

Friday 28 February 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Portfolio Questions: Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 5 March: Finance and Local Government – Questions 2 and 4.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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: Martha Inés Romero, Secretary General of Pax Christi International

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

Today's Business
Gnothaichean an-diugh

Future Business
Gnothaichean ri teachd

Motions & Questions
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Legislation
Reachdas

Other
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5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

4 March 2025

7th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] from—
Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Geraldine Campbell, Unit Head for Adult Social Care Charging, Care at Home and Dementia, and Alice Hall, Deputy Director for Adult Social Care Local Improvement and Transformation, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Maree Todd (Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport) to move—
S6M-16242—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft].

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

4 March 2025

9th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2025](#)
[Environmental Protection \(Injurious Articles\) \(Fixed Penalty Notices and Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)
[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2025](#)
2. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 85232 or at peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 4 March 2025 6th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Andrew Groundwater, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development, Orkney Islands Council;
Martin Ingram, Principal Solicitor, Aberdeenshire Council;
Nareen Turnbull, Service Director, Human Resources, City of Edinburgh Council;
Alyia Zaheed, Corporate Officer - Equality and Diversity, East Ayrshire Council;
and then from—
John Dawson, Head of Strategy and Transformation, Public Health Scotland;
Chief Superintendent Jordana Emerson, Police Scotland;
Jillian Matthew, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Scottish Human Rights Commission:** The Committee will consider the Commission's report on progress in moving people from institutions to independent living.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85204 or at euane.donald@parliament.scot

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 4 March 2025 8th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/37)
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/38)
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/39)
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Hospitality Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/40)
[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/42)
[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/43)
[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/44)

[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025](#)
(SSI 2025/48)

3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Act of Adjournal \(Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment\) \(Miscellaneous\) 2025](#)
(SSI 2025/47)

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

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black on 86266 or at Greg.Black@parliament.scot

Finance and Public Administration Committee

4 March 2025

8th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Scott Mackay, Head of Finance Co-ordination, and Claire Hughes, Head of Corporate Reporting, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—
S6M-16306—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, at FPA.committee@parliament.scot.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

4 March 2025

7th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Council Tax Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Ellen Leaver, Acting Director for Local Government, and David Storrie, Head of Local Taxation Policy, Scottish Government;
Cllr Katie Hagmann, Resources Spokesperson, and Mirren Kelly, Chief Officer, Local Government Finance, COSLA.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Saving Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)
[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025](#)
4. **Council Tax Inquiry:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

5. **Scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator:** The Committee will consider draft correspondence to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jenny Mouncer at localgov.committee@parliament.scot

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

5 March 2025

4th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE1964: Create an independent review of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman;
 - PE2006: Review and simplify the legislation in relation to dismissal of property factors;
 - PE2033: Introduce a full ban on disposable vapes;
 - PE2067: Improve data on young people affected by conditions causing Sudden Cardiac Death;
 - PE2071: Take action to protect people from airborne infections in health and social care settings;
 - PE2073: Ensure accurate information is used when issuing court summons;
 - PE2084: Allow alkaline hydrolysis; and
 - PE2086: Recognise the vaccine injured and offer appropriate treatment.
2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE2130: Make it illegal to remove all the hair from a horse's tail;
 - PE2131: Grant Scottish rivers, including the River Clyde, the legal right to personhood; and
 - PE2137: Fair regulation for non-medical aesthetic injectors.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jyoti Chandola on 85227 or at jyoti.chandola@parliament.scot

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Motions

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

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-16621](#) Christine Grahame: Stow Station House Celebrates—**That the Parliament congratulates Stow Community Trust on the official opening of Stow Station House on 26 February 2025 by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport; understands that this milestone represents the culmination of several years of intense efforts on behalf of the Trust to realise its ambition to restore the 185-year-old building, utilising funding from a range of sources, including the Scottish Government, Scottish Borders Council, Railway Heritage Trust, Station Community Regeneration Trust, BCCF Environmental and windfarm funds from EDF Energy and SSE, transforming the building into a beautiful and stylish community space displaying an array of railway memorabilia, including a large station clock from Glasgow Central railway station; notes that, now that it is complete, it has a tenant operated bar and grill, and provides a vibrant place for the community to come together; further notes that it won the Network Rail Community Award at the National Heritage Railway Awards for the restoration, refurbishment or other improvement of a station or building either by a community group, or for a community use which connects communities and promotes social inclusion; commends the skills and commitment of Stow Community Trust; notes the recommendation for any other communities looking to transform a surplus railway station building to visit Stow to see just what can be achieved, and recognises the achievements of community and other development trusts across Scotland.

***[S6M-16615](#) Collette Stevenson: Concerns Over UK Government Foreign Aid Reductions—**That the Parliament is concerned over the UK Government's reported reduction of the foreign aid budget in order to increase defence spending; believes that the decision to reduce the foreign aid budget by, it understands, 40% could cost lives in countries that rely on UK support; notes the reported concerns that instability may increase if the UK steps away from global leadership on aid; recognises what it sees as the need for increased defence spending during a period of geopolitical instability, but notes the belief that this should not come at the expense of aid funding; welcomes reports that the Scottish Government remains committed to playing its role in contributing to addressing the challenges faced by the world, and notes the calls on the UK Government to rethink its reported plans to move 1,500 staff from Abercrombie House in East Kilbride to Glasgow while, it considers, there is deep uncertainty over future spending plans.

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***[S6M-16539](#) Maggie Chapman: Ending Destitution in Scotland – a Road Map for Policymakers**—That the Parliament notes the recent publication by Professor Jen Ang of the legal briefing, *Ending Destitution in Scotland – a Road Map for Policymakers*; further notes that this report was commissioned by I-SPHERE and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, as part of the Fair Way Scotland partnership, following the publication in September 2024 of the paper *Destitution by Design: righting the wrongs of UK immigration policy in Scotland*; understands that the legal briefing sets out clear, actionable steps that lie within the powers of the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government to reduce destitution for people coming to Scotland to study, work, join family or seek sanctuary; further understands that there are clear recommendations about access to social security and financial support, housing, transport, health and social care, justice and legal aid, education, and work; notes the view that the Scottish Government can and should be doing more to prevent destitution in Scotland, including in the North East Scotland region; further notes the view that the complexity of UK immigration law, and the challenges of striking the right balance in the exercise of powers within the devolution settlement, must no longer be an excuse for failure to act on the part of the Scottish Government and local authorities, in the face of what it sees as overwhelming evidence of the harms caused to people with no recourse to public funds/other restricted eligibility, and to the communities in which they live; notes the view that Scotland can create a fairer system based on need and the realisation of rights, ensuring that everyone has access to essential services and what they need to live a life of dignity, regardless of their immigration status; further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to act on each of the recommendations, including to review devolved policy to eliminate unintended exclusions from support, to establish and scale up the financial support available, to ensure appropriate training and resources for all frontline workers, and to negotiate a clearer understanding of “public funds”, as defined by the Home Office, and congratulates the Fair Way Scotland Partnership on its ongoing work to prevent destitution in Scotland.

Supported by: Patrick Harvie*, Mark Ruskell*, Gillian Mackay*, Ariane Burgess*, Lorna Slater*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-16628](#) Michael Matheson: Alzheimer Scotland's Shooting Stars Event at The Falkirk Stadium**—That the Parliament commends Alzheimer Scotland on its efforts to raise awareness of dementia through its charity football event, Shooting Stars, which takes place on 2 March 2025 at The Falkirk Stadium; recognises that the family day is an opportunity for the community to come together to support people living with dementia; notes that the event will include football legends and celebrities to raise vital funds to support dementia care and research, including into improvements in brain health; believes that dementia affects an estimated 90,000 people in Scotland; understands that this event is an opportunity to raise awareness that physical activities, such as football, are good for the brain and help to reduce your risk of dementia, if played safely and preventive guidelines are adhered to; believes that Alzheimer Scotland is Scotland’s national dementia charity and seeks to make sure that nobody faces dementia alone; congratulates Alzheimer Scotland on its efforts to support people living with dementia, and their families and carers, through its services and support across the country, and wishes everyone involved every success for the event.

***[S6M-16627](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow Association for Mental Health Receives National Lottery Community Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow Association for Mental Health (GAMH) on being granted £190,869 from the National Lottery Community Fund’s Improving Lives programme; notes that GAMH is an independent Scottish charity that provides more than 2,000 hours of community based support every week to people in Glasgow;

understands that the group will use the funding to run a programme of activities and sessions for young people experiencing poor mental health who are isolated as a result; further understands that the programme will provide a space to help young people improve their mental health, improve their social interactions and better prepare them for adult services should they require them, and wishes all of the team at GAMH continued success with its life-changing work. **R**

Supported by: Annie Wells*, Douglas Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Meghan Gallacher*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Brian Whittle*, Alexander Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Liam Kerr*

***S6M-16626 David Torrance: Kirkcaldy North Primary School Recognised as Language Friendly**—That the Parliament congratulates Kirkcaldy North Primary School on being recognised as a Language Friendly School; notes that the school is one of only six in the UK to be awarded this recognition; understands that 21 different nationalities are represented, as well as 21 languages spoken, among the roll of 176 pupils; further understands that the school has created a Language Friendly School action plan and runs a weekly lunchtime language club, and commends the school on its efforts to welcome speakers of all languages in an inclusive fashion.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Foysoyl Choudhury*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*

***S6M-16625 Nicola Sturgeon: Congratulating Community Renewal Rom Romeha on its Social Enterprise Scotland Award**—That the Parliament celebrates Community Renewal Rom Romeha on its award at the Social Enterprise Scotland Awards in the category, Building Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Justice, and for further being shortlisted in the UK-wide awards; believes that Community Renewal Rom Romeha is performing a crucial service supporting Scotland's biggest Roma community in Govanhill, by providing support in eight languages for migrant Roma and assisting them in different areas, such as dealing with discrimination, finances, work, health and housing, and helping families overcome what it believes can be significant language and literacy barriers; acknowledges its work with Roma youth, including offering them traineeships and mentorship; congratulates the team for engaging with over 1,000 Roma families and securing over £1 million in additional income for families who have been facing poverty and inequality, and appreciates the work that the team has been carrying out and its impact in empowering the Roma people and enriching the Govanhill area.

Supported by: George Adam*, Bill Kidd*, Clare Haughey*, Audrey Nicoll*, Colin Beattie*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Emma Harper*

***S6M-16624 Sandesh Gulhane: National Lottery Community Funding for Headway Glasgow**—That the Parliament congratulates Headway Glasgow on being awarded £117,727 through the National Lottery Community Fund's Improving Lives programme; notes that Headway is a charity working to improve life after brain injury, by providing vital support and information services; understands that it will use the award to deliver a specialist, holistic advocacy support service for people with acquired brain injuries, and their families; further understands that this will provide face-to-face and remote support to recognise, accommodate and mitigate the complex challenges of acquired brain injury and ensure that the voices of people with this condition are heard and that they are empowered towards self-advocacy, and wishes all of the team at Headway continued success with what it sees as their invaluable work. **R**

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Annie Wells*, Douglas Ross*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam Kerr*, Russell Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Brian Whittle*

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***[S6M-16623](#) Bill Kidd: International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness Day**—That the Parliament recognises International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness Day on 5 March 2025; believes that this is an important opportunity to raise awareness about the ongoing challenges and risks posed by weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear weapons; considers that this day plays a key role in deepening the global understanding of how disarmament efforts contribute to promoting peace and security by preventing and resolving armed conflicts, and reducing the human suffering caused by weapons, and echoes the call of the UN General Assembly on all of its member states, which are the organisations of the UN system, along with civil society, academia, the media and individuals, to commemorate International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness Day, including through all means of educational and public awareness-raising activities.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Kevin Stewart*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Carol Mochan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, John Mason*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S6M-16622](#) Bob Doris: YoMo's Food Pantry at The Base, Gilshochill**—That the Parliament welcomes a £40,000 grant secured by YoMo (Young Movers) from the National Lottery Community Fund to support a food pantry run from The Base, a community resource in the Gilshochill area of Maryhill, Glasgow; understands that the food pantry provides affordable and dignified access to good quality food, which can support both those on low incomes and reduce food waste; acknowledges the efforts of the staff and volunteers who support access to the food pantry every Tuesday and Thursday; pays tribute to the wider range of activities on offer at The Base, including various youth initiatives offered by YoMo, as well as health and wellbeing classes, a toddler and parent group and a free monthly community breakfast; believes that The Base is an important community space that makes a valuable contribution to the community, and wishes all involved with YoMo and The Base the very best for the future.

***[S6M-16620](#) Alexander Stewart: 24/7 Thrombectomy Services in Scotland**—That the Parliament expresses its disappointment at what it sees as the continued lack of 24/7 thrombectomy services in Scotland; believes that there is overwhelming evidence of the life-saving and disability-reducing benefits of these services for stroke patients; recognises that stroke does not wait for "office hours" and therefore questions for what reason this vital treatment reportedly remains unavailable outside of limited timeframes across Scotland; believes that thrombectomy should be offered on a 24/7 basis nationwide to ensure that all people, regardless of when they have a stroke, have access to the best possible care; supports calls to trial the expansion of the FAST stroke recognition test to BE FAST ((balance, eyes, face, arms, speech, time), trusting the people of Scotland with critical information that, it believes, could improve early stroke detection and save lives; thanks the Bundy family from Tullibody for their tireless campaigning to highlight what it sees as the shortcomings in Scotland's stroke care, following the tragic loss of their loved one, Anthony, and acknowledges their efforts to improve outcomes for future stroke patients. **R**

***[S6M-16619](#) Alexander Stewart: No Smoking Day 2025**—That the Parliament welcomes No Smoking Day on 12 March 2025; understands that the health charities, ASH Scotland and Asthma+Lung UK Scotland, as well as Public Health Scotland, are encouraging people across the country who smoke to "Quit and Win" and see improvements to their physical health, mental wellbeing and personal finances; understands that smoking continues to be the biggest preventable killer in Scotland, causing nearly 9,000 premature deaths each year; considers that giving up increases opportunities to live a healthier life, including through reducing the severity of asthma attacks and the risk of contracting conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), coronary heart disease, type 2 diabetes, dementia and many cancers, which, it

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believes, smoking exacerbates and can lead to hospitalisations; believes that an average smoker who gives up tobacco on No Smoking Day could save £3,332 within 12 months, and notes what it sees as the importance of urging the reported two-thirds of people who smoke but want to quit to use the free expert advice provided by the qualified health professionals working for the Quit Your Way Scotland service, which is run by NHS 24, and which can recommend and prescribe quit-smoking aids, such as nicotine replacement therapies, which, it believes, have a strong evidence base in helping people to give up smoking. **R**

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, John Mason*, Liz Smith*, Jeremy Balfour*, Russell Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Brian Whittle*

***S6M-16618 Douglas Lumsden: Recognising the Contributions of Professor George Boyne as Principal of the University of Aberdeen**—That the Parliament congratulates Professor George Boyne on his outstanding tenure as Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Aberdeen, following his appointment in 2018; acknowledges what it sees as his significant leadership in enhancing the university's academic standing, including its rise to 12th place in the rankings published by *The Guardian* and 15th in those of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, compared with 46th and 40th in 2018, respectively; commends his commitment to student success, with Aberdeen ranking second in Scotland and 15th in the UK in the National Student Survey; recognises his leadership in navigating the university through challenging periods, including the COVID-19 pandemic and what it sees as the financial pressures in the higher education sector; thanks him for his unwavering dedication to research excellence, student employability and international partnership, and wishes George a happy and fulfilling retirement, following the completion of his term in December 2025.

Supported by: Annie Wells*, Douglas Ross*, Liam Kerr*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Jamie Greene*, Meghan Gallacher*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Murdo Fraser*, Karen Adam*, Craig Hoy*, Colin Beattie*, Russell Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Tim Eagle*, Brian Whittle*

***S6M-16617 Craig Hoy: Praising Airhouses**—That the Parliament praises Airhouses Luxury Self Catering in Oxton, which was recently granted the Autism Friendly Award by the National Autistic Society; notes that the award was given to recognise the organisation's autism-friendly practices, which include an accessibility guide for autistic people; understands that there are approximately 700,000 adults and children in the UK with autism; acknowledges that, without the right support or understanding, autistic people can become extremely isolated, and encourages other holiday destinations to follow suit and provide services to help accessibility for autistic people.

Supported by: Annie Wells*, Murdo Fraser*, Jeremy Balfour*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jamie Greene*, Douglas Ross*, Stuart McMillan*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Tim Eagle*, Brian Whittle*, Pam Gosal*, Miles Briggs*, Liam Kerr*, Liz Smith*, Russell Findlay*

***S6M-16616 Craig Hoy: Recognising Farmstrong**—That the Parliament recognises the work of Farmstrong Scotland, which recently held the event, Blether Together Live, which was aimed at providing an opportunity for people in the farming industry to take a break from their work, meet others and enjoy an evening of food, conversation and inspiring stories; notes that the organisation helps farmers, crofters and their families cope with the ups and downs of farming and crofting by sharing things that they can do to look after themselves and the people in their business; recognises the importance of its peer-to-peer led programme, which is driven by scientific information and real-life stories, to allow farmers to share, learn and support their wellbeing; welcomes its efforts in challenging what it sees as harmful legislation that impacts on

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their livelihoods; believes that, without farmers, Scotland cannot survive and could not be able to provide the food and other produce needed in the supply chain, and considers that farmers are the backbone of the country and that they should not be penalised by what it sees as policies such as the so-called family farm tax or unduly burdensome Scottish Government regulation and costs.

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***[S6M-16614](#) Ruth Maguire: ASN Support - Ayrshire Donates to Crosshouse Children's Fund**—That the Parliament commends ASN Support – Ayrshire for what it sees as its incredible fundraising efforts, which raised £400 and provided Christmas gifts for the children's ward at Crosshouse Hospital; recognises what it sees as its invaluable role in providing a vital support network for families with children who have additional support needs (ASN); welcomes its decision to donate to Crosshouse Children's Fund in recognition of the essential care that it has provided to many families, and thanks all those involved in spreading joy and generosity to children and families during the festive season.

***[S6M-16613](#) Ruth Maguire: 1st & 6th Ayrshire (Irvine) Scout Group**—That the Parliament welcomes the successful relaunch of the 1st & 6th Ayrshire (Irvine) Scout Group following its temporary closure during the COVID-19 pandemic; notes what it believes is the strong demand for scouting in the area, with beavers and cubs operating at full capacity and a waiting list of 34 young people eager to join; supports the group's plans to expand by establishing a squirrel drey for younger children and reactivating a scout section; believes that scouting has a positive impact on young people's resilience, employability and leadership skills, and encourages more volunteers to come forward to help the movement continue to grow in Irvine.

***[S6M-16612](#) Ruth Maguire: David Mann, Director of Scottish Maritime Museum, Irvine, Set to Retire**—That the Parliament acknowledges the outstanding contribution of David Mann, who will retire as director of the Scottish Maritime Museum after 12 years at the helm; recognises his role in leading significant restoration projects, developing Scotland's first modern apprenticeship in boat building and repair and improving the museum's collection with historic vessels and maritime art; notes his wider contribution to Ayrshire tourism and industrial heritage through his involvement with Industrial Museums Scotland and the Ayrshire and Arran Destination Alliance; welcomes the appointment of Matthew Bellhouse Moran as his successor, and wishes David a long and fulfilling retirement.

***[S6M-16611](#) Ruth Maguire: Kelvin TOP-SET Community Support** —That the Parliament commends Kelvin TOP-SET on its generous donation of £500 and help in repainting the headquarters of Irvine Clean Up Crew; recognises the vital work of Irvine Clean Up Crew volunteers in maintaining a cleaner and greener environment across the area; welcomes the commitment of Kelvin TOP-SET in helping voluntary organisations in the community; commends its dedication to sustainability, and encourages other businesses to follow this example in supporting grassroots environmental initiatives that benefit local communities.

***[S6M-16610](#) John Mason: UK's Foreign Aid Budget**—That the Parliament condemns the UK Government's reported decision to reduce the foreign aid budget from 0.5% to 0.3% of gross national income; understands that this reduction is to fund an increase in defence spending to 2.5% of GDP by 2027, with a view to raising it further to 3% in the next parliament; believes that such a significant reduction in aid spending undermines the UK's longstanding support to international development; acknowledges the reported criticisms of various experts, activists and

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groups who describe the aid cuts as cruel and shameful, and warn of severe impacts on global health systems, education and support for marginalised communities, and urges the UK Government to reconsider this decision in light of what it sees as its potential detrimental impact on the world's most vulnerable people.

***[S6M-16609](#) Gillian Mackay: National HIV Testing Week**—That the Parliament recognises that 10 to 16 February 2025 marks National HIV Testing Week in England, and highlights the role that public campaigns such as this can play in encouraging HIV testing and tackling HIV stigma; acknowledges the reported success of other testing interventions elsewhere in the UK, including HIV Testing Week in Wales and emergency department opt-out HIV and blood borne virus testing in selected English cities; considers that, without its own Testing Week, Scotland is now an outlier in Britain, and that no area of high HIV prevalence in Scotland is currently benefiting from A&E opt-out testing; understands that there are an estimated 500 people living with undiagnosed HIV in Scotland, as well as a growing population of people who are diagnosed with HIV but who are no longer engaged with HIV treatment and care; considers that testing is the only way to know your HIV status and that normalising HIV testing will be key to achieving Scotland's ambition of ending new cases of HIV by 2030, and supports, therefore, charities such as the Terrence Higgins Trust and Waverley Care in their calls for the Scottish Government to urgently fund an expansion of HIV testing, including through the introduction of A&E opt-out HIV testing in areas of highest HIV prevalence and through the development of a national HIV testing campaign.

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***[S6M-16554](#) Emma Roddick: Concerns over Refusing Citizenship to Refugees** —That the Parliament shares the reported deep concern of some MPs in the UK Parliament regarding the decision whereby citizenship will normally be refused for refugees who have made irregular crossings to the UK; notes that the Refugee Council has reportedly said that the move will potentially bar 71,000 people, who have successfully been granted asylum, from claiming UK citizenship; believes that this move undermines the fundamental rights of, and respect for, those affected; considers that irregular and dangerous entries to the UK often reflect a lack of safe and legal routes being made available; recognises what it sees as the role that Scotland and the rest of the UK must play in offering safety and sanctuary to people exercising their human right to seek asylum from war and persecution, and urges the UK Government to reconsider this policy.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*, Karen Adam*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Stuart McMillan*, John Mason*

***[S6M-16544](#) Meghan Gallacher: Blantyre Stonemason Earns Prestigious Trade Award** — That the Parliament congratulates Stratum Masonry founder, Scott Reid, on being honoured at the On The Tools awards for the second consecutive year; recognises that the Blantyre stonemason was named Traditional Craftsperson of the Year for his work with Stratum Masonry; notes that Scott founded the company from his home in Blantyre and now works on iconic and historic buildings across Scotland, and recognises the previous awards that Scott has received for his work, including a special recognition award and being honoured in the category of Young Business Person of the Year at the Glasgow Business Awards.

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S6M-16510 James Dornan: Calling for a Boycott on Israel's Sporting Participation—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the important work that campaigners in Scotland have done in the last year to highlight the campaign, Show Israel the Red Card, which aims to highlight what it considers to be the injustices of Israel's ongoing participation in sporting events while, it believes, breaching sporting statutes and international law, as well as reportedly killing athletes and destroying their sports infrastructure due to what it sees as the ongoing occupation and genocide in Palestine; welcomes the recent call of the Celtic FC supporters group, the Green Brigade, to extend this campaign to football fans from around the world; believes that, now that members of the International Court of Justice have reportedly considered Israel to be an apartheid state, and that governments must take steps to end it, the Gleneagles Agreement now applies; highlights what it sees as the powerful role that sport has in promoting freedom of movement and expression of culture, which it believes is currently denied to Palestinian people; acknowledges what it regards as Scotland's role, as part of the UK, in the creation of the Israeli state through the Balfour Declaration, and believes, therefore, that Scotland has a duty of redress to the Palestinian people, and considers that the Scottish Government must lead the way in calling for sporting boycotts, as an effective way to isolate Israel internationally, in order to help end what it sees as the apartheid regime in Palestine, pursuant to the freedom of Palestinian people. **R**

Supported by: Mercedes Villalba, Maggie Chapman, Gillian Mackay, Ross Greer, Mark Ruskell, Patrick Harvie, David Torrance, Carol Mochan

***S6M-16510.1 Jamie Greene: Calling for a Boycott on Israel's Sporting Participation**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16510 in the name of James Dornan (Calling for a Boycott on Israel's Sporting Participation), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "considers that sport can and should be used to build bridges between communities, nations and those of differing views or religions; does not believe that punishing athletes, or sweeping general attacks on the wider populous, is the way to disagree with the actions of the governments of the countries from which they come or represent; believes fundamentally that football, and sport more widely, should not be the home of exclusion or intolerance based on the nationality, race, religion or ethnicity of the participants, nor used as a proxy to make wider geopolitical points, and further believes that, despite holding views of concern about the ongoing nature of the conflict in the Middle East, on which there is much to agree, sport is not the place for what it sees as such antagonistic political division, given what it considers is its continuous ability to bring people together in times of conflict, as, it believes, history often well proves." **R**

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, John Mason*, Craig Hoy*, Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-16608 Sue Webber: Currie Community High School Debaters Win the Novice Final of the Schools' Mace Debate Competition 2025 (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Colin Beattie*, Pam Gosal*, Meghan Gallacher*, Foyso Choudhury*, Liam Kerr*, Karen Adam*, Craig Hoy*, Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-16607 Sue Webber: Broxburn Academy Debaters Win the Schools' Mace Debate Competition 2025 (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Pam Gosal*, Meghan Gallacher*, Tess White*, Liam Kerr*, Karen Adam*, Craig Hoy*, Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Sharon Dowey*

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[S6M-16605](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Commending Versus Arthritis on the Publication of its Workplace Adjustment Plan Tool (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Monica Lennon*, Stuart McMillan*, Liam McArthur*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Paul Sweeney*, Foyso Choudhury*

[S6M-16604](#) Kevin Stewart: Field Cycling Imager (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Annabelle Ewing*, Clare Haughey*, Rona Mackay*, Audrey Nicoll*, Mercedes Villalba*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-16603](#) Alexander Burnett: Amazing Fundraising Efforts by the Parent Teacher Association of Gordon Primary School, Huntly (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Pam Gosal*, Tess White*, Meghan Gallacher*, Karen Adam*, Craig Hoy*, Paul Sweeney*, Edward Mountain*, Kevin Stewart*, Brian Whittle*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16602](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr Salon Triumphs at Company Awards (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Bill Kidd*, Evelyn Tweed*, Jeremy Balfour*, Murdo Fraser*, Tim Eagle*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Tess White*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jamie Greene*, Brian Whittle*, Edward Mountain*, Karen Adam*, Craig Hoy*, Liam Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Liz Smith*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-16601](#) Sharon Dowey: Troon Man Triumphs in National Songwriting Contest (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Bill Kidd*, Evelyn Tweed*, Jeremy Balfour*, Murdo Fraser*, Tim Eagle*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Tess White*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Greene*, Brian Whittle*, Karen Adam*, Craig Hoy*, Liam Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Liz Smith*, Russell Findlay*, Edward Mountain*

[S6M-16600](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Girl Wins Gold at Golden Gloves Championships (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Meghan Gallacher*, David Torrance*, Liam Kerr*, Craig Hoy*, Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16599](#) Emma Roddick: 2025 SP Energy Networks Warriors School Championship (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Evelyn Tweed*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Marie McNair*, Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16598](#) Emma Roddick: Merkinch Community Shop Receives £9,600 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Evelyn Tweed*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Marie McNair*, Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16597](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Congratulating Blackhall St Columba's Church on Raising £10,000 for Blood Cancer UK (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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S6M-16596 Emma Roddick: Seachdain na Gàidhlig 2025 (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Evelyn Tweed*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Foysol Choudhury*, Karen Adam*, Mercedes Villalba*

S6M-16595.1 Daniel Johnson: Increasing Investment in Scotland (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-16594 Alexander Stewart: Forth Valley College Open Evening and Careers Fair Coincide with Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2025 (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Pam Gosal*, Meghan Gallacher*, David Torrance*, Tess White*, Craig Hoy*, Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Sharon Dowe*

S6M-16593 Alexander Stewart: Alva Academy Competes for the First Time in the 2025 SP Energy Networks Glasgow Warriors Rugby Championship (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowe*

S6M-16591 Douglas Lumsden: Scottish Parliament's Rugby Team Wins Coldstream Cup (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Murdo Fraser*, Colin Beattie*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jamie Greene*, Liam Kerr*, Annabelle Ewing*, Douglas Ross*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*, Fulton MacGregor*, Rachael Hamilton*, Edward Mountain*, Pam Gosal*, Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*, Karen Adam*, Craig Hoy*, Paul Sweeney*, Liz Smith*, Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowe*, Emma Harper*

S6M-16590 Clare Adamson: Ruairidh and Hayley Harper's Automated External Defibrillator Fundraiser (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*

S6M-16584 Ben Macpherson: Celebrating the Opening of Spartans Community Foundation's Education and Youth Work Space (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Christine Grahame*, Foysol Choudhury*, Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Clare Haughey*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Marie McNair*, Tim Eagle*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*, Bob Doris*

S6M-16583 Emma Roddick: Commending the Efforts of the OPEN Project (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*

S6M-16582 Annie Wells: University of Glasgow Unveils New Magnetism Lab (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Liam Kerr*, Bob Doris*, Sharon Dowe*

S6M-16581 Annie Wells: The Merchants House of Glasgow Makes Positive Impact with £130,000 Grant Funding for Local Charities (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Liam Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowe*

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[S6M-16580](#) Annie Wells: Barmulloch Community Development Company Receives £3,250 Grant (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Liam Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Bob Doris*, Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-16579](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Group of the Riding Disabled Association (RDA) Receives £3,000 Grant (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Liam Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Bob Doris*, Sharon Doweey*

[S6M-16577](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Milan Senior Welfare Organisation (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Mercedes Villalba*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16576](#) Kevin Stewart: Fairer Aberdeen Fund 2025 Showcase (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16575](#) Kevin Stewart: University of Aberdeen Hydrogen Network Project (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Karen Adam*, Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*

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

New Support: Foysoil Choudhury*, Karen Adam*, Alexander Burnett*, Bob Doris*

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

New Support: Foysoil Choudhury*, Karen Adam*, Kevin Stewart*, Brian Whittle*

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

New Support: Foysoil Choudhury*, Karen Adam*, Brian Whittle*

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

New Support: Foysoil Choudhury*

[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: Foysoil Choudhury*

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

New Support: Foysoil Choudhury*

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

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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

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New Support: John Mason*, Michelle Thomson*

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

New Support: John Mason*, Kenneth Gibson*, Collette Stevenson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Christine Grahame*, Michelle Thomson*, Brian Whittle*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 27 February 2025

[S6W-35077](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will consider seeking Period Positive Workplace certification, to build on its existing Period and Menopause Policy.

[S6W-35190](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many public bodies there are in Scotland and how this figure compares with each year since 1999.

[S6W-35277](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported view of the Scottish Retail Consortium that up to 13,000 part-time retail jobs in Scotland could be lost over the next three years due to changes to employment policy, including the increase in employer national insurance contributions.

[S6W-35278](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to outline its plans to examine options for teacher training on additional support needs (ASN) and analyse the number of teacher training hours attributed to ASN.

[S6W-35285](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government on how many days the Campbeltown-Ardrossan ferry service has (a) been operational and (b) not been operational, during the summer timetable period in each year since 2021.

[S6W-35286](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the speech by the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health as part of the debate on motion S6M-16353 on 6 February 2025, whether the work to roll out baby loss suites in all territorial NHS boards will be completed by the end of 2025.

[S6W-35287](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will ask NatureScot to meet with the Scottish Raptor Study Group to discuss concerns around proposed changes to the schedule 1 bird monitoring licence conditions.

[S6W-35288](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to question S6O-04224 and the two supplementary questions by Jim Fairlie on 22 January 2025, whether it will provide an update on the assurances that, under the proposed changes to the schedule 1 bird monitoring licence conditions, in cases where it is not reasonably practicable for fieldworkers to provide written notification to landowners of monitoring activity, notification can be provided through NatureScot's licensing division.

[S6W-35293](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-19194 by Paul McLennan on 28 June 2023, when it plans to publish the next local authority analysis for the Scottish House Condition Survey.

[S6W-35294](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government how many building preservation notices have been served by planning authorities in each of the last 20 years.

[S6W-35295](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its commitment to reduce the full-time working week for NHS Scotland staff to 36 hours by April 2026, with the first half hour of this reduction taking effect from 1 April 2024, for what reason there are no proposals to reduce the working week in 2025, and whether it remains committed to fulfilling the April 2026 pledge.

[S6W-35297](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government what funding is available for NHS boards to implement A&E department opt-out HIV and blood borne virus testing.

[S6W-35298](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-27708 by Jenni Minto on 29 May 2024, when it plans to make a final decision on the long-term roll-out of A&E department opt-out HIV and blood borne virus testing (a) in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, (b) in other areas regarded by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) as having a "high" prevalence of HIV and (c) across Scotland.

[S6W-35299](#) Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements it is making to fund secure care places for young people on remand beyond March 2025, in light of reports that no arrangement or funding has yet to be confirmed.

[S6W-35300](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to change initial teacher education places for primary school teachers, and, if so, what changes it is considering.

[S6W-35301](#) Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that the Fair Work Action Plan is adopted by all employers contracted by the developers of the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm.

[S6W-35302](#) Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an estimate of the total fees that will be paid to Crown Estate Scotland by the developers for the 50-year lease for the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm site.

[S6W-35303](#) Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it is having with the UK Government regarding (a) trade union recognition and (b) the application of the national minimum wage in the maritime supply chain for the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm.

[S6W-35304](#) Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) shore side and (b) seafaring jobs in Scotland it estimates will be supported by the key construction suppliers listed by the developers of the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm.

[S6W-35305](#) Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an updated assessment of the pay and conditions of seafarers working on vessels chartered to survey the site of the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm in 2019.

[S6W-35306](#) Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government, with reference to Scottish Renewables' Supply Chain Impact Statement 2023-24, how many of the 20 principal work packages for the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm have been directly awarded to employers in Scotland.

[S6W-35307](#) Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Crown Estate Scotland regarding employment conditions in the supply chain for the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm.

[S6W-35308](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to re-evaluate funding for the Highlands and Islands Veterinary Support Scheme (HIVSS); what its response is to the reported concerns in the sector that HIVSS funding has lagged behind inflation, and what action is being taken to ensure that vets who use HIVSS are supported.

[S6W-35309](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to *The Seventh Carbon Budget*, which was published by the Climate Change Committee on 26 February 2025, in particular section 7.4 on agriculture and land use data, which is based on GWP100 metric data.

[S6W-35310](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the paper, *Sustainable Farming Scheme: proposed scheme outline (2024)*, which was published by the Welsh Government on 25 November 2024, and whether it plans to propose a similar scheme to deliver sustainable farming practices, including high-quality food production.

[S6W-35332](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider awarding financial compensation to any staff covered by the Agenda for Change who have been affected by the reported delay to the implementation of the reduced 36-hour working week.

[S6W-35333](#) Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government what funding it will provide for adult attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and autism assessments in the Aberdeenshire Council area in 2025-26.

[S6W-35334](#) Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government what funding it provided for adult attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and autism assessments in the Aberdeenshire Council area in (a) 2021-22, (b) 2022-23, (c) 2023-24 and (d) 2024-25.

Amendments

Amendments to Bills lodged on 27 February 2025

Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee Daily List

Section 1

Graham Simpson

- 51 In section 1, page 2, line 16, after <1988> insert <, or a student residential tenancy the purpose of which is to confer on the tenant the right to occupy the let property while the tenant is a student, and to which paragraph 5(2) or (3) of schedule 1 (tenancies which cannot be private residential tenancies: student lets) of the 2016 Act applies>

Section 2

Graham Simpson

- 52 In section 2, page 2, line 28, after <private> insert <or student>

Section 9

Graham Simpson

- 53 In section 9, page 6, line 23, after <private> insert <or student>

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- 54 In section 9, page 6, line 29, after <private> insert <or student>

Section 10

Graham Simpson

- 55 In section 10, page 7, line 35, after <private> insert <or student>

Section 14

Graham Simpson

- 56 In section 14, page 9, line 18, after <private> insert <or student>

Graham Simpson

- 57 In section 14, page 9, line 39, after <private> insert <or student>

Section 18

Graham Simpson

58 In section 18, page 12, line 35, after <private> insert <or student>

After section 18

Graham Simpson

59 After section 18, insert—

<Power to subject to rent controls

Power to subject student residential tenancies to rent controls

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make such provision as they consider necessary to provide for a student residential tenancy to be subject to rent controls.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may provide for—
 - (a) the setting and variation of rent,
 - (b) the frequency with which rent may be increased,
 - (c) rent-increase notices,
 - (d) the process for appeals.
- (3) In this Part, "student residential tenancy" means a tenancy the purpose of which is to confer on the tenant the right to occupy the let property while the tenant is a student, and to which paragraph 5(2) or (3) of schedule 1 (tenancies which cannot be private residential tenancies: student lets) of the 2016 Act applies.>

Before section 19

Graham Simpson

60 Before section 19, insert—

<Private residential tenancy: student let

Private residential tenancy: student let

- (1) The 2016 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 1, paragraph 5 is repealed.>

Section 19

Graham Simpson

61 In section 19, page 15, line 25, at end insert—

<43EA Notice to be given by landlord to set initial rent at open market rent

- (1) If the final rent under the immediately preceding tenancy was more than 10% lower than the open market rent for the relevant category of dwelling in a broad rental market area, the initial rent under the current tenancy may be increased but to a figure no more than the open market rent.
- (2) Where subsection (1) applies, the landlord must give the tenant a notice ("an initial rent

notice”).

- (3) The initial rent notice must—
 - (a) specify—
 - (i) the date on which there was last a relevant rent increase,
 - (ii) the final rent under the immediately preceding tenancy,
 - (iii) that the final rent under the immediately preceding tenancy was more than 10% lower than the open market rent,
 - (iv) that the initial rent is more than the final rent under the immediately preceding tenancy but no more than the open market rent.
 - (b) fulfil any other requirements prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in regulations.>

Graham Simpson

62 In section 19, page 15, line 25, at end insert—

<43EB Tenant’s right to refer setting of initial rent to rent officer

- (1) This section applies where the conditions in subsection (2) are met.
- (2) The conditions are that—
 - (a) the tenant considers that the rent payable under the current tenancy is more than the final rent under the immediately preceding tenancy as increased by the permitted amount for the area in which the property is situated,
 - (b) the tenant has not received a notice under section 43EA.
- (3) The tenant may apply to the First-tier Tribunal at any time for determination of whether that the rent should be reduced to an amount no more than the final rent under the immediately preceding tenancy as increased by the permitted amount for the area in which the property is situated.>

Graham Simpson

63 In section 19, page 15, line 25, at end insert—

<43EC Tenant’s right to refer initial rent notice to rent officer

- (1) If a tenant who has received an initial rent notice considers that the final rent under the immediately preceding tenancy was no more than 10% lower than the open market rent, the tenant must notify the landlord in writing of the tenant’s view before the end of the day falling 21 days after the tenant receives the notice.
- (2) The tenant may make a referral to a rent officer for the area in which the let property is situated seeking a decision under section 43ED in relation to the initial rent notice if, before the end of the day falling 21 days after the landlord receives notification from the tenant under subsection (1), the landlord and the tenant have not agreed to a modification of the initial rent notice.
- (3) A referral to a rent officer under subsection (2) must be—
 - (a) in the prescribed form,
 - (b) accompanied by the prescribed fee (if any),

- (c) intimidated by the tenant to the landlord in the prescribed manner, and
 - (d) made before the end of the day falling 42 days after the landlord receives notice from the tenant under subsection (1).
- (4) In subsection (3), “prescribed” means prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in regulations.>

Graham Simpson

64 In section 19, page 15, line 25, at end insert—

<43ED Rent officer’s power to set initial rent

- (1) Where a rent officer receives a referral under section 43EC(2), the rent officer is to decide whether the final rent under the immediately preceding tenancy specified in accordance with section 43EA(3)(a)(ii) in the initial rent notice was more than 10% lower than the open market rent.
- (2) If the rent officer decides under subsection (1) that the final rent under the immediately preceding tenancy specified in the initial rent notice was more than 10% lower than the open market rent, the rent officer must make an order stating that from the beginning of the tenancy the rent payable under the tenancy is the rent specified in the initial rent notice.
- (3) If the rent officer decides under subsection (1) that the final rent under the immediately preceding tenancy specified in the initial rent notice was no more than 10% lower than the open market rent, the rent officer must make an order stating that from the beginning of the tenancy the rent payable under the current tenancy is the rent determined by the rent officer.
- (4) The rent determined by the rent officer under subsection (3) must not be more than the final rent under the immediately preceding tenancy as increased by the permitted amount for the area in which the property is situated.>

Graham Simpson

65 In section 19, page 16, line 34, after <situated> insert <, unless an application has been approved under section 43U>.

Graham Simpson

66 In section 19, page 25, line 1, at end insert—

<CHAPTER 3

RENT VARIATION INSTIGATED BY LANDLORD’S APPLICATION

43U Application for rent increase where significant costs are incurred

- (1) Where a landlord has incurred significant costs related to the maintenance, improvement, or compliance of a let property, the landlord may apply to the rent officer to increase the rent payable under a current tenancy by more than the permitted amount for the area in which the let property is situated.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) provide—
 - (i) evidence of the costs associated with the maintenance, improvement, or regulatory compliance of the property, and

- (ii) the reasons for, and necessity of, undertaking the work which incurred the costs,
- (b) fulfil any other requirements prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in regulations.”.>

Graham Simpson

67 In section 19, page 25, line 1, at end insert—

<43V Decision by rent officer on application for rent increase

- (1) Where a rent officer receives an application under section 43U, the rent officer is to decide whether the costs incurred by landlord related to the maintenance, improvement, or regulatory compliance of the property were—
 - (a) necessary, and
 - (b) significant.
- (2) If the rent officer decides under subsection (1) that the landlord has incurred necessary and significant costs, the rent officer must make an order stating that from the effective date the rent payable under the current tenancy is the rent determined by the rent officer.
- (3) The rent determined by the rent officer under subsection (2) may be calculated with reference to the nature and extent of costs incurred but must not be more than 20% above the current rent.
- (4) Where a decision is made by the rent officer under subsection (2), the landlord must notify the tenant of the approved rent increase no later than 60 days before the increase takes effect.”.>

Graham Simpson

68 In section 19, page 25, line 1, at end insert—

<43W Right of tenant to appeal rent increase

- (1) A tenant may apply to the First-tier Tribunal within 30 days of receiving the notice mentioned in section 43V(4) for determination of whether—
 - (a) the costs incurred by landlord related to the maintenance, improvement, or regulatory compliance of the property were not significant and necessary,
 - (b) the rent increase was not set in accordance with section 43V(3).
- (2) A tenant may make an application under subsection (1) only if—
 - (a) the tenant has notified the landlord in writing before the end of the day falling 21 days after the tenant receives the notice as to why the tenant considers that the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) (as the case may be) of subsection (1) are met, and
 - (b) before the end of the day falling 21 days after the landlord receives notification from the tenant under paragraph (a), the landlord and tenant have not agreed to a modification of the notice mentioned in section 43V(4).”.>

After section 23

Graham Simpson

69 After section 23, insert—

<CHAPTER

ESTABLISHMENT OF RENT BOARDS

Rent boards

- (1) Each local authority must establish a committee to be known as a rent board.
- (2) Where all or part of the area of the local authority is designated by Scottish Ministers as a rent control area, a rent board has the general functions of—
 - (a) reviewing the operation of the rent control area,
 - (b) considering whether any property should be defined as an exempt property,
 - (c) supporting tenants with any appeal to the rent officer or First-tier Tribunal.
- (3) A local authority—
 - (a) must appoint to the rent board—
 - (i) persons who appear to them to represent the interests of tenants and landlords,
 - (ii) persons who may provide independent and expert advice on rent control measures,
 - (b) may appoint to the rent board such other persons as it considers appropriate.>

Graham Simpson

70 After section 23, insert—

<CHAPTER

REVIEW OF RENT CONTROL PROVISIONS

Review and reporting requirement

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the review period—
 - (a) undertake a review of the operation and effectiveness of Part 1 of the Act, and in particular, its impact on—
 - (i) the rental market,
 - (ii) housing affordability,
 - (b) prepare a report on that review.
- (2) In undertaking the review under subsection (1)(a), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the report is prepared—
 - (a) publish the report,
 - (b) lay it before the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) The report under subsection (2) must, in particular, consider what modifications Scottish Ministers plan to make to the Act in order to ensure that it delivers an effective rent control framework.

- (5) In this section, “the review period” means—
- (a) the period of 5 years beginning with the day after Royal Assent, and
 - (b) each subsequent period of 5 years.>

Graham Simpson

71 After section 23, insert—

<Power to modify the Act

- (1) On publishing the report under section (*Review and reporting requirement*)(3), the Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make any provision they consider appropriate for the purposes of delivering an effective rent control framework.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may modify any enactment (including this Act).>

Graham Simpson

72 After section 23, insert—

<Power to modify the Act: pre-laying procedure

- (1) This section applies where the Scottish Ministers propose to lay before the Scottish Parliament a draft of a statutory instrument containing regulations under section (*Power to modify the Act*).
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must, before doing so, lay before the Parliament—
 - (a) a copy of the proposed regulations, and
 - (b) a statement setting out their reasons for proposing to make those regulations.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must, when laying such a copy, specify a period (the “representation period”) during which representations on the proposed regulations may be made to them.
- (4) The representation period must be at least 90 days, of which no fewer than 30 must be days on which the Parliament is not dissolved or in recess.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after laying a copy of the proposed regulations, publicise them in such manner as they consider appropriate.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers must, before laying the proposed regulations before the Parliament, have regard to—
 - (a) any representations on the proposed regulations made to them;
 - (b) any resolution relating to those regulations passed by the Parliament; and
 - (c) any report relating to those regulations published by any committee of the Parliament for the time being appointed by virtue of standing orders,
 before the expiry of the representation period.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers must, when laying such proposed regulations, lay a statement setting out—
 - (a) details of any representations, resolutions or reports mentioned in subsection (6), and
 - (b) the changes (if any) they have made to the proposed regulations in response to such representations, resolutions or reports and the reasons for those changes.
- (8) In this section, “proposed regulations” means a draft of a statutory instrument to which subsection (1) applies.>

Before section 31

Graham Simpson

73 Before section 31, insert—

<Requirement for a guarantor

Restrictions on requirements for a guarantor

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 120 (tenancy deposits: preliminary), insert—

“120A Tenancy deposits: restrictions on requirements for a guarantor

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, provide that where a person is required, as a condition of the grant of a tenancy, to provide a guarantor in relation to the observance or performance of the tenant’s obligations under the tenancy, the landlord must not require that the guarantor—
 - (a) resides in the United Kingdom,
 - (b) owns a dwelling in the United Kingdom,
 - (c) earns an annual salary in excess of an amount specified by the landlord.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, requiring a person to provide a guarantor includes accepting an offer by that person to provide a guarantor or an equivalent sum of money.
- (3) In this section—

“guarantee” is a contractual promise to be responsible for the performance of an obligation owed by the tenant to a landlord under the tenancy if the tenant fails to perform the obligation,

“guarantor” is a person who enters into a guarantee in relation to a tenancy.”.>

After section 51

Graham Simpson

74 After section 51, insert—

<Council tax

Council tax: persons disregarded for purposes of discount

- (1) The Council Tax (Discounts) (Scotland) Consolidation and Amendment Order 2003 is modified as follows.
- (2) In article 6, paragraph 3(b), for “completed it” substitute “graduated from it”.>

Section 52

Graham Simpson

75 In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Power to subject student residential tenancies to rent controls*)(1)>.

Graham Simpson

76 In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Power to modify the Act*)(1)>.

Schedule

Graham Simpson

77 In the schedule, page 65, line 6, after <43B(4),> insert <43D(1A),>

Graham Simpson

78 In the schedule, page 65, line 10, after <insert “,> insert <43EA(3)(b),>

Graham Simpson

79 In the schedule, page 65, line 10, after <insert “,> insert <43EC(3),>

Graham Simpson

80 In the schedule, page 65, line 10, after <43Q(4)(a),> insert <43U(2)(b),>

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Section 41

Graham Simpson

1001 In section 41, page 55, line 25, at end insert—

<(ab) a higher education institution (within the meaning of section 35 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005,>

Graham Simpson

1002 In section 41, page 55, line 29, at end insert—

<(da) a private provider of purpose-built student accommodation,>

Section 42

Graham Simpson

1003 In section 42, page 56, line 21, after <strategies),> insert <—

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Graham Simpson

1004 In section 42, page 56, line 26, at end insert—

<() after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) The matters to be assessed referred to in subsection (2) must include consideration of the provision of student residential tenancies.”>

Graham Simpson

1005 In section 42, page 56, line 26, at end insert—

<() after subsection (11) insert—

“(12) In this section, "student residential tenancy" means a tenancy the purpose of which is to confer on the tenant the right to occupy the let property while the tenant is a student, and to which paragraph 5(2) or (3) of schedule 1 (tenancies which cannot be private residential tenancies: student lets) of the 2016 Act applies.”>

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New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following draft instrument was laid before Parliament on 27 February 2025 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Environmental Authorisations \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 58(4)(b) of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Not subject to parliamentary procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 27 February 2025 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

[Bail and Release from Custody \(Scotland\) Act 2023 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/52 \(C.6\)\)](#)

Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 (3rd Report, 2025)

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 26 February 2025

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Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 2 April 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 27 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

Any amendments specifically on matters relating to the part 5 homelessness prevention provisions or the part 6 fuel poverty provisions, except any such amendments to the schedule or the long title, should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 14 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

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

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

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

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 18 February 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (12th Report, 2025)

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 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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Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

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

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

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024

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

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (14th 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)

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

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

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 January 2025

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

Lodged on 22 November 2024

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

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

Employment Rights Bill LCM-S6-53

Lodged on 11 December 2024

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

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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) (9th Report, 2022)

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

Product Regulation and Metrology Bill LCM-S6-50

Lodged on 24 September 2024

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

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

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 19 February 2025

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

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

Tobacco and Vapes Bill LCM-S6-51

Lodged on 21 November 2024

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

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 25 February 2025

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Made affirmative instrument

Subject to approval by 17 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)

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

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

Subject to approval by 10 March 2025

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

Subject to approval by 13 March 2025

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

Subject to approval by 16 March 2025

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

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

Subject to approval by 17 March 2025

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

Subject to approval by 18 March 2025

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

Subject to approval by 19 March 2025

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

Subject to approval by 24 March 2025

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

Subject to approval by 27 March 2025

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

Subject to approval by 28 March 2025

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

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

Subject to approval by 29 March 2025

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

Subject to approval by 23 April 2025

[Environmental Authorisations \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (27 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport 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

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

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

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

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

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

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[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)

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

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

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

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

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

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[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)

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

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Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 27 February 2025 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Press Recognition Panel Annual report on the recognition system 27 February 2025 (SG/2025/27) laid under paragraph 10.b of Schedule 2 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

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