers.

- (4) The Scottish Ministers must review the guidance at least once during each 3 year period and, following such a review must—
 - (a) revise the guidance, or
 - (b) lay a statement before the Scottish Parliament that, having undertaken a review, the Scottish Ministers have concluded that there is no need to revise it.
- (5) Subsections (2) to (4) apply to revised guidance as they apply to the guidance prepared under subsection (1).>

Carol Mochan

109 After section 35, insert—

<CHAPTER

CONTRACT BREACH BY CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

Reportable breaches of contract

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations—
 - (a) specify acts and omissions of a contracted provider that constitute a reportable breach of contract in relation to fair work standards, including—
 - (i) any judicial decision against the contracted provider in relation to the matters covered by Regulation 19(4) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (S.S.I. 2014/446),
 - (ii) any formal action against the contracted provider by a labour market regulator,
 - (b) set out a process to be followed in the event of a reportable breach of contract, including the reporting of a reportable breach to a commissioning authority,
 - (c) provide for remedies in relation to a reportable breach of contract,
 - (d) provide for termination of contracts where reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with the principles and duties as set out in sections (*Founding principles*) and (*The social care sector duties*).
- (2) Commissioning authorities must—
 - (a) keep a record of all reportable breaches reported to them, and
 - (b) provide a copy of that record to the Scottish Ministers on request.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must provide for a register of reportable breaches.
- (4) The register provided for under subsection (3) must—
 - (a) include a breakdown of reportable breaches by location,
 - (b) be published at least on an annual basis.>

Carol Mochan

110 After section 35, insert—

<CHAPTER

TRADE UNIONS

Trade unions

- (1) Commissioning authorities must take all necessary steps to ensure that contracted providers comply with the labour relations requirements referred to in section (*Minimum ethical standards in procured services*)(c) and (i).
- (2) Victimisation of social care workers on the grounds of trade union membership or trade union activity is—
 - (a) a breach of the principles and duties as set out in sections (*Founding principles*) and (*The social care sector duties*), and
 - (b) a reportable breach under section (*Reportable breaches of contract*).>

Carol Mochan

111 After section 35, insert—

<CHAPTER

HUMAN RIGHTS

Maximising the realisation of human rights

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide for the maximisation of the realisation of human rights for service users and workers in the social care sector.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must, in particular, provide for—
 - (a) a requirement for full transparency in financial reporting for corporate structures including the payment of internal charges between linked companies and financial institutions,
 - (b) appropriate control by contracting authorities over the rate of profit extracted from publicly funded services by provider organisations or linked companies whether through operating profits or otherwise,
 - (c) appropriate control of tax avoidance,
 - (d) sanctions for tax evasion,
 - (e) a timetable for the phased expansion of—
 - (i) public provision of social care services,
 - (ii) not for profit delivery of social care services,
 - (f) the establishment or designation of a care finance regulator with functions to ensure the enforcement of financial regulations for the purpose of ensuring that the human rights of service users and workers in the social care sector are realised to the maximum of available resources.>

Carol Mochan

112 After section 35, insert—

<CHAPTER

MONITORING AND REPORTING ON FAIR WORK

Fair work indicators

The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide for—

- (a) a common standard of fair work indicators,

- (b) mandatory monitoring of fair work indicators through contract management,
- (c) the recording of fair work indicators, including—
 - (i) form,
 - (ii) frequency,
- (d) reporting by contracting authorities on fair work indicators, including disaggregation by—
 - (i) protected characteristics as set out under section 4 of the Equality Act 2010,
 - (ii) immigration status,
- (e) collection by contracting authorities of qualitative data on fair work standards through effective voice channels,
- (f) the form and content of annual reports by—
 - (i) integration joint boards established under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014,
 - (ii) any other body with functions delegated to it under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014,
 - (iii) any other local commissioner,
- (g) the requirement to publish fair work in care reports,
- (h) workforce engagement using effective voice channels on the findings of fair work in care reports.>

Carol Mochan

113 After section 35, insert—

<Annual report on fair work in care

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as practicable after the end of each reporting period, prepare and publish a report on fair work in care in Scotland in relation to each reporting period.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must take into account aggregate data from commissioning authorities on workforce engagement.
- (3) Each of the following is a “reporting period”—
 - (a) the period of 2 years following Royal Assent,
 - (b) each subsequent period of 1 year.>

Jackie Baillie

114 After section 35, insert—

<Interpretation of Part (*Fair work and human rights in care*)

For the purposes of this Part—

“care worker” means a person delivering social care services on behalf of social care institutions or providers within the social care sector,

“services” means care and support services provided by institutions or providers within the social care sector,

“social care sector” means all aspects of personal and practical support and services for

children, young people and adults, helping to support their independence, improve their quality of life and ensure they have the necessary assistance in their daily lives to stay at home or to be in a homely setting.>

Jackie Baillie

115 After section 35, insert—

<PART

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Scottish Government Strategic Plan for social care services

Strategic plan for social care services

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) have a strategic plan for social care services, and
 - (b) make the latest version of the plan publicly available.
- (2) The strategic plan for social care services is a document setting out, for the period of the plan, how the Scottish Ministers will—
 - (a) set objectives,
 - (b) achieve the objectives and in what timescale,
 - (c) estimate the costs for meeting the objectives,
 - (d) measure demand for social care services,
 - (e) ensure demand for social care services is met,
 - (f) improve the terms and conditions of people working in social care services,
 - (g) value and empower people who work in social care services,
 - (h) ensure that the principles of self directed support and living independently are implemented in decision-making,
 - (i) deliver an integrated health and social care system, and
 - (j) deliver an ethical commissioning and procurement strategy in relation to providing social care services.
- (3) A strategic plan may include any other information the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (4) Before making a strategic care plan for social care services the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) carers,
 - (b) people who access social care services,
 - (c) people who work for social care services,
 - (d) care providers,
 - (e) trade unions,
 - (f) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers—

- (a) may make a new strategic plan at any time (having complied with subsection (4)),
- (b) must ensure that there is no gap between the period of one plan ending and of its successor beginning.
- (6) The period of a strategic plan—
 - (a) must not exceed 4 years,
 - (b) begins on the date that the plan states it begins,
 - (c) ends on the earlier of—
 - (i) the date that the plan states it ends, or
 - (ii) the date that the period of the plan's successor begins.>

Section 36

Brian Whittle

- 116 In section 36, page 16, line 29, leave out <may> and insert <must>

Brian Whittle

- 117 In section 36, page 16, line 29, after <scheme> insert <and digital platform>

Gillian Mackay

- 118 In section 36, page 16, line 33, at end insert—
<() providers of care services.>

Gillian Mackay

- 119 In section 36, page 16, line 33, at end insert—
<() Regulations under subsection (1) must include—
 - (a) a right for the person to whom the care record belongs to control who may access information in that care record,
 - (b) a process for a guardian to control who may access information in the care record on behalf of another person,
 - (c) provision for the care record to be provided in a format that is accessible to the person.>

Jackie Baillie

- 120 In section 36, page 16, line 33, at end insert—
<() Regulations under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) provide for the creation of a digital shared care record containing information in relation to an individual such as—
 - (i) address and contact information,
 - (ii) prescribed medications,

- (iii) allergies,
- (iv) test results,
- (v) care plans,
- (vi) appointments,
- (vii) discharge letters,
- (viii) personal preferences and decisions,
- (ix) clinical contacts,
- (b) require the consent of the individual to the sharing of information,
- (c) provide for appropriate data protection measures in relation to shared data.>

Sandesh Gulhane

121 In section 36, page 16, line 33, at end insert—

- <() Regulations under subsection (1) must provide for a digital system to allow individuals to access—
- (a) their own health and care records,
 - (b) health and care services in different local authority areas without requiring reassessment.>

Brian Whittle

122 In section 36, page 17, line 2, at end insert—

- <() The Scottish Ministers must make an annual statement to the Scottish Parliament setting out—
- (a) the number of information breaches (if any) arising from the scheme provided for by regulations under subsection (1),
 - (b) the total cost of any information breaches,
 - (c) the steps that the Scottish Ministers are planning to take to prevent future information breaches.>

Brian Whittle

123 Leave out section 36

After section 36

Brian Whittle

124 After section 36, insert—

<Single health and care record

The Scottish Ministers must introduce a system of a single electronic health and care record, including electronic prescriptions, by the end of 2027.>

Section 37

Brian Whittle

125 Leave out section 37

After section 37

Jackie Baillie

126 After section 37, insert—

<Funding for social care

- (1) At least once every financial year, a relevant body must publish—
 - (a) the total funding available to the body for social care for the current financial year, and
 - (b) the body's projected budget for social care for the next 5 financial years.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, "relevant body" means—
 - (a) the Scottish Ministers,
 - (b) integration joint boards established under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014,
 - (c) any other body with functions delegated to it under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014,
 - (d) health and social care partnerships.>

Jackie Baillie

127 After section 37, insert—

<Assessment of national social care needs

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, in respect of each reporting period, prepare and publish a report on the social care needs of the population of Scotland.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must include information on—
 - (a) current social care needs,
 - (b) projected social care needs,
 - (c) costs of meeting the current and projected social care needs,
 - (d) welfare of the social care workforce,
 - (e) any other matters that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) In preparing a report under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) integration joint boards established under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014,
 - (b) any other body with functions delegated to it under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014,
 - (c) health and social care partnerships,
 - (d) such other persons as they consider appropriate.

- (4) For the purposes of this section, a reporting period is—
- (a) the period of 1 year following Royal Assent,
 - (b) each subsequent period of 2 years.>

Before section 38

Sandesh Gulhane

128 Before section 38, insert—

<Entitlement to care

Right to care

The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide that a person who has a critical need for care receives that care no later than 6 weeks after the care need has been determined.>

Paul Sweeney

129 Before section 38, insert—

<Entitlement to care

Terminal illness: provision of services

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide, in relation to individuals with a terminal illness, for—
- (a) expedited access to social care services,
 - (b) increasing levels of social care services having regard to the progression of the terminal illness.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), an individual is to be regarded as having a terminal illness if, having had regard to the guidance mentioned in subsection (3), it is the clinical judgement of an appropriate healthcare professional that the individual has a progressive disease that can reasonably be expected to cause the individual's death.
- (3) The guidance referred to in subsection (2) is guidance prepared under paragraph 1(3) of schedule 5 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2), “appropriate health professional” has the meaning specified in regulations made under paragraph 1(2D) of schedule 5 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.>

Paul Sweeney

130 Before section 38, insert—

<Entitlement to care

Portable care packages

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide that—
- (a) where an individual with a disability is receiving social care services provided through a local authority (the first local authority), and
 - (b) that individual moves to a different local authority (the second local authority) as a

consequence of that disability,

the second local authority must provide care equivalent to what was being provided by the first local authority.

- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must not allow for the provision of equivalent care to be subject to any form of assessment or evaluation.>

Section 38

Gillian Mackay

131 In section 38, page 20, line 15, at end insert—

<(2A) Regulations under subsection (2) must provide—

- (a) a definition of “sufficient breaks” for the purposes of this Act, that includes—
- (i) reasonable limitation of working hours, and
 - (ii) recognition of the carer’s human right to rest and leisure under Article 24 of the International Declaration of Human Rights,
- (b) for a system where the carer is involved in agreeing the sufficiency of breaks according to their circumstances.>

Jackie Baillie

132 In section 38, page 20, line 15, at end insert—

<(2A) Regulations under subsection (2) must provide a definition of “sufficient breaks” for the purposes of this Act that includes the entitlement of a carer to a minimum break of 2 weeks.>

Gillian Mackay

133 In section 38, page 20, leave out line 17

Brian Whittle

134 Leave out section 38

Section 39

Brian Whittle

135 Leave out section 39

Section 40

Brian Whittle

50A As an amendment to amendment 50, line 37, at end insert—

<(3A) The duty must also be framed so that, where a provider of a care home service has suspended visits due to a serious risk of a kind described in subsection (2), the provider

must provide written reasons for the suspension to the resident of the care home and to the Essential Care Supporter in any case where a visit has been denied.>

Brian Whittle

50B As an amendment to amendment 50, line 90, leave out <in such a manner as they consider appropriate> and insert <in a manner that is accessible to the public, and includes a version in an easy read format,>

Brian Whittle

50C As an amendment to amendment 50, line 95, at end insert—

<(ba) if a significant number of complaints in relation to the code have been received, review, prepare and publish a new version of the code in such manner as they consider appropriate, and>

Brian Whittle

50D As an amendment to amendment 50, line 108, at end insert—

<78CA Report on implementation

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a report on the implementation of sections 78A to 78C in each local authority area.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must be produced annually.>

Jackie Baillie

136 In section 40, page 21, line 21, at end insert—

<(2AA) The Scottish Ministers must provide for visiting directions to include a process for residents of care homes to nominate at least one relative or essential care giver to have equivalent access rights to the resident as the staff of care homes.

(2AB) When issuing a visiting direction, the Scottish Ministers must have regard to—

- (a) the requirement for staff and the nominated relative or essential care giver to work together as equals to agree how visits should be facilitated,
- (b) the consistency of risk management processes for both staff and visitors,
- (c) the presumption of serious harm caused to residents of care homes where visits by their nominated contacts are denied.

(2AC) Before providing for visiting directions under subsection (2AA) the Scottish Ministers must provide guidance on equivalent access rights.

(2AD) The Scottish Ministers must consider what steps are necessary to protect care homes from legal action against them in cases where an essential care giver has visited the care home while all visits have been suspended.>

Jackie Baillie

137 In section 40, page 21, line 21, at end insert—

<(2AA) The Scottish Ministers must exercise the power under subsection (2) to provide for a presumption against the suspension of visits to care homes.

(2AB) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide—

- (a) the suspension of visits may only be granted by—
 - (i) Public Health Scotland on health grounds, or
 - (ii) Scottish Ministers (or a body delegated to make the decision on behalf of Scottish Ministers) for any other reason,
- (b) any decision to suspend visits must—
 - (i) be reviewed once in every 48 hour period by the body who granted the suspension, and
 - (ii) remain in force for a period of no longer than 7 days,
- (c) for an expedited appeals process for—
 - (i) a nominated relative or essential care giver to appeal the suspension of visits,
 - (ii) Public Health Scotland to consider the appeal, and
 - (iii) the appeal to be heard and a decision issued no later than 72 hours after the appeal has been made.>

Brian Whittle

138 Leave out section 40

Section 41

Brian Whittle

53A As an amendment to amendment 53, line 7, after <any> insert <from a reservable contract>

Brian Whittle

139 Leave out section 41

Section 42

Brian Whittle

140 Leave out section 42

Section 43

Brian Whittle

141 Leave out section 43

After section 43

Sandesh Gulhane

142 After section 43, insert—

<Care Inspectorate: powers

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide powers to the Care Inspectorate with the purpose of—
 - (a) improving standards of local care,
 - (b) providing for a system of complaints handling in relation to the provision of care services, including powers of redress,
 - (c) ensuring adequate resources for the increased use of inspection volunteers.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) “inspection volunteers” are individuals who—
 - (a) assist regulatory bodies or organisations in assessing and evaluating social care services,
 - (b) provide feedback by engaging with service users,
 - (c) observe practices,
 - (d) report on the quality of social care and support provided, and
 - (e) help ensure that services meet required standards.>

Brian Whittle

143 After section 43, insert—

<PART

DUTY TO REPORT ON PERSONAL CARE

Duty to report on personal care

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a report on the provision of personal care for people under the age of 65 in each local authority area.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must be produced annually.>

Brian Whittle

144 After section 43, insert—

<PART

REPORT ON EQUALITY OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

Report on equality of social care services

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, before the end of each reporting period, prepare and publish a report evaluating the equality of social care services across all local authority areas.
- (2) A copy of the report prepared under subsection (1) must be laid before the Scottish Parliament.
- (3) In this section, “reporting period” is the period of 1 year beginning with the day after Royal Assent and each subsequent period of 1 year.>

Brian Whittle

145 After section 43, insert—

<PART

DUTY ON DELAYED DISCHARGES

Duty on delayed discharges

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must ensure that delayed discharges linked to the availability of care services are reduced annually by a target of 25% from the baseline date.
- (2) Where an annual target has not been met, the Scottish Ministers must make a statement to the Scottish Parliament setting out the reasons why the target has not been met.
- (3) In this section, the “baseline date” is 30 November 2024.>

Brian Whittle

146 After section 43, insert—

<PART

REVIEW OF COMMISSIONING GUIDELINES

Review of commissioning guidelines

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, before the end of each reporting period, review ethical commissioning guidelines in relation to care services.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) prepare a report of the review, and
 - (b) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (3) In this section, “reporting period” is the period of 5 years beginning with the day after Royal Assent and each subsequent period of 5 years.>

Brian Whittle

147 After section 43, insert—

<PART

ANNUAL REPORT

Annual report

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each reporting period—
 - (a) prepare and publish a report on the outcomes of the operation of this Act,
 - (b) lay the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (2) In this section, “reporting period” is the period of 2 years beginning with the day after Royal Assent and each subsequent period of 2 years.>

Section 45

Brian Whittle

148 Leave out section 45

Section 46

Jackie Baillie

149 In section 46, page 24, line 2, after <29> insert <,(*Ethical procurement*)>

Carol Mochan

150 In section 46, page 24, line 2, after <29> insert <,(*Reportable breaches of contract*)>

Carol Mochan

151 In section 46, page 24, line 2, after <29> insert <,(*Fair work indicators*)>

Paul Sweeney

152 In section 46, page 24, line 2, after <36> insert <and (*Terminal illness: provision of services*)>

Paul Sweeney

153 In section 46, page 24, line 2, after <36> insert <and (*Portable care packages*)>

Sandesh Gulhane

154 In section 46, page 24, line 2, after <36>, insert <and (*Care Inspectorate: powers*)>

Brian Whittle

155 Leave out section 46

Section 47

Brian Whittle

156 Leave out section 47

After section 47

Brian Whittle

157 After section 47, insert—

<Commencement: further provision

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must before making any regulations under section 47(2) prepare and publish a report on the estimated costs arising from the Bill for this Act as passed.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.>

Section 48

Brian Whittle

- 158** In section 48, page 24, line 19, leave out <National Care Service> and insert <Social Care and Support>

Brian Whittle

- 159** Leave out section 48

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New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to made affirmative procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 19 February 2025 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/41\)](#)

Laid under section 41(3) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

Subject to negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 19 February 2025 and is subject to the negative procedure—

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/36\)](#)

Laid under Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004, section 16(4).

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Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Member's Bills

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

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

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Final Proposal for a Member's Bill

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 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 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 (3^d 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)

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 20 March 2025

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, should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 14 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 29 April 2025

All amendments other than those that are to be considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 23 April with the clerks in the Legislation Team (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

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 19 February 2025

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

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

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 4 February 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)

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

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

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

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

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

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

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

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 January 2025

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

Lodged on 22 November 2024

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2nd Report, 2025)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th Report, 2025)

Employment Rights Bill LCM-S6-53

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

Great British Energy Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-48b

Lodged on 17 February 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Meeting of the Parliament, 20 February 2025

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

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

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

Product Regulation and Metrology Bill LCM-S6-50

Lodged on 24 September 2024

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

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

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)

Made affirmative instrument

Subject to approval by 18 March 2025

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/41\)](#) (19 February 2025) (Finance and Public Administration 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

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

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

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

Subject to approval by 10 March 2025

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

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (re-laid 10 February 2025) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

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

Subject to approval by 29 March 2025

[Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Part 2 Further Extension\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (18 February 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 22 February 2025

Lead committee report due by 17 February 2025

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

Subject to annulment 2 March 2025

Lead committee report due by 24 February 2025

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

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

Subject to annulment 5 March 2025

Lead committee report due by 3 March 2025

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

Subject to annulment 6 March 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subject to annulment 27 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

[Environmental Protection \(Injurious Articles\) \(Fixed Penalty Notices and Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/28\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Saving Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/29\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/30\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/31\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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Subject to annulment 28 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

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

Subject to annulment 30 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/36\)](#) (19 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 19 February 2025—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Report on a further supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Great British Energy Bill (SP Paper 739)

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Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 19 February 2025 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for February 2025 (SPSO/2025/02) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

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