

Thursday 27 February 2025

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**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

### Committee Meetings

**8:45am** Constitution, Europe, External Affairs  
and Culture Committee

**9:30am** SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape  
Review Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 11:40 am General Questions

- 1. 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](#))
- 2. 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](#))
- 3. 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](#))
- 4. 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](#))
- 5. Alex Rowley:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-04366](#))
- 6. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government when Public Health Scotland will produce updated statistics on the screening rates for cervical cancer. ([S6O-04367](#))
- 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 regarding the legacy of the Scottish Police Pension 1987 Scheme. ([S6O-04369](#))

### 12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 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](#))

## followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

**[S6M-15739](#) Murdo Fraser: Protection of Park Home Residents**—That the Parliament believes that there are approximately 100 park home residential sites across Scotland, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, and that these contain more than 8,000 residents, with a typical residency of pensioners and retirees; further believes that park homes are a growing component of the housing stock; notes that residents own their park home and associated structure, but not the land that the park home is located on, and understands that the average cost of such homes varies between £90,000 and £250,000; recognises that there are reported concerns about park homes being mis-sold as main residencies despite site owners only having holiday licences, which leaves occupiers vulnerable to eviction; applauds the work of the Scottish Confederation of Park Home Residents Association (SCOPHRA) in raising awareness of the legal issues facing park home residents in Scotland and in protecting its members, and acknowledges SCOPHRA's reported calls for action on crucial areas such as including the organisation in the planning approval process for park home sites, supporting local authorities with proper training regarding park home legislation, and providing support for adaptations to park homes to aid those with disabilities and health conditions.

## 2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Questions 2 and 7

#### Education and Skills

- 1. 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](#))
- 2. 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](#))
- 3. 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](#))
- 4. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting pupils with additional support needs in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency. ([S6O-04373](#))
- 5. 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](#))
- 6. 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](#))
- 7. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support school pupils with dyslexia. ([S6O-04376](#))
- 8. 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](#))

## followed by **Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2025**

**[S6M-16489](#) Ivan McKee: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2025**—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

## followed by **Scottish Government Debate: Increasing Investment in Scotland**

**[S6M-16595](#) Kate Forbes: Increasing Investment in Scotland**—That the Parliament agrees that increasing the level of investment in the Scottish economy is critical to delivering on the Scottish Government's priorities of improving public services, supporting a thriving economy, tackling the climate emergency, and eradicating child poverty; recognises that the Scottish Government's programme of public investment, particularly in the priority areas of net zero, housing and infrastructure, is vital for leveraging private investment across the Scottish economy, to stimulate growth in key sectors, improve productivity and create jobs; welcomes the annual EY survey, which shows that Scotland is outpacing the UK as a whole when it comes to securing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) projects, and three Scottish cities ranked in the UK's top 10 locations for FDI outside of London, and believes that Scotland's strengths and expertise in areas such as technology, financial services, food and drink, tourism and the energy transition make Scotland the ideal place to invest and deliver projects that bring wider benefits to the Scottish economy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-16595.2](#) Murdo Fraser: Increasing Investment in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16595 in the name of Kate Forbes (Increasing Investment in Scotland), leave out from "on the" to end and insert "economic growth; believes that public sector investment in infrastructure is essential in facilitating growth and therefore notes with alarm the delays to, and uncertainty around, the project to dual the A9 from Perth to Inverness and the Scottish Government's temporising on dualling the A96; recognises that private investment is necessary to maintain a supply of core goods and services, and therefore condemns the severe damage done to the build-to-rent housing sector by rent cap schemes; acknowledges that success in attracting foreign direct investment is measured as much in project value as in project count; urges the Scottish Government to reverse its opposition to nuclear energy, which limits both investment in energy projects as well as the long-term supply of reliable energy near where it is in demand; emphasises that investment is intrinsically linked to the availability of skilled labour, and notes, therefore, with concern that the Scottish Government's highest-in-the-UK income tax rates are limiting industry access to skilled workers, thereby undermining investment and economic growth."

**[S6M-16595.1](#) Daniel Johnson: Increasing Investment in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16595 in the name of Kate Forbes (Increasing Investment in Scotland), insert at end "; recognises the best practice that is happening across the UK, including in Greater Manchester, where joined-up working across the public and private sector, investment in infrastructure, and an industrial strategy have boosted investment in the region; notes Department for Business and Trade statistics showing that Scotland comes seventh out of 12 for jobs created by inward investment projects, compared to fourth for the North West of England, and believes that the Scottish Government and Scottish Enterprise have failed to maximise Scotland's economic potential and provide support to sectors that are key to Brand Scotland and attracting inward investment, including tourism, food and drink, and financial services."

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**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

## Committee Meetings

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

### Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 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 Consul of Ukraine in Scotland;  
Zhyhalkina Oleksandra, Interpreter, the office of the Consul of Ukraine.

### SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee 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.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 26 February 2025

### 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 Debate: Scotland's Renewable Future

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-16291 Carol Mochan: Holistic Approach to Alcohol-related Brain Damage

### 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 Debate: Achieving a Fair Balance in the UK's Economy

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-16524 Colin Beattie: Three Years of Solidarity with Ukraine

### 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 — S6M-16536 Marie McNair: Impact of UK Welfare Reforms in Scotland

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Scottish Government Debate: Covid-19 Day of Reflection

**2:45 pm** Portfolio Questions

Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

**followed by** Criminal Justice Committee, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee and Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: The People's Panel Report on Reducing Drug Harm and Deaths in Scotland

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:15 pm** Decision Time

## **Tuesday 11 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 12 March 2025**

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**5:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

## **Thursday 13 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: Social Justice

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau 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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Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

## Motions for Debate

**[S6M-16595](#) Kate Forbes: Increasing Investment in Scotland**—That the Parliament agrees that increasing the level of investment in the Scottish economy is critical to delivering on the Scottish Government's priorities of improving public services, supporting a thriving economy, tackling the climate emergency, and eradicating child poverty; recognises that the Scottish Government's programme of public investment, particularly in the priority areas of net zero, housing and infrastructure, is vital for leveraging private investment across the Scottish economy, to stimulate growth in key sectors, improve productivity and create jobs; welcomes the annual EY survey, which shows that Scotland is outpacing the UK as a whole when it comes to securing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) projects, and three Scottish cities ranked in the UK's top 10 locations for FDI outside of London, and believes that Scotland's strengths and expertise in areas such as technology, financial services, food and drink, tourism and the energy transition make Scotland the ideal place to invest and deliver projects that bring wider benefits to the Scottish economy.

Supported by: Richard Lochhead, Tom Arthur

**\*[S6M-16595.3](#) Lorna Slater: Increasing Investment in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16595 in the name of Kate Forbes (Increasing Investment in Scotland), insert at end ", and further believes that investment in ecosystem services, including nature restoration at a landscape scale, is vital to the resilience of food production, the tourism economy and protecting the transport network from extreme weather, and is of particular importance to rural communities, where it must be targeted towards creating employment opportunities, aiding local climate resilience and playing a key role in Scotland's journey to net zero."

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Government to reverse its opposition to nuclear energy, which limits both investment in energy projects as well as the long-term supply of reliable energy near where it is in demand; emphasises that investment is intrinsically linked to the availability of skilled labour, and notes, therefore, with concern that the Scottish Government's highest-in-the-UK income tax rates are limiting industry access to skilled workers, thereby undermining investment and economic growth."

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### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S6M-16608](#) Sue Webber: Currie Community High School Debaters Win the Novice Final of the Schools' Mace Debate Competition 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates the debating team from Currie Community High School on winning the Novice Final of the Schools' Mace Debating Competition 2025, which was held at the Faculty of Advocates in Edinburgh; understands that this competition is run by Young Speakers Scotland, a leading Scottish educational charity that also runs a variety of workshops and events to equip young people to realise their potential through debating and public speaking; further understands that this was the first time that a Novice Final was held, with the two best junior teams in the competition, Currie Community High School and Aberdeen Grammar School, facing each other, with Currie being declared the winner; acknowledges the confidence gained by the young people attending the debating workshops, and wishes Currie Community High School continued debating success.

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**\*[S6M-16607](#) Sue Webber: Broxburn Academy Debaters Win the Schools' Mace Debate Competition 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates the debating team from Broxburn Academy on winning the Schools' Mace Debating Competition 2025, which was held at the Faculty of Advocates in Edinburgh; understands that this competition is run by Young Speakers Scotland, a leading Scottish educational charity that also runs a variety of workshops and events to equip young people realise their potential through debating and public speaking; further understands that, from the 39 teams that took part in the preliminary rounds from across Scotland, this number was whittled down to only eight that then participated in three knockout rounds, to leave Broxburn Academy and Dollar Academy to face each other in the Grand Final, with Broxburn being declared the Mace champions after a closely fought final; acknowledges that this win is the latest in a series of accomplishments by Broxburn Academy's young debaters, and that it has now established itself as one of the most successful schools for debating in Scotland, and wishes Broxburn Academy continued success for many years to come.

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**\*[S6M-16605](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Commending Versus Arthritis on the Publication of its Workplace Adjustment Plan Tool**—That the Parliament commends Versus Arthritis on the publication of its Workplace Adjustment Plan tool, which provides people with arthritis and musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions a step-by-step approach to finding information, adjustments and support to work well with their condition; believes that MSK conditions are one of the main reasons given for economic inactivity due to ill health and that over 20 million working days a year are lost in the UK due to them; asks the Scottish Government to ensure that the Workplace Adjustment Plan tool is promoted through its Fair Work agenda and activity, and encourages MSPs to recognise the impact of arthritis and MSK conditions on their constituents' lives, and to obtain copies of the Workplace Adjustment Plan tool for their constituency offices and surgeries.

**\*[S6M-16604](#) Kevin Stewart: Field Cycling Imager**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the University of Aberdeen, in collaboration with NHS Grampian, has developed a new scanner that can identify previously undetectable cancer tumour invasion; notes that the Field Cycling Imager (FCI) scanner, which it understands is the world's first and only ultra-low magnetic scanner, was found to be able to distinguish tumour material from healthy tissue with more accuracy than current MRI methods when scientists from the university examined breast tissue of patients newly diagnosed with cancer; understands that the scanner acts like multiple scanners in one, can extract multiple different types of information about the tissue and can detect tumours without the need for contrast dye to be injected into the body, which has been associated with kidney damage and allergic reactions in some patients; believes that this scanner, which follows in the footsteps of the full-body MRI scanner that was invented at the university around 50 years ago, could be transformational in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer in Scotland and around the world, and congratulates all of those involved in the study for their efforts in developing this groundbreaking technology.

**\*[S6M-16603](#) Alexander Burnett: Amazing Fundraising Efforts by the Parent Teacher Association of Gordon Primary School, Huntly**—That the Parliament congratulates the Parent Teacher Association of Gordon Primary School in Huntly for its amazing efforts in raising more than £30,000 in 10 months, which has enabled it to purchase new playground equipment for P1 and P2 pupils, thereby enhancing pupils' play time; commends the Parent Teacher Association for its fundraising efforts, and wishes all the children the best time enjoying their new playground.

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**\*[S6M-16602](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr Salon Triumphs at Company Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates the staff of Rainbow Room International Hair Salon in Ayr, who have claimed an impressive seven awards at Rainbow Room International's 36th Annual Company Congress, at the Oran Mor in Glasgow; understands that the Ayr team took home a selection of awards, including four self-improvement awards and the Total Client Care Award, won by Jacqueline Curran; notes that the prize for Best Stylist Promotional Video was won by Rachael MacDonald, who, last year, was named Salon Stylist of the Year at the 2024 British Hairdressing Business Awards; recognises what it sees as the significant achievement of everyone at Rainbow Room International in Ayr, and commends the work of Salon Director, Riccardo Corvi, and his dedicated and talented team.

**\*[S6M-16601](#) Sharon Dowey: Troon Man Triumphs in National Songwriting Contest**—That the Parliament congratulates Billy Reid, of Troon, who has been victorious in the all genres category at the annual UK Songwriting Contest; understands that Billy's song, *Where did you go*, came first

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out of thousands of entries from across the country, and is about the loss of a loved one, written from the perspective of Billy's wife, whose father passed away when she was young; recognises what it sees as Billy's tremendous achievement, and hopes to see him continue in his musical and songwriting endeavours.

**\*[S6M-16600](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Girl Wins Gold at Golden Gloves Championships—**That the Parliament congratulates 13-year-old Eve Docherty of Glasgow, on winning Golden Gloves at Boxing Scotland's School, Junior and Youth Golden Gloves Championships 2025 in the Schools 2011 64kg category; understands that the competition was held at the Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility in Motherwell; notes that Eve is a dedicated and determined boxer and has been training three times a week since she was five years old; acknowledges that she is a member of the Edge Gym in Broomhill, Glasgow; believes that boxing can improve heart health, strength, endurance, balance and coordination, reduces stress, anxiety and depression, and improves self-confidence and overall wellbeing, and wishes Eve every success in her boxing career.

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**\*[S6M-16599](#) Emma Roddick: 2025 SP Energy Networks Warriors School Championship—**That the Parliament wishes pupils from Oban High School the best of luck as they prepare to participate in the 2025 Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) Warriors School Championship; understands that the SPEN Warriors Championship supports rugby at a grassroots level and creates a platform for aspiring rugby players, while highlighting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) opportunities, which encourage students to think about a career beyond the game; appreciates that this is the eighth year of SPEN supporting the championship, and that over 6,000 young people from 28 schools have taken part over the years; understands that the tournament allows pupils to play matches in a formal competition, promoting teamwork and a healthy lifestyle, while also removing barriers to support emerging talent and show that rugby is for everyone; further understands that Scottish Power is supporting the development of STEM skills with women and girls, through STEM initiatives in partnership with Glasgow Warriors, which demonstrates that STEM is not only about careers in engineering and that opportunities can be found in many different jobs, including in sport, and wishes all those involved a rewarding and successful tournament.

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**\*[S6M-16598](#) Emma Roddick: Merkinch Community Shop Receives £9,600 from the National Lottery Community Fund—**That the Parliament congratulates Merkinch Community Shop on receiving £9,600 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the funding will be used to deliver a wide range of services to the local community, including a community food bank, community shop, and a drop-in advice and friendship service; further understands that the community shop provides vital support to the local community, delivering food parcels as far as Culloden; commends the dedication of the staff and volunteers, and extends its very best wishes for continued success in the future.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll\*, Bill Kidd\*, Elena Whitham\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Emma Harper\*

**\*[S6M-16597](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Congratulating Blackhall St Columba's Church on Raising £10,000 for Blood Cancer UK—**That the Parliament congratulates members of Blackhall St

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Columba's Church, in Edinburgh, on raising £10,000 for Blood Cancer UK as part of its annual charitable efforts; commends the church for holding a number of fundraising activities, including a craft coffee morning and Christmas fair; recognises that blood cancer is the UK's fifth most common cancer and the third biggest cancer killer; understands that Blood Cancer UK is the UK's leading charity dedicated to funding research into all blood cancers, including leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma, as well as offering information and support to those with a blood cancer; further understands that, thanks to fundraisers, like Blackhall St Columba's Church, Blood Cancer UK is able to invest more money into research, which will help improve survival outcomes for many, and notes that the entire amount raised by the congregation since they began supporting a different charity each year in 1992 is now £284,076.

**\*S6M-16596 Emma Roddick: Seachdain na Gàidhlig 2025**—That the Parliament recognises that 24 February to 2 March 2025 marks World Gaelic Week; understands that World Gaelic Week, which was established in 2022, provides an opportunity for Gaelic to be celebrated across the globe; appreciates that the initiative aims to raise the profile of the Gaelic language through wide-ranging community engagement efforts, such as workshops in schools, as well as an impressive programme of events, including dances, presentations, and accompanied walks; welcomes that World Gaelic Week offers opportunities for fluent speakers, learners, and those with an interest in picking up more Gaelic to develop their skills; understands that the theme for World Gaelic Week 2025 is "Building Connections", encouraging people to celebrate the ways in which language brings communities together, and wishes those organising or attending an event during this World Gaelic Week all the best.

*The Member has provided the following Gaelic translation:*

Gu bheil a' Phàrlamaid ag aithneachadh gu bheil 24 Gearran gu 2 Màrt 2025 a' comharrachadh Seachdain na Gàidhlig; a' tuigsinn gu bheil Seachdain na Gàidhlig, a chaidh a stèidheachadh ann an 2022, a' toirt cothrom don Ghàidhlig a bhith air a comharrachadh air feadh na cruinne; a' tuigsinn gu bheil an iomairt ag amas air ìomhaigh na Gàidhlig a thogail tro oidhirpean farsaing dol an sàs sa choimhearsnachd, leithid bùthan-obrach ann an sgoiltean, a bharrachd air prògram sgoineil de thachartasan, a' gabhail a-steach dannsan, taisbeanaidhean, agus cuairtean; a' cur fàilte air gu bheil Seachdain na Gàidhlig a' tabhann chothroman do dh' fhileantaich, luchd-ionnsachaidh, agus dhaibhsan aig a bheil ùidh ann a bhith a' togail barrachd Gàidhlig gus an sgilean a leasachadh; a' tuigsinn gur e cuspair Seachdain na Gàidhlig 2025 'Building Connections,' a' brosnachadh dhaoine gus comharrachadh mar a tha cànan a' toirt coimhearsnachdan còmhla, agus a' guidhe gach soirbheachas dhaibhsan a bhios a' cur air dòigh no a' frithealadh tachartas aig Seachdain na Gàidhlig am-bliadhna.

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**\*S6M-16594 Alexander Stewart: Forth Valley College Open Evening and Careers Fair Coincide with Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2025**—That the Parliament welcomes that Forth Valley College's forthcoming Open Evening and Careers Fair have attracted a record number of companies; understands that the events, which aim to promote the college's courses and training, as well as job opportunities, will take place on 4 March 2025, at its Stirling Campus, and 6 March 2025, at the Falkirk Campus, both of which have been arranged to coincide with Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2025, and will run from 4.00 to 8.00 pm, providing prospective students with the chance to learn more about the wide range of course opportunities available; acknowledges that much of these opportunities will include full-time courses for August 2025 entry, partnership degrees with some of Scotland's leading universities, Modern Apprenticeships, school partnership provision, including Foundation Apprenticeships, evening courses, industry training courses, and

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flexible and online learning programmes; notes that attendees and participants will have the opportunity to speak to more than 25 employers that are potentially taking on apprentices and recruiting for jobs; further notes that the events will also serve as an opportunity for potential students and their families to view the college's buildings and meet its teams, which can assist them to make an informed decision about which course will suit their needs; congratulates Forth Valley College on this and its many excellent endeavours, and wishes Forth Valley College and its students all the very best for success in their courses.

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**\*S6M-16593 Alexander Stewart: Alva Academy Competes for the First Time in the 2025 SP Energy Networks Glasgow Warriors Rugby Championship—**That the Parliament acknowledges that Alva Academy has entered the 2025 SP Energy Networks Glasgow Warriors Rugby Championship for the first time; understands that the tournament, which begins at Scotstoun Stadium in February 2025 and is now in its eighth year, is one of the highlights of the award-winning community partnership between the electricity network operator and the rugby club; further understands that the tournament supports rugby at a grassroots level and creates a platform for aspiring rugby stars, while spotlighting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) opportunities to encourage students to think about a career beyond the game; notes that a total of 22 schools will battle it out in 2025 with Troon's Marr College looking to defend its winning reign for another year, while newcomer Alva Academy is said to have its sights set on championship glory; further notes that the launch event included a workshop on how electricity works from "Stemovators", a project of the Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI), which is on a mission to create the next generation of scientists, engineers and tech experts; notes that students also heard from Warriors players and professionals at the launch event, on the science behind rugby and the importance of health and wellbeing; believes that opportunities such as this help support active lifestyles among young people in their communities, while developing important skills like teamwork, communication and leadership, in addition to shining a spotlight on what the industry and STEM roles can offer them; commends Glasgow Warriors, SP Energy Networks and all those involved in running the championship and STEM opportunities, and wishes Alva Academy, and all the competitors, the very best of luck in this excellent championship.

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**\*S6M-16591 Douglas Lumsden: Scottish Parliament's Rugby Team Wins Coldstream Cup—**That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Parliament's rugby team on securing the prestigious Coldstream Cup following a 29-27 victory over the Commons and Lords RFC; understands that the victory, which occurred at the Richmond Athletic Ground in London, was the Scottish Parliament rugby team's first win against Commons and Lords RFC since 2017 and the first time that the Coldstream Cup will come to Scotland since its inception; recognises the strong season for the Scottish Parliament's rugby team having secured a 10-5 win against the European Parliament XV in November 2024 and a narrow 24-32 defeat to the Irish Dáil and Seanad XV in February 2025, and notes what it sees as the importance of the founding principles of parliamentary rugby to allow parliamentarians, their staff and others who work in, or have a link to, their respective parliaments to engage with each other on an apolitical basis, to raise money for charity, and to share a common passion for rugby. **R**



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**\*[S6M-16590](#) Clare Adamson: Ruairidh and Hayley Harper's Automated External Defibrillator Fundraiser**—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the remarkable fundraising efforts of Ruairidh Harper and his sister, Hayley, and for their dedication to raising funds for an automated external defibrillator (AED) at Morningside Primary School; notes that Ruairidh and Hayley raised £900 in just 24 hours to support the school's initiative to purchase the AED, which will help ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff; recognises the significance of their efforts in raising awareness about heart conditions, especially considering that approximately 700,000 people in Scotland live with some form of heart disease; commends the continued efforts to improve access to lifesaving equipment, such as AEDs, in schools and communities across Scotland; encourages further initiatives to raise awareness about heart health and to ensure that communities have the resources that they need to respond to cardiac emergencies, and wishes Ruairidh and Hayley all the best with their fundraising efforts.

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**\*[S6M-16584](#) Ben Macpherson: Celebrating the Opening of Spartans Community Foundation's Education and Youth Work Space**—That the Parliament congratulates Spartans Community Foundation on the opening of its new education and youth work space in Pilton, in the Edinburgh Northern and Leith constituency; understands that young people were central to informing the design of the new larger building, which includes two sensory rooms, a rooftop play area, a dining-kitchen area and a large club room that will facilitate a range of activities; acknowledges that, as the demand for their education and youth work provision continues to grow, Spartans Community Foundation has created a space that will provide new opportunities for the organisation to engage with all ages as well as organisations from across the community, with an emphasis placed on creating a safe space where young people can have fun and positively develop as individuals; notes that the new building will enable the foundation to increase its social impact by growing its current education and youth work programmes, alongside the expansion and introduction of new programmes, such as the Matchday Squad and weekly Wee Connections Club for young people with assisted support needs; commends this initiative by Spartans Community Foundation to create this dedicated new education and youth work space, to better the lives of young people; congratulates the staff, board and volunteers at Spartans Community Foundation, and the funders, for what it sees as the organisation's determination to provide innovative and creative solutions to assisting and supporting young people from across the northern Edinburgh community and beyond, and wishes Spartans Community Foundation every success for the future.

**\*[S6M-16583](#) Emma Roddick: Commending the Efforts of the OPEN Project** —That the Parliament commends the efforts of all those involved in the OPEN project in Shetland; appreciates that OPEN began as a youth project within Voluntary Action Shetland, but has since established itself as the first independent youth-led charity in Shetland, with young people sitting on its board; understands that it originally focused on creating a drop-in café for young Shetlanders to develop connections and tackle isolation, and that the organisation has since developed into one that offers peer mentoring, education and research opportunities, as well as volunteer roles and specialised staff training; celebrates the news that the OPEN project has recently been awarded £150,000 from the British Science Association's Ideas Fund, in recognition of its efforts to improve the mental wellbeing of the community and become established as a leader in the youth peer research community, and wishes all of the team at the OPEN project the very best for the future.

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**\*S6M-16582 Annie Wells: University of Glasgow Unveils New Magnetism Lab**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of Glasgow, which is set to become one of the UK's leading centres for cutting-edge medical magnetics research with the establishment of a new laboratory facility; notes that the university's new magnetism lab, equipped with a bespoke magnetically shielded room known as MuRoom, was officially opened on 24 February 2025 with an event at the James Watt School of Engineering; understands that, built with a £250,000 investment from the school, the lab was custom-engineered to eliminate magnetic interference from external sources, such as nearby electronics and the Earth's magnetic field; believes that the lab will help to drive forward the university's approach to innovation, enabling new developments in medical technology; understands that the lab will foster new partnerships between academia and industry in next-generation medical sensors and transformative technologies, offering new solutions for healthcare, prosthetics and human-computer interaction, and recognises that the magnetism lab will help make magnetomyography (MMG) sensors that are sensitive enough for sophisticated measurements of the human body, which could be integrated into everyday life, and that this could mean a credit card sized device that monitors the heart for 24 hours or a wristband that allows precise control of prosthetic limbs.

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**\*S6M-16581 Annie Wells: The Merchants House of Glasgow Makes Positive Impact with £130,000 Grant Funding for Local Charities**—That the Parliament congratulates The Merchants House of Glasgow on allocating more than £130,000 in grant funding to support charitable initiatives and community organisations across Glasgow and further afield; believes that this generous funding reinforces The Merchants House's long-standing commitment to creating meaningful, positive change in the local community; considers that The Merchants House of Glasgow's mission has always been able to make a tangible difference to the lives of those in the city and beyond; believes that these grants are an essential part of its ongoing efforts to assist local charities that are addressing vital needs and making a difference every day; understands that the funds will go towards supporting a wide variety of causes, including healthcare, education and social welfare; further understands that this reflects The Merchants House's ongoing dedication to meeting the diverse needs of the people in Glasgow and the surrounding regions; understands that The Merchants House has a rich history of charitable giving, and that this funding allows it to continue that tradition, making a positive and lasting impact on the lives of those who need it most; acknowledges that The Merchants House of Glasgow was founded in 1605, and that it has been a cornerstone of the city's development and charitable efforts for over 400 years, and understands that, in the last five years, it has donated more than £1.2 million to local causes, further solidifying its role as a leading charitable organisation in Glasgow.

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**\*S6M-16580 Annie Wells: Barmulloch Community Development Company Receives £3,250 Grant**—That the Parliament congratulates Barmulloch Community Development Company on receiving a grant of £3,250 from The Merchants House of Glasgow; understands that the

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community is badly impacted by food insecurity and that the monies from The Merchants House will mean that it can offer a weekly Meet and Eat social and improve access to what it sees as a vital necessity for local people; acknowledges that it is also hoping that the project will help reduce social isolation in the community, which, it believes, has a detrimental impact; believes that this is possible thanks to the generosity of The Merchants House, and understands that the Barmulloch Community Development Company is owned and run by local people working together to create vibrant communities in the north east of Glasgow.

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**\*[S6M-16579](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Group of the Riding Disabled Association (RDA)**

**Receives £3,000 Grant**—That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow Group of the Riding Disabled Association (RDA) on receiving a £3,000 grant from the Merchants House of Glasgow; notes that the money will go towards supporting therapy sessions for disabled pupils at Govan High School; recognises that RDA Glasgow Group is about more than pony rides; understands that friendly RDA volunteers from different backgrounds come together with compassion so that riders can achieve more than what many thought possible; further understands that participants feel a huge sense of accomplishment on being presented with rosettes that recognise the new skills that they have learned; notes that over 200 disabled participants gain confidence in themselves and learn the joy of connecting with horses, which benefits their wellbeing; understands that Glasgow RDA is the only riding centre in the city of Glasgow offering adapted horse riding, stable management and "Tea with a Pony", helping disabled people of all ages experience physical and emotional rewards, and notes that Glasgow RDA provides 21 hours of RDA services each week and six hours of hippotherapy, which is physiotherapy on horseback.

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**\*[S6M-16577](#) Foysoyl Choudhury: Milan Senior Welfare Organisation**—That the Parliament recognises the work of Milan Senior Welfare Organisation in caring for people over 50 from South Asian communities in Edinburgh and the Lothians; understands that it provides services, including befriending, day care and support for unpaid carers; further understands that, on 20 February 2025, Milan hosted its annual community event at Portobello Town Hall, bringing together service users, supporters and community members for an afternoon of celebration, connection and cultural entertainment; notes that there were many live performances showcasing the vibrant culture shared by the area's South Asian communities; acknowledges what it sees as the tireless work of Milan in supporting people in South Asian communities to feel connected in their community, and hopes for the continued success of Milan Senior Welfare Organisation.

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**\*[S6M-16576](#) Kevin Stewart: Fairer Aberdeen Fund 2025 Showcase**—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers of what it considers was the successful Fairer Aberdeen Fund 2025 Showcase, which was held on 21 February at Aberdeen Town House; recognises that, in its 10 years, the fund has supported 9,169 volunteers, who have contributed 1,362,802 hours of volunteering time, helped 3,984 people to access counselling services, and has funded vital projects and services that support Aberdeen's most vulnerable people; commends organisations

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such as Mental Health Aberdeen, Tillydrone Community Flat, CFINE and Aberdeen Foyer for running vital projects that have benefitted from Fairer Aberdeen funding, and wishes all at the Fairer Aberdeen Fund, and the organisations that it supports, all of the very best for the future.

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**\*S6M-16575 Kevin Stewart: University of Aberdeen Hydrogen Network Project**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the University of Aberdeen is undertaking a project to help establish a sustainable distribution network of hydrogen in Scotland and across the UK; notes that the project, called MHYSTIC, will be led by a team of researchers with expertise in chemical, mechanical and materials engineering, and will also include economic analysis for field applications in geological settings, as part of an effort to advance hydrogen and alternative liquid fuel technologies; understands that the project is one of 10 selected by the UK-HyRES Flexible Fund to advance hydrogen and alternative liquid fuels technologies, with nearly £3 million in funding being awarded overall, and will be supported by international collaborators at the Lithuanian Energy Institute, with industrial partners, including Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group, ABL Group, the European Marine Energy Centre, the Net Zero Technology Centre and John Lawrie Group, developing and disseminating outputs from the project; believes that this project highlights the crucial role that the University of Aberdeen is playing in developing new technologies to drive the just transition to net zero; wishes all those involved in the project the very best, and hopes that it proves to be an overwhelming success.

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### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**S6M-16574 Paul Sweeney: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Blue Triangle** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Annie Wells\*, John Mason\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Bill Kidd\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Paul O'Kane\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**S6M-16573 Audrey Nicoll: International Women's Day 2025** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, John Mason\*, Rona Mackay\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Liam McArthur\*, Marie McNair\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Colin Beattie\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Elena Whitham\*, Bill Kidd\*, Beatrice Wishart\*, Mercedes Villalba\*

**S6M-16571.2 Daniel Johnson: Scottish Enterprise Funding for Arms Companies** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**S6M-16570 John Mason: Celebrating World Wildlife Day 2025** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Monica Lennon\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Mark Ruskell\*, Miles Briggs\*, Clare Haughey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Rona Mackay\*, Bill Kidd\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Mercedes Villalba\*

**S6M-16566 Liam Kerr: Findlay's Fish Bar and Diner in Fraserburgh Wins Good Food Award and Celebrates 100-year Anniversary** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

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New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowe\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**S6M-16565 Stephanie Callaghan: Congratulating Viewpark Gardens Trust on Successfully Securing the Viewpark Gardens Lease** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**S6M-16563 Liz Smith: Scotland Men's Hockey Team Champions** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowe\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**S6M-16560 Claire Baker: Celebrating Employee of the Year Award for Scott Hall, at Stagecoach East Scotland's 2025 Excellence Awards** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowe\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**S6M-16559 Annie Wells: Glasgow Nursery Publishes Second Book.** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**S6M-16558 Emma Roddick: The Campaign for a Highland Tartan Act** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, James Dornan\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Lorna Slater\*, Marie McNair\*

**S6M-16556 Claire Baker: Emily Reddington, from Ballingry, Fife, to Dance in New York Tartan Week** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**S6M-16555 Jackie Dunbar: Friends of Westfield Park Receive Funding from Co-op Local Community Fund** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**S6M-16553 Pam Gosal: Anti-drugs Campaigner and Founder of Maxie Richards Foundation Passes Away** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**S6M-16552 Pam Gosal: Raja Rani Restaurant of Bearsden Wins Curry Restaurant of the Year – Scotland** (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowe\*

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

New Support: Tess White\*, Sharon Dowe\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**S6M-16550 Douglas Lumsden: Welcoming BP's Success and Continued Investment in the UK** (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Murdo Fraser\*, Miles Briggs\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Tim Eagle\*, Douglas Ross\*, Edward Mountain\*, Pam Gosal\*, Annie Wells\*, Russell Findlay\*, Liam Kerr\*

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

New Support: Edward Mountain\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

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

New Support: Edward Mountain\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Patrick Harvie\*

**[S6M-16542](#) Annie Wells: Ashfield Football Academy Festival Empowers Young People Through Sport** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S6M-16537](#) Alexander Burnett: Alan Scott Panel Beater and Paint Sprayer, Crathes, Granted Royal Warrant of Appointment** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-16535](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Pollok Man Launches Football Team for Older Men** (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Maurice Golden\*

**[S6M-16534](#) Annie Wells: Darts Star Visits Men's Shed Govan to Promote Men's Health** (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Maurice Golden\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

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

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New Support: David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**[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: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S6M-16517](#) Maggie Chapman: Celebrating Queer Memories of Aberdeen** (lodged on 20 February 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Mercedes Villalba\*

**[S6M-16515](#) Maggie Chapman: World Social Justice Day** (lodged on 20 February 2025)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

**[S6M-16513](#) Monica Lennon: Congratulations to Lanarkshire Rape Crisis Centre on Award from the National Lottery Community Fund's Improving Lives Programme** (lodged on 24 February 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S6M-16512](#) Monica Lennon: Celebrating SELECT's 125th Anniversary** (lodged on 24 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Lorna Slater\*, Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*, Carol Mochan\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16508](#) Clare Adamson: Commending New College Lanarkshire Level 6 Pastry Chefs on their Bake Sale** (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

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

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New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16506](#) Edward Mountain: Ross-shire Roadies' Fundraising Efforts in Support of Motor Neurone Disease Research** (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*, Maurice Golden\*

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

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16501](#) Edward Mountain: Great Wilderness Challenge and its Donation of Vital Kit to Dundonnell Mountain Rescue Team** (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*, Maurice Golden\*

**[S6M-16500](#) Annabelle Ewing: Lottery Funding for That Place in the Bay** (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16497](#) John Mason: World Day of Social Justice 2025** (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Mercedes Villalba\*

**[S6M-16496](#) Emma Roddick: Former Highland Teacher to Attempt World Record Breaking Row** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-16495](#) Emma Roddick: SSEN Transmission's Regional Community Benefit Fund** (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16494](#) David Torrance: Autism Rocks Purchases Parish Church, Secures Future** (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

**[S6M-16493](#) Stuart McMillan: Congratulations to McArthur Scott Estate Agency on Multiple Award Wins** (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*



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**[S6M-16486](#) James Dornan: Organisations across Glasgow Cathcart Benefit from National Lottery Funding** (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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

New Support: Patrick Harvie\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

**[S6M-16450](#) Monica Lennon: Success of Lanarkshire Pride CIC in Securing National Lottery Funding Award** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Craig Hoy\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

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

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16404](#) Monica Lennon: Commending NHS Lanarkshire on Achievements Highlighted in Climate Emergency and Sustainability Annual Report 2023-24** (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

**[S6M-16398](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Treetop Family Nurture Centre in Rosyth, Fife, on its Commendation from Keep Scotland Beautiful** (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S6M-16372](#) Evelyn Tweed: Safer Internet Day 2025** (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*, Evelyn Tweed\*

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

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

**[S6M-16286](#) Pam Gosal: Recognising Rhu Man's Volunteer Work at Glenarn Garden** (lodged on 19 February 2025)

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New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

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

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*

[\*\*S6M-15985\*\*](#) **Ross Greer: Violence Against Demonstrators in Pakistan** (lodged on 03 February 2025)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*

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## Oral Questions

### Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 05 March 2025

#### Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

- Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to incentivise businesses to seek opportunities for scaling up. ([S6O-04378](#))
- Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the calls in public petition PE1979 for gaps in the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry to be addressed and for an independent whistleblowing officer for education and children's services to be established. ([S6O-04379](#))
- Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is facilitating direct links with markets to promote economic development. ([S6O-04380](#))
- Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding any economic impact of delaying the full dualling of the A96, in light of the Moray and Inverness chambers of commerce calling for the road to be dualled in full and raising concerns that delays to delivering this are "constraining economic growth" in the area. ([S6O-04381](#))
- Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions economy ministers have had with ministerial colleagues regarding what steps it is taking to improve regulatory clarity and reduce compliance costs for self-catering accommodation businesses. ([S6O-04382](#))
- Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting Edinburgh's economy. ([S6O-04383](#))
- Foyso Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what resources it has allocated to projects in the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal, including transport projects. ([S6O-04384](#))
- Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to further support Gaelic at a local level, in light of the announcement of North Lanarkshire's first ever local Mòd, which will take place this September. ([S6O-04385](#))

#### Finance and Local Government

- Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors the ways in which local authorities engage with stakeholders regarding the implementation of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024. ([S6O-04386](#))
- Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting Aberdeen City Council to manage the impact of the UK Government's increase to employer national insurance contributions. ([S6O-04387](#))
- Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Institute for Fiscal Studies' assessment in its Scottish Budget 2025-26 report that "it is particularly important that the front-loaded increases in investment and public service spending planned are undertaken effectively". ([S6O-04388](#))
- Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Government increasing employer national insurance contributions, how it is supporting local authority finances. ([S6O-04389](#))

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**5. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported comment by the Scottish Information Commissioner that Scotland's non-departmental public bodies, also known as quangos, are costing taxpayers £6.6 billion annually. ([S6O-04390](#))

**6. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of the cross-government co-ordination of infrastructure, what discussions the finance secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding what consideration is given to national security in its infrastructure policy. ([S6O-04391](#))

**7. Marie McNair:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting local authorities, such as West and East Dunbartonshire councils, that have to make PFI and PPP payments. ([S6O-04392](#))

**8. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government how the total funding that it has provided for local government has changed over the last decade in real terms and as a proportion of total spending. ([S6O-04393](#))

### Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 06 March 2025

#### Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

**1. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the development of Scotland's National Marine Plan 2. ([S6O-04402](#))

**2. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent assessment it has made of the feasibility of its target to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045. ([S6O-04403](#))

**3. Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it plans to introduce its proposed Heat in Buildings Bill. ([S6O-04404](#))

**4. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that the process for approving renewable energy developments above 50MW encourages developers to carry out high-quality consultations and gives communities sufficient information and opportunity to engage meaningfully. ([S6O-04405](#))

**5. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to improve road safety. ([S6O-04406](#))

**6. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government how the proportion of ScotRail trains that were cancelled in 2023-24 compares with other rail operators across the UK. ([S6O-04407](#))

**7. Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to promote hydrogen production and usage in Scotland. ([S6O-04408](#))

**8. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to reduce car use by 20% by 2030. ([S6O-04409](#)) R

### General Questions selected for answer on 06 March 2025

**1. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government how Scotland's recorded crime rate compares with other areas of the UK. ([S6O-04394](#))

**2. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the potential impact on state schools of the UK Government's decision to make independent schools liable for VAT, how it plans to use any Barnett consequential funding resulting from this decision to support state schools. ([S6O-04395](#))

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**3. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported view of the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland that proposed changes to legislation on religious observance diverge from the recommendation by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child to allow young people to independently opt out of religious observance at school.

**(S6O-04396)**

**4. Clare Adamson:** [Not Lodged]

**5. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support increased levels of sport and physical activity in Dumfries and Galloway. **(S6O-04398)**

**6. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last discussed the future of Greenock police station with Police Scotland. **(S6O-04399)**

**7. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will work with the NHS to ensure that infrastructure is in place to meet demand for adult ADHD and autism assessments, in light of reports that NHS Forth Valley has closed its service. **(S6O-04400)**

**8. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on Action 20 of the Housing to 2040 strategy to "streamline and accelerate the adaptations system". **(S6O-04401)**

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## Written Questions

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

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

### Government initiated questions lodged on 26 February 2025

**[S6W-35284](#) Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to set out its proposals for the reform of the legal aid system.

### Written questions lodged on 26 February 2025

**[S6W-34837](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many meetings the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills has held with the (a) chief executive of (i) the SQA and (ii) Education Scotland and (b) general secretary of the EIS since March 2023.

**[S6W-34840](#) Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many meetings it has held in the last 12 months to discuss the Scottish Education Exchange Programme (SEEP), broken down by (a) date and (b) attendees; whether it will publish (i) the agenda of each meeting and (ii) any documents, briefings or correspondence it has shared with or produced over this period regarding SEEP, and what evaluation summaries or reports on SEEP it subsequently produced.

**[S6W-35209](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what work it is carrying out to explore which areas of public life could effectively utilise (a) the ethical and trustworthy use of AI and (b) digitisation.

**[S6W-35210](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will engage with Clowes Developments, which has recently purchased the former Pladis McVitie's biscuit factory in Tollcross, Glasgow, and whether it will take measures to ensure that the former factory site is retained for a high value industrial and manufacturing use.

**[S6W-35214](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6O-04318 by Fiona Hyslop on 19 February 2025, on what date it instructed Transport Scotland and Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd to progress discussions around its potential purchase of Ardrossan harbour.

**[S6W-35215](#) Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects the Shetland Islands Regional Marine Plan to be adopted.

**[S6W-35217](#) Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it sought or received any expert advice on construction cost controls for the replacement of HMP Inverness and, if so, whether it will publish this.

**[S6W-35218](#) Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government on what dates since 2011 were any costs of HMP Highland communicated to the Scottish Government, and what the estimated costs were on each date.

**[S6W-35219](#) Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government on what dates since 2011 was the timescale for the completion of HMP Highland communicated to it, and what the estimated timescale was at each update.

**[S6W-35220](#) Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government which contractors bid to build HMP Highland.

**[S6W-35221](#) Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish a full breakdown of costs associated with the replacement for HMP Inverness, including any penalties for delays.

**[S6W-35222](#) Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of the reported delays to the replacement of HMP Inverness on (a) prison overcrowding and (b) early release policies.

**[S6W-35223](#) Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how many assaults on (a) staff and (b) prisoners have been recorded in HMP Inverness in each of the last five years.

**[S6W-35224](#) Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what additional resources it will provide to prison officers working in overcrowded conditions at HMP Inverness until the new replacement prison is completed.

**[S6W-35225](#) Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how many prisoners have been released early from HMP Inverness, broken down by month since January 2022.

**[S6W-35226](#) Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to increase availability of English as a second or other language (ESOL) classes in the Greater Glasgow area, in light of reports that lack of availability is causing challenges for people who require at least a B1 level of English to access employability, social security and other support.

**[S6W-35227](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the development of its plan to issue bonds.

**[S6W-35228](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government how much public funding has been given to fossil fuel companies in each year since 2021 for the development of carbon capture and storage technology.

**[S6W-35229](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an updated assessment of whether Scotland is on track to reach net zero by 2045.

**[S6W-35232](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34459 by Jim Fairlie on 19 February 2025, whether the guidance that is in development regarding the welfare of farmed fish at the time of slaughter will be placed on a statutory footing, and by what date it will be published.

**[S6W-35233](#) Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people in Scotland have (a) transfusion dependent thalassaemia and (b) sickle cell disease, also broken down by how many might be eligible for treatment with exagamglogene autotemcel, a gene-edited therapy manufactured in Scotland, if this was made available. **R**

**[S6W-35234](#) Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government, following the treatment, exagamglogene autotemcel, which is a gene-edited therapy manufactured in Scotland, being approved for use in England to treat (a) transfusion dependent thalassaemia and (b) sickle cell disease, what engagement it is having with the NHS and suppliers toward making this available in Scotland, also broken down by what date it will be made available to people eligible for it, if approved. **R**

**[S6W-35236](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it reportedly blocked the development of a Rolls-Royce small modular reactor at Grangemouth refinery in November 2022, in light of claims that this would have delivered much cheaper off-grid electricity to the country's most energy-intensive heavy industrial cluster and the refinery's owner Ineos stating that a "huge disadvantage" in energy costs had driven the decision to close refining operations there.

**[S6W-35237](#) Nicola Sturgeon:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it is having with Glasgow City Council to secure the future of the Glasgow School of Sport.

**[S6W-35238](#) Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its guidance on applying the waste hierarchy, what discussions it has had with (a) SEPA and (b) affected communities regarding new energy-from-waste incineration sites that have already received approval, including what consideration has been made for community (i) consent and (ii) engagement regarding these sites.



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**[S6W-35239 Mercedes Villalba](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its guidance on applying the waste hierarchy, what independent mechanisms oversee the implementation of waste hierarchy in managing waste.

**[S6W-35240 Mercedes Villalba](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its guidance on applying the waste hierarchy, what targets have been set on the implementation of waste hierarchy in managing waste.

**[S6W-35242 Ariane Burgess](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the analysis of the consultation conducted on the A96 Corridor Review, which closed on 21 February 2025.

**[S6W-35244 Monica Lennon](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34303 by Jenni Minto on 18 February 2025, whether it will provide an update on its discussions with the UK Government (a) ministers and (b) officials regarding the provisions of the Tobacco and Vapes Bill that might impact on Scotland.

**[S6W-35245 Monica Lennon](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) North Lanarkshire, (b) South Lanarkshire and (c) Falkirk Council regarding underage vaping, including the sale of vapes to these young people.

**[S6W-35247 Monica Lennon](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an assessment of trends in the level of demand on the NHS for the type 2 diabetes treatment, Ozempic.

**[S6W-35248 Monica Lennon](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what steps are being taken to (a) monitor and (b) tackle the illegal availability online of injections of the type 2 diabetes treatment, Ozempic.

**[S6W-35249 Monica Lennon](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government on what dates since 1 January 2025 the Cabinet Secretary for Transport has met representatives of (a) ScotRail and (b) the Caledonian Sleeper to discuss plans to procure new trains.

**[S6W-35250 Oliver Mundell](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it is giving to the reported community concerns regarding the culling of feral goats in Eskdale, and whether a form of protected status is a potential option to preserve their existence.

**[S6W-35251 Alexander Burnett](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether community councils are statutory consultees regarding applications under sections 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989, where the development concerned requires an environmental impact assessment, and, if not, whether it plans to include them.

**[S6W-35252 Paul Sweeney](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what support it can provide to Glasgow City Council to renegotiate its reported £449 million in lender option borrower option loans with commercial banks, which have reportedly higher average rates of interest than public works loan board rates.

**[S6W-35253 Willie Rennie](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the NHS staff that it consulted on the matter supported the delayed implementation of the 36-hour working week for Agenda for Change staff.

**[S6W-35254 Willie Rennie](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has delayed the implementation of the 36-hour working week for Agenda for Change staff in the NHS.

**[S6W-35255 Willie Rennie](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what consultations with NHS staff took place before the decision to delay the implementation of the reduced 36-hour working week for Agenda for Change staff.

**[S6W-35256 Willie Rennie](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what research has been conducted on the feedback received regarding the first 30-minute reduction in working hours in 2024 for Agenda for Change staff in the NHS, and what assessment has been made of the impact of the reduction.

**[S6W-35258 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what support it has given to youth work organisations to engage in the Scottish Educational Exchange Programme

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(SEEP); how many such organisations have (a) applied for and (b) received funding each year through SEEP; how it is ensuring that SEEP has a focus on quality, and how many students from the poorest Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) quintiles have participated in the programme.

**[S6W-35262](#) Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government when the mandatory remote electronic monitoring requirements for pelagic fishing vessels come into force and how these apply to (a) Scottish and (b) non-Scottish vessels operating in the Scottish zone.

**[S6W-35263](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans Scottish Enterprise has to reconvene the Aerospace, Defence, Marine and Space Industry Leadership Group.

**[S6W-35264](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported proportion of blind or seriously visually-impaired entrants to university in 2022-23 being 0.1%, the same proportion as 2012-13, and what action it has taken to improve this figure.

**[S6W-35265](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support data-sharing arrangements as part of the pilot of the wider basket of measures on widening access to higher education.

**[S6W-35267](#) Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to changing the funding process of distributing community benefit from the current model of local community benefit funds administered by the communities impacted by developments to a central fund distributed by it.

**[S6W-35268](#) Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) local authority- and (b) privately-run nurseries have closed in each year since 1999, broken down by local authority area.

**[S6W-35269](#) Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many additional (a) local authority- and (b) privately-run nursery places have been created in each year since 1999.

**[S6W-35270](#) Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many complaints regarding quadbikes and off-road vehicles have the police received in each year since 1999, broken down by local authority area.

**[S6W-35271](#) Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how much each local authority has spent on transport for (a) primary, (b) secondary and (c) special school pupils in each year since 1999.

**[S6W-35272](#) Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) primary, (b) secondary and (c) special school closures there have been in each year since 1999, broken down by local authority.

**[S6W-35273](#) Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) primary, (b) secondary and (c) special school nurses there have been in each year since 1999, broken down by local authority.

**[S6W-35274](#) Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many attacks on a fellow pupil by (a) primary, (b) secondary and (c) special school pupils have been recorded in each year since 1999, broken down by local authority.

**[S6W-35276](#) Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many bursaries have been provided to students attending independent schools in each year since 1999.

**[S6W-35279](#) Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to conduct an equality and human rights impact assessment on paediatric long COVID services.

**[S6W-35280](#) Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action is being taken to help improve support and treatment services for children and young people with long COVID.

**[S6W-35281](#) Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what annual funding has been made available for HIV transmission elimination since that goal was set in 2020.

**[S6W-35282](#) Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to fund an extension of emergency department opt-out HIV testing.

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**[S6W-35283](#) Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider the merits of a national HIV testing week for Scotland.

## Amendments

### Amendments to Bills lodged or withdrawn on 26 February 2025

#### National Care Service (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

##### Section 40

###### Jackie Baillie

**50E** As an amendment to amendment 50, line 7, leave out <use their best endeavours to>

###### Jackie Baillie

**50F** As an amendment to amendment 50, line 25, after <only> insert <seek to>

###### Jackie Baillie

**50G** As an amendment to amendment 50, line 33, at end insert—

<(2A) The duty must also be framed so that a provider of a care home service may only suspend visits (specifically or generally) if the provider has been granted permission to do so by—

- (a) Public Health Scotland on health grounds, or
- (b) the Scottish Ministers (or a body delegated to make the decision on behalf of Scottish Ministers) for any other reason.>

###### Jackie Baillie

**50H** As an amendment to amendment 50, line 59, at end insert—

<(8) The Scottish Ministers must consider what steps are necessary to protect care homes from legal action against them in cases where a visit with an Essential Care Supporter has been permitted while other visits have been suspended.>

###### Jackie Baillie

**50I** As an amendment to amendment 50, line 59, at end insert—

##### <78BA Suspension of visits: duration and appeal

The Scottish Ministers must exercise the power under section 78(2) to provide—

- (a) that any suspension of visits by a provider of care home services must—
  - (i) be reviewed once in every 48 hour period by the body that granted permission for the suspension,
  - (ii) remain in force for a period of no longer than 7 days,
- (b) for an expedited appeals process for—
  - (i) an Essential Care Supporter to appeal the suspension of visits,
  - (ii) the body that granted permission for the suspension 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.>

**Jackie Baillie**

**50J** As an amendment to amendment 50, line 73, at end insert—

- <(c) the presumption of serious harm to residents where visits with their Essential Care Supporters are denied,
- (d) the requirement for care home staff and Essential Care Supporters to work together as equals to agree how visits should be facilitated,
- (e) the need for consistency of risk management processes for both staff and visitors.>

**Jackie Baillie**

**136** *Withdrawn*

**Jackie Baillie**

**137** *Withdrawn*

## Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

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

Passed, 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 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](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

### **Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

### **Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)**

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](mailto: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](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

### **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 18 February 2025

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (5<sup>th</sup> 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 (12<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)*

### **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 4 March 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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### **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 (62<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*  
*Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (14<sup>th</sup> Report, 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](mailto: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:**

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

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



### **Great British Energy Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-48c**

Lodged on 24 February 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 February 2025

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

*Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

### **Product Regulation and Metrology Bill LCM-S6-50**

Lodged on 24 September 2024

*Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (1<sup>st</sup> Report, 2025)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (74<sup>th</sup> 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) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69<sup>th</sup> 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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### 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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[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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[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)

## New Documents

### Committee Reports

The following report was published on 26 February 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 14th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Scottish Languages Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 744)

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

### Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 26 February 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Additional support for learning: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2025/2)** laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**A joint assurance review on the acquisition, retention, use and destruction of DNA for criminal justice and police purposes in Scotland (SBC/2025/01)** laid under Section 20(2) Scottish Biometrics Commissioners Act 2020

**Northern Lighthouse Board Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2024 (SG/2025/38)** laid under Section 218 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995

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