

Tuesday 25 February 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Wayne Sutton, Senior Pastor, Carrubbers Christian Centre

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

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

Committee Meetings

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

10:00am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

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1. Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government how it will work with the UK Government on the recently announced £200 million investment in Grangemouth, as part of the National Wealth Fund. ([S6T-02380](#))

2. Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its role in ensuring that public bodies are meeting their legal obligations under the Equality Act 2010, following recent correspondence from the Equality and Human Rights Commission. ([S6T-02370](#))

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

[S6M-16562](#) **Shona Robison: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill be passed.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

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followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-15868](#) **Emma Harper: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2025**—That the Parliament recognises that the week of 24 February to 2 March is Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2025, and that the theme is that anyone can be affected by an eating disorder; understands that eating disorders affect at least one in 50 people across Scotland, including people of all ages, genders and backgrounds, with anorexia nervosa having a higher mortality rate than any other mental health condition, and that there is a range of recognised eating disorders; further understands that the sooner someone is treated for an eating disorder, the better their chance of making a full recovery, but that people too often delay seeking help due to perceived stigma and misconceptions about who can develop an eating disorder; welcomes the work of Beat, a UK-wide charity supporting people living with eating disorders and their families; understands that Beat continues to provide help across Scotland through funding from the Scottish Government; notes what it sees as the importance of protecting vital eating disorder services during the current fiscal challenges, and further notes the calls encouraging anyone in Scotland concerned about an eating

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disorder to contact their GP surgery and reach out to Beat on 0808 801 0432 or at beateatingdisorders.org.uk.

Committee Meetings

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 6th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 8th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025 from—
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, Scottish Government;
Carole Stewart, Head of Bus Strategy and Funding Policy, Gary McIntyre, Economist - Bus, Active Travel & Low Carbon Economics, and Bettina Sizeland, Director of Bus, Accessibility and Active Travel, Transport Scotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Jim Fairlie (Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity) to move—
S6M-16241—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025 be approved.
4. **Environmental regulation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Environment Protection Agency's annual report and accounts and current priorities from—
Lisa Tennant, Chair, Nicole Paterson, Chief Executive Officer, Kirsty-Louise Campbell, Chief Officer, Governance, Performance, and Engagement, Alex Flucker, Chief Operating Officer, Data, Evidence, and Innovation, and David Harley, Head of Regulation, Business, and Environment, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA).
5. **Environmental regulation:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 4.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 7th Meeting, 2025

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

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

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 7th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.

2. **Instruments subject to made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/41)
3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Part 2 Further Extension\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Review Application \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/26)
[Environmental Protection \(Injurious Articles\) \(Fixed Penalty Notices and Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/28)
[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Saving Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/29)
[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/30)
[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/31)
[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/36)
[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2025](#) (SI 2025/124)
5. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Bill.
6. **Tobacco and Vapes Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised by the Committee.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 5th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/9).
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2025-26 from—
Kaukab Stewart, Minister for Equalities, Nick Bland, Deputy Director, Mainstreaming and Inclusion, and Matthew Elsby, Deputy Director, Fiscal Policy and Constitution, Scottish Government.
3. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-26 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 6th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Council Tax Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Paul Ferguson, Senior Service Manager for Housing, Falkirk Council and Member, Scottish Executive of Institute for Revenues Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation (IRRV);

Matthew Evans, Head of Service, Revenues & Benefits, Wrexham Council and President, Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation (IRRV) Wales Association;

Lisa Hayward, Finance Policy Officer (Revenues and Benefits), Welsh Local Government Association;

Heather Honeyman, President, Scottish Assessors' Association and Assessor, Fife Council;

Brian Rout, Assessor for Scottish Borders Council and Secretary, Scottish Assessors' Association.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Non-Domestic Rating \(Valuation of Utilities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#)
[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#)
4. **Council Tax Inquiry:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Building Safety:** The Committee will consider written evidence.
6. **Ethical Standards Commissioner:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Ethical Standards Commissioner.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 19 February 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: Scottish Enterprise Funding for Arms Companies

followed by Scottish Green Party Debate: Cheaper Rail Fares

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

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

26 February 2025

7th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Scottish Human Rights Commission's report - Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Angela O'Hagan, Chair, and Dr Luis F Yanes, Highlands and Islands Project Lead, Scottish Human Rights Commission.
3. **Scottish Human Rights Commission's report - Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Proposed future business

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee

26 February 2025

7th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Review Application \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)
2. **Widening Access Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor John McKendrick, Commissioner for Fair Access;
and then from—
James Dunphy, Director of Educational Excellence, Advanced HE;
Lydia Rohmer, Principal and Chief Executive, UHI North, West and Hebrides, representing Colleges Scotland;
Rebecca Scarlett, Senior Policy and Information Officer, Lead Scotland;
Claire McPherson, Director, Universities Scotland.
3. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot

Economy and Fair Work Committee

26 February 2025

7th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **New Deal for Business:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Nathalie Agnew, Managing Director, Muckle Media Ltd;
Claire Mack, Chief Executive, Scottish Renewables;
Tony Rodgers, Chief Executive, Emtelle UK Limited;
Jane Wood, Chief Executive, Homes for Scotland;
and then from—
Luke McGarty, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Scottish Grocers' Federation;
Karen Meechan, Chief Executive Officer, ScotlandIS;
Paul Mitchell, Operations Director, Scottish Building Federation;
Leon Thompson, Executive Director, UKHospitality Scotland.
3. **New Deal for Business (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence from Consumer Scotland on its draft Work Programme 2025-2026.

Proposed future business

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

Public Audit Committee

26 February 2025

7th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Sustainable transport: Reducing car use:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Cornilius Chikwama, Audit Director, and Ashleigh Madjitey, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland;
Malcolm Bell, Member, Accounts Commission.
3. **Sustainable transport: Reducing car use:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Cornilius Chikwama, Audit Director, and Ashleigh Madjitey, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland;
Malcolm Bell, Member, Accounts Commission.
4. **Sustainable transport: Reducing car use:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters at Katrina.Venters@Parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Committee

26 February 2025

7th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's intentions in relation to Stage 2 of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill from—
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Heather Reece-Wells, Criminal Justice Reform Unit, Lisa McCloy, Criminal Justice Reform Unit, Andrew Baird, Criminal Justice Reform Unit, Carole Robinson, Violence Against Women and Girls Unit, Simon Stockwell, Family Law Unit, Nicola Guild, Legal Directorate, and Sarah Crawford, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
2. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
3. **Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

27 February 2025

7th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Ukraine:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Andrii Madzianovskiy, the Council of Ukraine in Scotland;
Zhyhalkina Oleksandra, Interpreter, the office of the Consul of Ukraine.

Proposed future business

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

SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

27 February 2025

5th 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—
Professor Angela O'Hagan, Chair, and Jan Savage, Executive Director, Scottish Human Rights Commission;
and then from—

Nicola Killean, Commissioner, Gina Wilson, Head of Strategy, and Nick Hobbs, Head of Advice and Investigations, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland.

2. **SPCB supported bodies landscape review (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, David Millett on 85244 or at David.Millett@parliament.scot

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
- *...* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

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

Motions for Debate

***[S6M-16572](#) Mark Ruskell: Cheaper Rail Fares**—That the Parliament believes that rail fares in Scotland must be cheaper; regrets the decision by the Scottish Government to end the off-peak all-day pilot in September 2024, despite an increase of passenger demand by 6.8% and an average 17% cost saving to passengers; understands that expensive and complex ticketing deters passengers from choosing to travel by train; acknowledges that, in order to fulfil the Scottish Government's ambition of reducing car kilometres by 20% by 2030, rail services and public transport must be cheaper and more accessible, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to reverse the 3.8% increase to rail fares coming into effect from 1 April 2025, to permanently remove peak-time rail fares, and to simplify public transport fares, through the introduction of integrated ticketing, as soon as possible.

Supported by: Lorna Slater*, Gillian Mackay*, Patrick Harvie*, Ross Greer*, Maggie Chapman*, Ariane Burgess*

***[S6M-16571](#) Lorna Slater: Scottish Enterprise Funding for Arms Companies**—That the Parliament notes with concern that at least £8 million of Scottish Enterprise grants have been awarded to 13 companies involved in arms dealing and manufacturing since 2019, including £700,000 to Leonardo and £500,000 to Raytheon Systems; further notes that a number of these businesses have directly supplied weapons and equipment to Israel during its assault on Gaza; understands that, despite this, no company has failed the current Scottish Enterprise human rights due diligence checks; believes, therefore, that the current due diligence process at Scottish Enterprise is failing to ensure that Scotland upholds its international obligations, and calls on the Scottish Government to end all public funding to companies complicit in the arms trade with Israel.

Supported by: Mark Ruskell*, Gillian Mackay*, Patrick Harvie*, Ross Greer*, Maggie Chapman*, Ariane Burgess*

***[S6M-16562](#) Shona Robison: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill be passed.

Supported by: Ivan McKee*, Jamie Hepburn*, John Swinney*

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***[S6M-16561](#) Claire Baker: Appointment of Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland**—That the Parliament agrees, under section 8 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, that Malcolm Bell be appointed as a member of the Standards Commission for Scotland.

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-16536](#) Marie McNair: Impact of UK Welfare Reforms in Scotland**—That the Parliament condemns the Labour UK administration for its reported intention to proceed with what it sees as punitive welfare reforms proposed under the previous Conservative administration; notes the calls on the UK Government to immediately reverse its plans, which, it considers, could seriously impact disabled people and increase financial insecurity in vulnerable households; further notes with alarm reports that, by 2029, over 450,000 disabled people and people with long-term conditions across the UK could be impacted as a result of the proposed reforms to Work Capability Assessment, with, it understands, many losing payments currently worth over £400 per month; is deeply concerned by what it sees as the callous language of UK Government ministers when discussing welfare reform, including the reported comment by the UK work and pensions secretary that some benefit claimants are "taking the mickey"; notes what it sees as the contrast between what it considers the demonisation of welfare recipients, under the UK Government, and the Scottish Government's continued commitment to a devolved social security system based on dignity, fairness and respect; welcomes the reported investment of £1.3 billion above the UK block grant adjustment for social security expenditure in the draft Budget 2025-26, which reflects what it considers to be the social contract between the Scottish Government and the people of Scotland; understands that the Scottish Government is set to invest up to £210 million in measures to mitigate what it sees as UK Government austerity policies such as the so-called bedroom tax, benefit cap and cut to the Winter Fuel Payment in 2025-26, and notes the calls encouraging disadvantaged or low-income households across Scotland, including disabled and long-term ill people in the Clydebank and Milngavie constituency, to check their eligibility for social security payments and to claim the support to which they are entitled.

Supported by: Stephanie Callaghan*, James Dornan*, Rona Mackay*, Clare Haughey*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*, Kevin Stewart*, John Mason*, Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-16513](#) Monica Lennon: Congratulations to Lanarkshire Rape Crisis Centre on Award from the National Lottery Community Fund's Improving Lives Programme**—That the Parliament congratulates Lanarkshire Rape Crisis Centre on being awarded £190,384 from the National Lottery Community Fund's Improving Lives programme; recognises what it considers to be the vital work that the organisation does in providing specialist support to survivors of sexual violence across Lanarkshire; acknowledges that this funding will help to enhance its services, helping to ensure that more people can access the support that they need; commends the dedication of the staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to offer crisis support, advocacy and counselling, and wishes Lanarkshire Rape Crisis Centre continued success in what it sees as its invaluable work to support all survivors and promote a future free from gender-based violence.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Kevin Stewart*, Edward Mountain*, Stuart McMillan*, Foysool Choudhury*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Miles Briggs*

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***[S6M-16512](#) Monica Lennon: Celebrating SELECT's 125th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Scotland's largest construction trade association, SELECT, on its 125th anniversary, and welcomes its ongoing work to help make the electrotechnical industry safer for qualified electricians and their customers; understands that SELECT is the world's oldest trade body for the electrical industry and has spent the past 125 years helping small and large businesses to prosper across Scotland, ensuring that electrical work is carried out safely and to the highest standards; believes that SELECT currently supports more than 1,200 businesses and 15,000 electricians with essential technical, business and health and safety assistance; acknowledges that SELECT has also helped to train more than 20,000 people in the last 10 years, equipping Scotland's electricians with the skills that they need to make the transition to net zero; believes that SELECT has helped to nurture more than 16,500 new electrical apprentices since 2000, who will help to power homes and businesses in the years to come, and understands that SELECT is a vital partner in supporting the ongoing roll-out of renewable technology such as solar panels, battery storage, electric heating, heat pumps, smart homes and electric vehicles, and is at the forefront of promoting training and technical and safety procedures to help ensure a greener future for Scotland for generations to come. **R**

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Kevin Stewart*, Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Murdo Fraser*, Stuart McMillan*, Foyso Choudhury*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-16551](#) David Torrance: Young Footballers Litter-pick Success in Kirkcaldy (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Finlay Carson*, Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-16549](#) Sharon Dowey: Congratulating Beat the Street Carrick on a Successful First Week (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Liam Kerr*, Kenneth Gibson*, Tess White*, Russell Findlay*, Finlay Carson*, Craig Hoy*

[S6M-16548](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Congratulating Pupils and Staff at Hyndland Secondary School on Decade-breaking Success (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Stewart*, Brian Whittle*, Pam Gosal*, Meghan Gallacher*, Finlay Carson*, Russell Findlay*, Jeremy Balfour*, Craig Hoy*, Jamie Greene*, Douglas Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Liam Kerr*, Tess White*, Annie Wells*

[S6M-16545](#) Claire Baker: Five Charities Take Part in the Walk on Fire for Fife (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Finlay Carson*, Miles Briggs*, Mark Ruskell*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Foyso Choudhury*, Annie Wells*, Colin Beattie*

[S6M-16543](#) Kevin Stewart: Supporting Ukraine (lodged on 20 February 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*

[S6M-16541](#) Colin Beattie: Rosslyn Chapel Restoration Works Completed (lodged on 21 February 2025)

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New Support: Miles Briggs*, Finlay Carson*, Christine Grahame*, Audrey Nicoll*, Rona Mackay*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan* R, Murdo Fraser*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Karen Adam*, Kevin Stewart*, Foyso Choudhury*

[S6M-16540](#) Clare Adamson: Congratulating Isa Cox on her 100th Birthday (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Emma Harper*, Annabelle Ewing*, Finlay Carson*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-16538](#) Sharon Dowey: We Hae Meat Wins at The VIBES Scottish Environment Business Awards (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Liam Kerr*, Tess White*, Emma Harper*, Russell Findlay*, Finlay Carson*, Craig Hoy*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-16533](#) Michelle Thomson: Victims' Awareness Week 2025 (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Monica Lennon*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Rona Mackay*, Kenneth Gibson*, Clare Haughey*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kevin Stewart*, Liam McArthur*, Edward Mountain*, Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Foyso Choudhury*, Miles Briggs*, John Mason*

[S6M-16530](#) Monica Lennon: World Hearing Day (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*, Craig Hoy*, Foyso Choudhury*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Mark Griffin*, Colin Beattie*

[S6M-16529](#) Ruth Maguire: Kilwinning Family Wins Stewart Travel Competition (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-16528](#) Ruth Maguire: Stevenston Florist to Retire (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-16527](#) Ruth Maguire: Funding Boost for North Ayrshire Athletics Club (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*

[S6M-16525](#) Claire Baker: Recognising the £10,000 from the National Lottery's Community Fund to That Place in the Bay, Dalgety Bay, Fife (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Finlay Carson*, Foyso Choudhury*

[S6M-16524](#) Colin Beattie: Three Years of Solidarity with Ukraine (lodged on 20 February 2025)

New Support: John Mason*, Emma Harper*, Patrick Harvie*, Mark Ruskell*, Ross Greer*, Lorna Slater*, Ariane Burgess*, Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-16510](#) James Dornan: Calling for a Boycott on Israel's Sporting Participation (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Mark Ruskell*, Patrick Harvie*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-16509 Jackie Dunbar: NHS Grampian Consultant to Lead on UK Breast Cancer Radiology](#) (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Kenneth Gibson*, Rona Mackay*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-16507 Clare Adamson: Miracle Foundation SCIO Charity Receives Funding Donations](#) (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-16502 Clare Haughey: Beyond Brotherhood Group Launches in Rutherglen](#) (lodged on 20 February 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Finlay Carson*

[S6M-16491 Stuart McMillan: Ardgowan Distillery's Success at the World Whisky Awards](#) (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Gordon MacDonald*

[S6M-16475 Gillian Mackay: Falkirk's Scott Arfield's Emotional Return](#) (lodged on 20 February 2025)

New Support: Ross Greer*

[S6M-16452 Sharon Dowey: Improving Access to Hearing Care for Scotland's Ageing Population](#) (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, John Mason*

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

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Paul O'Kane*

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

New Support: Mark Griffin*

[S6M-16377 Liam McArthur: Kirkwall Resident Stuart Linklater Celebrated as Longest-serving Loganair Employee](#) (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Beatrice Wishart*

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

New Support: Beatrice Wishart*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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Motions Glusadan				

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16339](#) Annie Wells: Friends of Linn Park, Glasgow, Receives Funding to Plant More Trees (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16326](#) Martin Whitfield: Children's Mental Health Week 2025 (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16325](#) Ruth Maguire: Tesco Irvine's Toy Appeal (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16322](#) Ruth Maguire: Irvine Mascots for Scotland's Six Nations Match (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-16320](#) Colin Beattie: Dalkeith and District Citizens Advice Bureau (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16312](#) Liam McArthur: Appeal for Orkney Football Kits to Aid Community Health Campaign in Malawi (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16305](#) David Torrance: Stellar Quines' Successful Funding Bid Brings Intersectional Feminist Theatre to Kirkcaldy (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Mark Ruskell*

[S6M-16302](#) Paul O'Kane: Young Carers Action Day 2025 (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16301](#) Claire Baker: Stirling Bike Charity Recyke-a-bike Celebrates 20 Years (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16298](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Congratulating Kelvinside Academy Pupil on Being Awarded MacRobert Commendation Medal (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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Motions Glusadan				

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Paul O'Kane*, Michael Marra*, Mark Griffin*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16218](#) Douglas Lumsden: Support in Scotland for Domestic Oil and Gas Production (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-15868](#) Emma Harper: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2025 (lodged on 13 December 2024)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*, Ross Greer*

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Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 25 February 2025

1. Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government how it will work with the UK Government on the recently announced £200 million investment in Grangemouth, as part of the National Wealth Fund. ([S6T-02380](#))

2. Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its role in ensuring that public bodies are meeting their legal obligations under the Equality Act 2010, following recent correspondence from the Equality and Human Rights Commission. ([S6T-02370](#))

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 27 February 2025

1. Russell Findlay: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03831](#))

2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03832](#))

3. Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S6F-03836](#))

4. Michael Matheson: To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of the recent study by the Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit regarding the contribution of the net zero sector to the UK and Scotland's economy. ([S6F-03857](#))

5. Brian Whittle: To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to support farmers responding to threats to livestock from disease. ([S6F-03839](#))

6. Mark Ruskell: To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government will protect the lives of racing greyhounds. ([S6F-03851](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 05 March 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 26 February 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 27 February 2025.

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

- Alexander Stewart
- Colin Smyth
- Annabelle Ewing
- Douglas Ross
- Sue Webber
- Ben Macpherson
- Foysol Choudhury
- Fulton MacGregor

Finance and Local Government

- Tim Eagle
- Jackie Dunbar

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Questions Ceistean				

3. Michael Marra
4. Clare Haughey
5. Liz Smith
6. Alex Cole-Hamilton
7. Marie McNair
8. Finlay Carson

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 06 March 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 26 February 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 27 February 2025.

Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

1. Karen Adam
2. Annie Wells
3. Meghan Gallacher
4. Brian Whittle
5. Claire Baker
6. Kenneth Gibson
7. Kevin Stewart
8. Richard Leonard

Members selected for General Questions on 06 March 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 26 February 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 27 February 2025.

1. Gordon MacDonald
2. Miles Briggs
3. Carol Mochan
4. Clare Adamson
5. Emma Harper
6. Stuart McMillan
7. Evelyn Tweed
8. Colin Beattie

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Questions Ceistean				

Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 24 February 2025

[S6W-35192](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent on public sector wages for non-departmental public bodies, also known as quangos, in each of the past five years.

[S6W-35203](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many non-departmental public bodies, also known as quangos, receive Scottish Government funding but are not directly accountable to ministers.

[S6W-35216](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how many prisoners have been given early release from HMP Barlinnie in each month since January 2022.

Amendments

Amendments to Bills lodged on 24 February 2025

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

Section 1

Liam Kerr

- 94 In section 1, page 1, line 16, after <Victims> insert <, Complainers>

Section 2

Liam Kerr

- 95 In section 2, page 1, line 21, after <victims> insert <, complainers>

Liam Kerr

- 96 In section 2, page 1, line 24, after <victims> insert <, complainers>

Liam Kerr

- 97 In section 2, page 2, line 2, after <victims> insert <, complainers>

Section 4

Liam Kerr

- 98 In section 4, page 3, line 18, after <victims> insert <, complainers>

Liam Kerr

- 99 In section 4, page 3, line 21, after <victims,> insert <complainers,>

Section 8

Liam Kerr

- 100 In section 8, page 4, line 28, after <victims'> insert <, complainers'>

Liam Kerr

- 101 In section 8, page 4, line 33, after <victim> insert <, complainer>

Section 10

Liam Kerr

- 102 In section 10, page 5, line 31, after <victims> insert <, complainers>

Liam Kerr

103 In section 10, page 5, line 32, after <victims> insert <, complainers>

Section 12

Liam Kerr

104 In section 12, page 6, line 31, at end insert—

<(4A) A legal representative who has accepted instructions for defending an accused person in criminal proceedings is not obliged under this section to answer any question or produce any document concerning the accused's case if the legal representative—

(a) considers that answering the question or producing the document would require the legal representative—

(i) to provide privileged information, or

(ii) to produce any part of a document that is privileged, and

(b) the accused person has not consented to the legal representative answering the question or producing the document.

(4B) For the purposes of subsection (4A), information or a document is privileged if it is information or a document in respect of which a claim to confidentiality of communications as between client and legal representative could be maintained in legal proceedings.>

Liam Kerr

105 In section 12, page 7, line 2, at end insert—

<() In subsections (4A) and (4B), “legal representative” means—

(a) a solicitor,

(b) an advocate, or

(c) a solicitor who has a right of audience in the High Court of Justiciary under section 25A of the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980.>

Section 14

Liam Kerr

106 In section 14, page 8, line 3, at end insert—

<() The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision about the enforcement of the Commissioner's power to gather information under this section.>

Section 15

Liam Kerr

107 In section 15, page 8, line 26, at end insert—

<() complainers,>

Section 16

Liam Kerr

108 In section 16, page 9, line 5, after <victims> insert <, complainers>

Liam Kerr

109 In section 16, page 9, line 19, after <victims> insert <, complainers>

Section 21

Liam Kerr

110 In section 21, page 11, line 19, at end insert—

<() The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision about the enforcement of the Commissioner's power to request co-operation from a specified criminal justice agency under this section.>

Section 22

Liam Kerr

111 In section 22, page 11, line 22, after <Victims> insert <, Complainers>

Schedule 2

Liam Kerr

112 In schedule 2, page 55, line 24, after <Victims> insert <, Complainers>

Liam Kerr

113 In schedule 2, page 55, line 28, after <Victims> insert <, Complainers>

Liam Kerr

114 In schedule 2, page 55, line 33, after <Victims> insert <, Complainers>

Liam Kerr

115 In schedule 2, page 56, line 4, after <Victims> insert <, Complainers>

Liam Kerr

116 In schedule 2, page 56, line 8, after <Victims> insert <, Complainers>

Section 23

Liam Kerr

117 In section 23, page 11, line 27, after <Victims> insert <, Complainers>

Liam Kerr

118 In section 23, page 11, line 27, at end insert—

<“complainer” means a person against or in respect of whom—

- (a) an offence, or
- (b) harmful behaviour by a child,

is alleged to have been committed or carried out,>

Liam Kerr

119 In section 23, page 12, line 11, after <means> insert <—

()>

Liam Kerr

120 In section 23, page 12, line 14, leave out <, or is suspected to have been,>

Liam Kerr

121 In section 23, page 12, line 14, after <out> insert <, or

() a person against or in respect of whom—

- (i) harmful behaviour has been carried out, and
- (ii) civil proceedings have been brought in respect of that behaviour>

Section 32

Liam Kerr

122 In section 32, page 16, line 22, at end insert—

<() provide for the remuneration by the Scottish Ministers of solicitors appointed under section 22B(6), including expenses and outlays (such as counsel’s fees),>

Liam Kerr

123 In section 32, page 16, line 22, at end insert—

<() confer the duty of maintaining the register on a person,>

Liam Kerr

124 In section 32, page 16, leave out lines 25 to 27

Liam Kerr

125 In section 32, page 16, leave out line 29

Liam Kerr

126 In section 32, page 16, line 34, after <must> insert <—

(a)>

Liam Kerr

127 In section 32, page 16, line 37, at end insert—

<(b) prepare and publish a report on the consultation.>

Liam Kerr

128 In section 32, page 16, line 37, at end insert—

<(3A) A report under subsection (3)(b) must—

- (a) include a summary of how the views of those consulted under subsection (3) were taken into account by the Scottish Ministers in preparing any regulations to be made under subsection (2),
- (b) where no account has been taken of any such views, explain why not.>

Section 63

Liam Kerr

129 In section 63, page 40, line 4, leave out <ceases to apply on> and insert <continues to apply after>

Liam Kerr

130 In section 63, page 40, line 21, after <2015> insert <(where the offence involved a sexual element)>

Liam Kerr

131 In section 63, page 41, line 34, at end insert—

<106DA Power to dispense with restriction: deceased victims

- (1) A sheriff may by order dispense with the restriction imposed by section 106C(1) where—
 - (a) the information to which the restriction would apply is information relating to a person who is deceased, and
 - (b) the sheriff is satisfied that there is no good reason why the order should not be made.
- (2) A sheriff may make an order under subsection (1) on the application by a person who wishes to publish information relating to the deceased person.
- (3) Before deciding whether to make an order under subsection (1), the sheriff must give the following persons an opportunity to make representations—
 - (a) the person who made the application,
 - (b) a family member of the deceased person,

- (c) any other person the sheriff considers to have an interest in the application.
- (4) The decision of the sheriff under this section is final.
- (5) In this section, “family member”, in relation to a deceased person, means anyone who, immediately before the person’s death was—
 - (a) married to, or in a civil partnership with, the person,
 - (b) living together with the person, as if they were married, and was so living together with the person for a minimum period of 6 months,
 - (c) a child or step-child of the person,
 - (d) anyone the person cared for, as defined in paragraph 20 of schedule 12 to the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010,
 - (e) a parent or step-parent of the person,
 - (f) a sibling of the person,
 - (g) a grandparent or great-grandparent of the person,
 - (h) a grandchild or great-grandchild of the person.>

Liam Kerr

132 In section 63, page 42, line 31, after <written> insert <or other recorded>

Liam Kerr

133 In section 63, page 42, line 34, after <written> insert <or other recorded>

Long Title

Liam Kerr

134 In the long title, page 1, line 1, after <Victims> insert <, Complainers>

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New Subordinate Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

New Subordinate Legislation

Not subject to parliamentary procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 24 February 2025 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

[Good Food Nation \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Commencement No. 2 \(Amendment\) and Commencement No. 3\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/49 \(C. 5\)\)](#)

Laid under section 28(2) of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 26 February 2025

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

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 26 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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (12th Report, 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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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)

Before Stage 2 (evidence (Criminal Justice Committee)), 26 February 2025
Stage 2 (Day 1) (Criminal Justice Committee), 12 March 2025
All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 6 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 January 2025

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

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

Lodged on 22 November 2024
Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2nd Report, 2025)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th Report, 2025)

Employment Rights Bill LCM-S6-53

Lodged on 11 December 2024
Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 19 February 2025
Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 25 February 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Great British Energy Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-48c

Lodged on 24 February 2025

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

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

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

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), 25 February 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 26 February 2025

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

Subject to approval by 3 March 2025

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

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

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[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

[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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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 2 March 2025

Lead committee report due by 24 February 2025

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

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

Subject to annulment 5 March 2025

Lead committee report due by 3 March 2025

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

Subject to annulment 6 March 2025

Lead committee report due by 3 March 2025

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

Subject to annulment 12 March 2025

Lead committee report due by 10 March 2025

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

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

Subject to annulment 19 March 2025

Lead committee report due by 17 March 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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)

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)

Subject to annulment 31 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/37\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/38\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/39\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Hospitality Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/40\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/42\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/43\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/44\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 1 April 2025
Lead committee report due by 31 March 2025

[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/48\)](#) (21 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Petitions

The following petitions were lodged by the Parliament on 24 February 2025:

PE2146: Allow the use of privately sourced donor eggs in NHS funded IVF treatment

PE2147: Create more women-only homeless accommodation that protects and meets the specific needs of women

<https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions>

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 24 February 2025—

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 19 February 2025 (SP Paper 740)

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 2nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Committee on 19 February 2025 (SP Paper 741)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 12th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 742)

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

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 24 February 2025—

Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Great British Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-48c)

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