

Thursday 9 January 2025

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

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

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-15883 Ash Regan: Expanding Scotland's Connectivity from Edinburgh and Beyond

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions  
Education and Skills

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate:  
Building a Migration System that Supports  
Scotland's Economy, Public Services and  
Communities

**followed by** Business Motions

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**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Constitution, Europe, External Affairs  
and Culture Committee

**9:00am** Public Audit Committee

**9:30am** Social Justice and Social Security  
Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to taxi drivers in Glasgow to help them comply with the Low Emission Zone. ([S6O-04177](#))
- 2. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported calls from constituents to save local government services, in light of reports that some services across Banffshire and Buchan Coast are under threat of closure. ([S6O-04178](#))
- 3. Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to reform planning regulations to enable the construction of new nuclear power stations. ([S6O-04179](#))
- 4. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to invest in frontline primary healthcare to support rural pharmacies. ([S6O-04180](#))
- 5. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to strengthen Scotland's ferry fleet over the coming year. ([S6O-04181](#))
- 6. Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the impact of the increase in employer national insurance contributions on the public and third sectors in Scotland. ([S6O-04182](#))
- 7. Paul O'Kane:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to continue the Investing in Communities Fund into the 2025-26 financial year, in light of reported concerns that funding may not continue for supported community projects. ([S6O-04183](#))
- 8. Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding any potential impact on households experiencing fuel poverty in Scotland, particularly in rural and off-gas grid areas, what communication it has had with relevant third parties regarding the ending of the Radio Teleswitch Service. ([S6O-04184](#))

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

- 1. Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03671](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03672](#))
- 3. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S6F-03675](#))
- 4. Clare Haughey:** To ask the First Minister, in light of recent freezing temperatures, whether he will provide an update on what steps the Scottish Government is taking to support low-income households with their energy bills. ([S6F-03687](#))
- 5. Liz Smith:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is regarding the latest reported concerns on the use of Hikvision CCTV devices by local authorities in Scotland. ([S6F-03677](#))
- 6. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the First Minister whether he will provide an update on the effectiveness of the National Planning Framework 4 principles in creating sustainable places across Scotland that enhance human and environmental wellbeing. ([S6F-03691](#))

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

### **S6M-15883 Ash Regan: Expanding Scotland's Connectivity from Edinburgh and Beyond—**

That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of enhancing connectivity for communities, economic empowerment and Scotland's global competitiveness; welcomes the reported ambition of Edinburgh Airport in seeking US preclearance status to streamline international travel and support economic growth; notes the view that there is a pressing need to address reported current access congestion by creating a second entry via Gogar, to ensure that the airport remains accessible and fit for purpose; further notes the view that it is urgent to ensure that Glasgow, as a major city, is not left behind due to a lack of an integrated and efficient transport system; notes the calls for strategic investment in developing port infrastructure in Dundee, Aberdeen, Gourock and Leith to enhance maritime connectivity and economic opportunities; further notes the view that there is a need to upgrade major road routes, including addressing critical safety and capacity issues on the A9 in the Highlands, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to prioritise sustainable and inclusive infrastructure development that connects Scotland internally and to the world, supporting growth and opportunity for all.

## 2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

## 2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

### Education and Skills

- 1. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will launch an independent review of the 2024 Higher History exam, in light of reports that responses to a survey by the Scottish Association of Teachers of History were overwhelmingly critical of the SQA review, that it had been described as a "whitewash", and that one respondent referred to it as "the most biased and useless investigation I have ever seen a public body attempt to pass off as legitimate". ([S6O-04169](#))
- 2. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that there is adequate childcare provision in island communities, including in the Orkney constituency. ([S6O-04170](#))
- 3. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the data from the Pupils Census Supplementary Statistics, which reportedly shows that the number of pupils with additional support needs in Dumfries and Galloway increased by over 1,000 between 2019 and 2023. ([S6O-04171](#))
- 4. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve discipline in schools. ([S6O-04172](#))
- 5. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what role schools can play in ensuring that children develop life-long physical literacy skills. ([S6O-04173](#))
- 6. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to tackle antisocial behaviour, and safeguard the welfare of girls, in schools. ([S6O-04174](#))
- 7. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress being made to improve the learning outcomes of pupils to prepare them for careers in the technology sector. ([S6O-04175](#))

**8. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government how the needs of pupils with additional support needs are taken into account in the procurement and replacement of the school estate. ([S6O-04176](#))

**followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building a Migration System that Supports Scotland's Economy, Public Services and Communities**

**[S6M-16034](#) Kaukab Stewart: Building a Migration System that Supports Scotland's Economy, Public Services and Communities**—That the Parliament recognises the social, economic and cultural contribution made to Scotland by those who have chosen to live here; notes the establishment of Scotland's Migration Service at a cost of up to £1.5 million in the draft Budget 2025-26 to help employers, investors and individuals navigate the UK immigration system; further notes that the Parliament has previously endorsed a motion calling for the development of a differentiated, more flexible migration policy tailored to meet Scotland's specific needs, and calls on the UK Government to accept the Rural Visa Pilot proposal and to work directly and constructively with the Scottish Government to ensure that the needs of Scotland's employers, communities and public services are fully reflected within the immigration system.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-16034.4](#) Jeremy Balfour: Building a Migration System that Supports Scotland's Economy, Public Services and Communities**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16034 in the name of Kaukab Stewart (Building a Migration System that Supports Scotland's Economy, Public Services and Communities), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "understands that Scotland receives 6% of net migration to the UK, which is lower than its 8.4% population share; notes that the Scottish Government has made Scotland an unattractive destination to move to through a combination of higher taxes on skilled professionals, a lack of investment in rural economies, a failure to provide adequate transport routes, an inability to provide enough homes in key areas, and a neglect of public services; further notes that the Scottish Government's failures have led to depopulation from some of Scotland's more rural parts, and asserts that immigration is a matter reserved to the UK Parliament and not in the jurisdiction of the Scottish Parliament."

**[S6M-16034.3](#) Rhoda Grant: Building a Migration System that Supports Scotland's Economy, Public Services and Communities**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16034 in the name of Kaukab Stewart (Building a Migration System that Supports Scotland's Economy, Public Services and Communities), leave out from "the establishment" to end and insert "that there have previously been successful models of differentiated migration schemes, tailored to Scotland's specific needs, such as Fresh Talent; recognises the impact of rural depopulation on Scotland's communities and their sustainability, including the survival of the Gaelic language; calls on the Scottish Government to use its existing powers to encourage population retention and internal migration where it would benefit Scotland's communities and economy; understands that the conditions in Scotland's rural and island communities are challenging due to the centralisation of services and the degradation of infrastructure, and that migration alone will not fix these systemic problems, and calls on the Scottish Government to build homes, provide high quality public services, provide local education and ensure sustainable transport links in rural and island communities in order to ensure that populations are sustainable in the long term."

**[S6M-16034.1](#) Maggie Chapman: Building a Migration System that Supports Scotland's Economy, Public Services and Communities**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16034 in the name of Kaukab Stewart (Building a Migration System that Supports Scotland's Economy, Public

Services and Communities), insert at end "; remains committed to ensuring that all migrants in Scotland have all of their rights fulfilled; recognises the pervasive and increasingly hostile anti-migrant rhetoric from some politicians and media sources; believes that further action is required by both the UK and Scottish governments to support people displaced due to the climate crisis, and calls on the UK Government to remove the No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) conditions that limit the support and services available to many, especially those seeking asylum."

**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

## Committee Meetings

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

### Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 1st Meeting, 2025

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

- Budget Scrutiny 2025/26:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Anne Lyden, Director General, National Galleries of Scotland;  
Adrian Turpin, Creative and Strategic Director, Wigtown Festival Company;  
Katerina Brown, Chief Executive, Historic Environment Scotland;  
Fiona Sturgeon Shea, Chief Executive Officer, Federation of Scottish Theatre and  
Chair, Culture Counts;  
and then from—  
Robert Wilson, Chair, Creative Scotland Board;  
Anne Langley, Executive Director of Operations, and Alastair Evans, Director of  
Strategy and Planning, Creative Scotland.

### Public Audit Committee 1st Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- Declaration of interests:** Stuart McMillan will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4 and 5 in private.
- The 2023/24 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Carole Grant, Audit Director, and Richard Smith, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
- The 2023/24 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Carole Grant, Audit Director, and Richard Smith, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
- The 2023/24 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

### Social Justice and Social Security Committee 1st Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2025-26 from—  
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, James Wallace, Deputy Director for Communities Finance, and Julie Humphreys, Director Tackling Child Poverty & Social Justice, Scottish Government.
- Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.

4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 8 January 2025

### Tuesday 14 January 2025

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Winter Heating Payment

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Valuing Culture: Scotland's Support to the Culture Sector

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-15972 Meghan Gallacher: Introduction of NOVA Scotland

### Wednesday 15 January 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** Stage 3 Proceedings: Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**7:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-15947 Kenneth Gibson: Compensation for the WASPI Women

### Thursday 16 January 2025

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

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

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-15705 Rhoda Grant: Scottish Human Rights Commission's Spotlight Project into Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions



Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

**followed by** Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Inquiry into the A9 Dualling Programme

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-14408 Tim Eagle: Improving Access to Health and Social Care in Rural Scotland

## Tuesday 21 January 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 22 January 2025

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Opposition Debate: Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

**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 23 January 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** Stage 3 Proceedings: Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

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**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

## Future Committee Meetings

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

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## Motions

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

## Motions for Debate

**[S6M-16034](#) **Kaukab Stewart: Building a Migration System that Supports Scotland's Economy, Public Services and Communities****—That the Parliament recognises the social, economic and cultural contribution made to Scotland by those who have chosen to live here; notes the establishment of Scotland's Migration Service at a cost of up to £1.5 million in the draft Budget 2025-26 to help employers, investors and individuals navigate the UK immigration system; further notes that the Parliament has previously endorsed a motion calling for the development of a differentiated, more flexible migration policy tailored to meet Scotland's specific needs, and calls on the UK Government to accept the Rural Visa Pilot proposal and to work directly and constructively with the Scottish Government to ensure that the needs of Scotland's employers, communities and public services are fully reflected within the immigration system.

Supported by: Shirley-Anne Somerville, Paul McLennan, Richard Lochhead, Kate Forbes, Tom Arthur

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**\*[S6M-16034.2](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Building a Migration System that Supports Scotland's Economy, Public Services and Communities**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16034 in the name of Kaukab Stewart (Building a Migration System that Supports Scotland's Economy, Public Services and Communities), insert at end ", and further calls on the UK Government to extend the participation of all devolved administrations in the development of the evidence base for UK-wide policy on work permits and student visas, helping to ensure that rules are sensitive to the skills needs of every corner of the UK and every sector of the economy."

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Supported by: Lorna Slater\*

### Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

**\*[S6M-16005](#) Christine Grahame: The Lockerbie Bombing, A Father's Search for Justice** — That the Parliament notes the publication of Dr Jim Swire's book, *The Lockerbie Bombing, A Father's Search for Justice*, which has been serialised on television; recognises what it sees as Dr Swire's painful but steady commitment to uncovering the facts behind the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, which, shortly after 7.00 pm on 21 December 1988, was destroyed by a bomb over the town of Lockerbie, killing all 243 passengers, 16 crew and 11 Lockerbie residents, a total of 270 fatalities, including his much loved daughter, Flora; understands that Dr Swire, with many others, considers that the conviction of Abdelbaset al-Megrahi, under Scots law at Camp Zeist, is insecure; believes that the failure of subsequent Scottish courts to allow any appeal, despite two referrals by the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission, on the grounds that there may have been a miscarriage of justice, gives concern; notes the view that, until there is a full and independent inquiry and full disclosure at a UK level into all aspects of this, the worst terrorist attack in the UK, the integrity of the conviction, and indeed Scots law, will remain in question, and commends Dr Jim Swire for never giving up on his search for the truth and for those responsible for the murder of his daughter and the other 269 people whose lives were so cruelly ended.

Supported by: Michelle Thomson\*, Colin Beattie\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Bill Kidd\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Marie McNair\*, Ross Greer\*

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## Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S6M-16046](#) Sarah Boyack: Acknowledging Mohila Ogrojatra**—That the Parliament acknowledges the success of Mohila Ogrojatra, a group for, and led by, Bengali women across Edinburgh; recognises the achievements of Ishrat Measom in leading the group, alongside all the women who are part of the group; celebrates the successes of all the women who have built a community and friendships alongside offering practical skills such as completing food hygiene courses, driving tests, and IT and English language classes, and recognises what it sees as the importance of the flexible, unrestricted and relationship-based funding and support provided by Corra Foundation and Stewart Investors, which supported Mohila Ogrojatra as an unconstituted group.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Monica Lennon\*

**\*[S6M-16044](#) Alexander Burnett: Gold Standard for Huntly-based Occupational Therapist**—That the Parliament congratulates Scott Harrison, a Huntly-based community-based rehab occupational therapist for setting a “gold standard” for staff across NHS Grampian and Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership to strive in being more green minded; understands that Scott’s green-minded credentials include pounding the streets in shoes he has re-soled himself and supporting others to get back on their feet following illness, injury and/or surgery; further understands that Scott cycles to work each day and has encouraged fellow staff members to get on their bike; commends him for his skills and dedication to sharing his green expertise, and wishes him all the best in his future endeavours.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan\*, Annie Wells\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Miles Briggs\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Brian Whittle\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Bill Kidd\*, Colin Beattie\*, Russell Findlay\*, Edward Mountain\*, Pam Gosal\*, Douglas Ross\*, Sandesh Gulhane\* **R**

**\*[S6M-16043](#) Kevin Stewart: NHS Grampian Home Haemodialysis**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that kidney dialysis patients across NHS Grampian are to be given the option of home treatment after a successful pilot of home haemodialysis; notes that the service, which has been developed over a number of years to ensure a safe and well-supported framework for home treatment, was delivered to four patients during the test period, and is due to be extended to another 20 patients in 2025; understands that home haemodialysis, where specialist equipment is installed at the patient's home, allows patients to have their care in their control, allowing them to decide what works best for them, including whether to dialyse more frequently for shorter periods, supported by routine visits from the clinical nursing team; congratulates all those involved in the pilot, including NHS Grampian Charity, which supported the purchasing of specialist equipment, and hopes that many people can have their quality of life improved by this treatment as it continues to be rolled out to more patients.

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**\*[S6M-16042](#) Karen Adam: Recognition of Dr Anne McArthur and Bob Philips in The King’s New Year Honours**—That the Parliament congratulates Dr Anne McArthur and Bob Philips of Portsoy on being recognised in The King’s New Year Honours, with the award of the British Empire Medal (BEM); notes that Dr McArthur’s award acknowledges her decades of selfless work in the Portsoy community, including her leadership of the Anne McArthur Scottish Country Dance School, which has brought joy to hundreds of pupils over the years, her pivotal role in establishing and managing the Salmon Bothy and local heritage centre, and her status as a founding member

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of Portsoy Community Enterprise, whose stellar achievements include organising the world-renowned Portsoy Traditional Boat Festival, an event of national importance that draws thousands of visitors to the historic village; further notes the recognition of Bob Philips for his exceptional contributions over many years, including his dedicated involvement with the Portsoy Scout Group, Banff Rugby Club, the music group, Folk at the Salmon Bothy, and the acclaimed Portsoy Boat Festival, as well as founding the Haal folk festival, a summer highlight that attracts visitors from far and wide; believes that these awards are a testament to the extraordinary community spirit in and around Portsoy, and that they highlight the transformative impact of Dr McArthur's and Mr Philips' work; thanks both for their tireless efforts in making Portsoy a cultural beacon, and extends its best wishes to them for the future.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll\*, Emma Harper\*, Emma Roddick\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*, Tim Eagle\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Annie Wells\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*

**\*S6M-16041 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Nomination in Street Art Cities Awards**—That the Parliament welcomes the inclusion of an Aberdeen artwork in the Artist Choice category of the Street Art Cities Best of 2024 Awards; notes that the artwork, a mural depicting a girl holding a unicorn, was created by the world-acclaimed, German-born, multidisciplinary artist, Jasmin Siddiqui, popularly known as Hera, as part of the Nuart Aberdeen project, and is located at the side of the Union Point building at Aberdeen Harbour; understands that the finalists for the award, which include artworks from across Europe, as well as India and Canada, were handpicked by a panel of artists, celebrating creativity and innovation in the world of street art, with members of the public being asked to vote for their favourite in an online poll; congratulates the artist herself and the organisers of Nuart Aberdeen, Aberdeen Inspired, on this nomination, and hopes that it is successful in winning the award.

Supported by: Marie McNair\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Clare Haughey\*, Colin Beattie\*, Karen Adam\*, Bill Kidd\*

**\*S6M-16040 Annie Wells: Glasgow Boat Club Still Going Strong After 40 Years**—That the Parliament congratulates Richmond Park Model Boat Club, which is in Glasgow's southside, on its 40th anniversary; understands that people from the area and further afield have been meeting in the park to share their enthusiasm for maritime in miniature for years, with members bringing their remote-controlled boats, some of which have been built from scratch, to sail on the water; notes that the club has 85 members, many of whom have a maritime connection to the Royal Navy, merchant navy, boat yards and shipbuilding on the Clyde, and understands that the pond can have model warships, fishing boats, tugs and yachts sailing across its waters at any time, with members busy sailing, fixing their boats and catching up with fellow enthusiasts over a weekend.

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**\*S6M-16039 Annie Wells: Glasgow Primary School Pupil Wins Schools' Teepee Competition**—That the Parliament congratulates Nicola Tryc, from Sandaig Primary School, on winning the Glasgow Wood Charity Schools' Teepee Competition; understands that over 11 schools took part with over 500 pupil entries; notes that the children were to devise a name for a school teepee along with a colourful design and story; acknowledges that Nicola's entry was chosen because of the bright shapes and abstract colours that she used, along with her chosen name, the Bright Glowing Teepee, and her story as to why her school deserved a teepee; understands that Nicola and her fellow pupils from Sandaig Primary will be invited to Glasgow Wood, which is based in the city's South Street, to paint her design on a wooden teepee, which



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will take pride of place in the school's playground; recognises that the charity's mission is for a more healthy and sustainable population and planet and to improve the wellbeing of the communities that it serves by providing valuable training and volunteer opportunities to people as a solution for unemployment and social exclusion; understands that, by reusing and rehousing timber, it builds quality furniture and accessories; notes that it also works on bespoke work requests and much larger projects for homes, businesses and third sector organisations, and understands that, by doing so, it aims to prevent huge quantities of timber being sent to landfill.

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**\*[S6M-16038](#) Annie Wells: Maryhill's G20 Youth Project to Take 1,000km Sri Lankan**

**Adventure to Raise Funds**—That the Parliament congratulates the G20 Youth Project in Maryhill, Glasgow, on its plan to take the Great Sri Lanka Tuk-Tuk Adventure, a 1,000km ride navigating the winding roads of Sri Lanka in three-wheeled tuk-tuks, in May 2025 to raise money; understands that the event has been created to inspire charitable fundraising and provide a unique travel experience; notes that those chosen to participate in the fundraising challenge will have to have shown significant life changes and be role models for other young people involved in the G20 Youth Project; believes that this event will be transformational for those who participate, by building confidence, resilience and self-belief, which, hopefully, will have a knock-on impact in their community; understands that the G20 Youth Project was founded in May 2018 in response to young people engaging in problem behaviour in the Maryhill area and that its mission is to enable young people who have experienced significant life trauma to access safe spaces, the arts, opportunities for work, training and personal development and fun, and believes that the G20 Youth Project aims to create a trauma-responsive community where young people are included, heard, valued and supported in the society in which they live.

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**\*[S6M-16037](#) Kenneth Gibson: 1,700th Anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea**—That the

Parliament commemorates the 1,700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, which was convened in the Bithynian city of Nicaea, now Iznik, Turkey, in 325 AD by the Roman Emperor, Constantine I; recognises its historical significance as the first ecumenical council of the Christian church; acknowledges the Council's role in addressing the Arian controversy about the nature of Christ and establishing the Nicene Creed as Christianity's defining statement of belief; notes the Council's efforts to unify the church and its impact on ecclesiastical and secular relations; highlights the Council's legacy in attempting to mandate the uniform observance of the date of Easter and the promulgation of early canon law, and celebrates what it sees as the enduring legacy of the Council in shaping Christian doctrine and church governance.

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**\*[S6M-16036](#) Annabelle Ewing: Festive Fundraising Activities in Cardenden**—That the

Parliament applauds the fundraising endeavours of eight-year-old twins, Isabella and Anabella Roy, who have, for the last three years, been completing festive fundraisers to give back to their community; notes that 2024's fundraising activities involved a 6km walk and run, which represents the average distance that it takes for someone to walk to a water source in Tanzania, and



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recognises that the money raised will be split between the Cardenden Fridge and a charity that repairs water wells in Tanzania.

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**\*[S6M-16035](#) Willie Coffey: Kilmarnock Santa Sleigh Success**—That the Parliament congratulates the Kilmarnock Santa Sleigh on another successful year of visiting areas all around Kilmarnock; notes that the chosen charity of choice in December 2024 was The Night Before Christmas Campaign, an Ayrshire-based charity that spreads festive cheer to those who need it most, providing "Red Bags of Joy" in the hope that it will bring some magic for children and homeless people at Christmas; understands that a group of volunteers planned the routes and that the sleigh was pulled by Rudolph and a John Deere tractor, which was decorated and named the "Santa Express"; notes that Onthank Primary and Supported Learning Centre was involved in volunteering for the local sleigh routes, collecting money for the charity, with the school benefitting from donations of the Christmas bags for some pupils who needed them most; believes that this was a truly magical experience for the whole of Kilmarnock; commends the £5,100 that was collected during the run, and the 8,072 "Red Bags of Joy" that were distributed, and congratulates everyone involved.

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**\*[S6M-16033](#) Christine Grahame: Calum Campbell Appointed OBE**—That the Parliament congratulates Calum Campbell, latterly the chief executive of NHS Lothian and, among other roles, previously the chief executive of NHS Borders, on being appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to healthcare in Scotland; notes that Mr Campbell retired in the summer of 2024 after 40 years of service in the NHS, which culminated in four years at the helm of NHS Lothian, Scotland's second largest health board, including overseeing much of NHS Lothian's response to, and recovery from, the COVID-19 pandemic; congratulates Mr Campbell on this recognition, and thanks him and all NHS workers for their invaluable contribution to Scotland's health service.

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**\*[S6M-16032](#) Emma Harper: Mrs Mavis Paterson Receives BEM**—That the Parliament congratulates Mrs Mavis Paterson, of Auchenmalg in Wigtownshire, Dumfries and Galloway, on receiving a British Empire Medal (BEM) in The King's New Year Honours; understands that this award was given in recognition of Mrs Paterson's charitable work; believes that she has taken on epic bicycle rides and has raised over £100,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support; recognises that Mrs Paterson, who is affectionately known as "Granny Mave", is 86 years old; believes that she is the oldest woman to cycle from Land's End to John o' Groats, which she completed at the age of 81, and thanks Mrs Paterson for her commitment and determination in raising invaluable charitable funds and for her inspiring life ethos.

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**\*[S6M-16031](#) Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen City Council Writes Off School Meal Debt**—That the Parliament welcomes the reports that the Scottish National Party (SNP)-led administration at Aberdeen City Council is writing off over £400,000 of school meal debt to help struggling families; understands that the move, which will see £411,977.90 of debt accrued up to 31 March 2024 wiped out, is part of the local authority's commitment to tackling child poverty; believes that funding is being provided through the £1.5 million School Meal Debt Fund from the Scottish Government; understands that this was set up to allow councils to apply for an emergency one-off fund to deal with debt build-up; congratulates the administration, including the Convener of Finance and Resources, Councillor Alex McLellan, on what it sees as it taking this opportunity to give direct support to families during the ongoing cost of living crisis, and hopes that this move ensures that no child in Aberdeen is penalised for struggling to pay for school meals.

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**\*[S6M-16030](#) John Mason: Downside of the Honours System**—That the Parliament notes with concern the continued practice of awarding honours as part of the New Year's Honours List; believes that many of the honours bestowed are influenced by personal connections and social networks and that many very deserving people who have made great contributions to society miss out on honours; expresses concern that the current honours system is deeply rooted in outdated structures tied to the British Empire, which, it believes, continues to perpetuate inequality, privilege and historical injustice; considers that the system of honours, in its current form, does not adequately reflect the values of a modern, inclusive Scotland, and wishes to see a full review of the honours system to ensure that future awards are granted based on truly meaningful achievements, representative of all communities and independent of imperial legacies.

**\*[S6M-16011](#) Brian Whittle: Karen Kelly Awarded BEM**—That the Parliament congratulates Karen Kelly on being awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) for voluntary services; understands that Karen currently serves as the head coach for the Lanark Amateur Swimming Club, and was recognised in 2023 as the longest serving member in its history, after 50 years; further understands that coach Kelly joined the club at 10 years old and took on her first coaching role at 16 years old; notes that coach Kelly runs six training session a week for the club's 80 members, which have gone on to compete at the district level and nationally, including one member going to represent the Scotland youth team in Geneva in 2025; recognises the important role that coach Kelly plays in creating an inclusive and welcoming community where young athletes feel inspired; commends coach Kelly's dedication to her work as a volunteer and her contributions to Scottish sport, and wishes her all the best in the future.

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**\*[S6M-15998](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Youth Centre Marks 30 Years Helping Castlemilk Community**—That the Parliament congratulates Castlemilk Youth Complex (CYC) on 30 years since it opened its doors in an explosion of creativity, invention and fun; understands that the centre was aimed at giving children and teenagers the chance to get involved in music and the arts, to raise their aspirations and help them find new opportunities; believes that it also helped defeat gang culture and knife crime in the area, diverting young people away from the streets and into a vibrant, safe and exciting environment; notes that, to mark the anniversary, CYC has worked with the University of Glasgow researcher, Brian Keenan, to compile words, pictures and audio and video clips documenting the last three decades of inspirational youth work in Castlemilk;

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understands that the result is a creative, funny and moving display, which includes the voices and pictures of former participants, volunteers, staff and board members; understands that CYC is Scotland's biggest independent youth organisation and offers a vital service to young people all across Glasgow, and believes that the complex is highly respected by its local community, working with more than 9,000 young people over the years, and creating a better future by inspiring young people to recognise, raise and achieve their aspirations.

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### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**S6M-16024 Ross Greer: 7.1 Magnitude Earthquake in Shigatse** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Karen Adam\*

**S6M-16023 Annie Wells: University of Glasgow Turns 574 Years Old** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Sharon Dowe\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*

**S6M-16022 Roz McCall: Fife College Students Selected as Young Scottish Chef Ambassadors** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Karen Adam\*, Sharon Dowe\*

**S6M-16021 Kevin Stewart: Pay Inequity** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: John Mason\*

**S6M-16020 Jackie Baillie: Less Survivable Cancers Awareness Week** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**S6M-16016 David Torrance: European Showmen's Union Congress 2025** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**S6M-16015 Annie Wells: Glasgow Charity Supports Children's Digital Literacy** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Pam Gosal\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Brian Whittle\*, Craig Hoy\*, Sharon Dowe\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*

**S6M-16014 Sharon Dowe: Troon's Stephen Neilson Appointed an MBE in The King's New Year Honours List 2025** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Karen Adam\*

**S6M-16013 Sharon Dowe: Lady Marguerite Hunter Blair Appointed OBE in The King's New Year Honours List 2025** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Karen Adam\*

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**S6M-16012 Liam McArthur: Three Inspiring Orcadians Recognised in The King's New Year Honours List by Being Appointed MBEs** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Karen Adam\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**S6M-16010 Brian Whittle: John Culbert Appointed MBE** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Miles Briggs\*, Edward Mountain\*, Douglas Ross\*, Finlay Carson\*, Russell Findlay\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Pam Gosal\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Craig Hoy\*, Jamie Greene\*, Annie Wells\*, Tim Eagle\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**S6M-16009 Brian Whittle: Edward Archer Appointed MBE** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Karen Adam\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**S6M-16008 Brian Whittle: Professor Susan Christina Welburn Appointed OBE** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Karen Adam\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**S6M-16007 Stephanie Callaghan: YMCA Bellshill & Mossend Awarded £271,100 from Net Zero Fund** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Bill Kidd\*, Mark Griffin\*, Karen Adam\*

**S6M-16006 Finlay Carson: Dornoch Environmental Enhancement Project Celebrates 10th Anniversary with Key 100,000th Oyster Milestone** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Karen Adam\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**S6M-16004 Emma Harper: Stranraer's Romano Petrucci Appointed MBE** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Brian Whittle\*, Karen Adam\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**S6M-16002 Jackson Carlaw: Holocaust Memorial Day 2025, For a Better Future** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: John Mason\*, Colin Beattie\*, Brian Whittle\*, Craig Hoy\*, Foyso Choudhury\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Bob Doris\*

**S6M-16001 Liam Kerr: Portsoy Resident Dr Anne McArthur Awarded British Empire Medal** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Colin Beattie\*, Pam Gosal\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Brian Whittle\*, Karen Adam\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**S6M-16000 David Torrance: Change Mental Health** (lodged on 07 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Emma Roddick\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Emma Harper\*, Clare Haughey\*, R, Kevin Stewart\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Marie McNair\*, Monica Lennon\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*

**S6M-15999 Annie Wells: Retired Firefighter Among Glasgow New Year Honours Recipients** (lodged on 06 January 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*, Bill Kidd\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*

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**[S6M-15997](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Women's Club Still Going Strong After 90 Years** (lodged on 06 January 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*, Bill Kidd\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*

**[S6M-15996](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Couple Combatting Loneliness** (lodged on 06 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Pam Gosal\*, Brian Whittle\*, Craig Hoy\*, Karen Adam\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*

**[S6M-15995](#) Annie Wells: Buchanan Galleries Breaks Fundraising Record for Children's Hospital Charity for Second Year Running** (lodged on 06 January 2025)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*, Bill Kidd\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*

**[S6M-15993](#) Clare Adamson: Chris's House 10th Anniversary** (lodged on 06 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15991](#) Alexander Stewart: Duncan Scott Appointed OBE** (lodged on 06 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15983](#) Ross Greer: His Excellency Mr Sonam Tsering Frasi, Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Central Tibetan Administration to the UK and Northern Europe** (lodged on 03 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15981](#) Fulton MacGregor: Congratulations to Palacerigg Community Trust** (lodged on 20 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15979](#) Monica Lennon: Research Regarding the Effect of Alcohol Marketing on People with Alcohol Problems** (lodged on 20 December 2024)

New Support: Mark Griffin\*, Mark Ruskell\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Lorna Slater\*

**[S6M-15974](#) Annie Wells: £1.1 million to the National Trust for Scotland for the Mackintosh Illuminated Project** (lodged on 20 December 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Pam Gosal\*, Brian Whittle\*, Craig Hoy\*

**[S6M-15973](#) Douglas Ross: New Erskine Veterans Centre Opens in Forres** (lodged on 20 December 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15972](#) Meghan Gallacher: Introduction of NOVA Scotland** (lodged on 20 December 2024)

New Support: Martin Whitfield\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15970](#) Fulton MacGregor: Retronix Donates £10,000 to St Augustine's Church's Toy Appeal** (lodged on 20 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*



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**[S6M-15960](#) Audrey Nicoll: Welcoming the Launch of the RGU-Harbour Energy Engineering Scholarship** (lodged on 20 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15936](#) Jackie Dunbar: Farmer Tractor Run Protest** (lodged on 18 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15931](#) Michelle Thomson: Support for Syria's Women and Girls** (lodged on 19 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15929](#) Finlay Carson: David Receives Prestigious Queen's Nurse Honour** (lodged on 18 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15899](#) Fulton MacGregor: Gartcosh Primary School Recognised for its Sustainability Programme** (lodged on 17 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15887](#) Colin Beattie: QNIS Nurse Awards** (lodged on 16 December 2024)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury\*

**[S6M-15886](#) Colin Beattie: Edinburgh Boiler Company Named Building Services Contractor of the Year at the H&V News Awards 2024** (lodged on 16 December 2024)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury\*

**[S6M-15885](#) Colin Beattie: Itihaas and The Radhuni Restaurants Rated in the Top 10% of Restaurants in Tripadvisor's Travellers' Choice Awards 2024** (lodged on 16 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15854](#) Sharon Dowey: Marr Cappella Christmas Concerts are a Festive Fundraising Success** (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15841](#) Finlay Carson: Johnston Nursery Collects Another Woodland Honour** (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15832](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr Gym Fundraising for Women's Aid this Christmas** (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15831](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr's Narture CIC Wins at Scottish SURF Awards** (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

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**[S6M-15829](#) Sharon Dowey: Troon Brownies Fill Shoeboxes for Blythswood Appeal** (lodged on 12 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15815](#) Finlay Carson: Celebrating 185 Years of the Scottish SPCA** (lodged on 17 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15807](#) Jeremy Balfour: Congratulations to Lothian Schools in The Times Schools Rankings** (lodged on 10 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15751](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating Norrie Murray on his Retirement After 21 Years of Service at Ralston Skills Centre** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15750](#) Humza Yousaf: Congratulating Shahid Choudhary** (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15744](#) Audrey Nicoll: Celebrating Nominees and Winners at the 2024 Scottish Police Federation Awards** (lodged on 16 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15732](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr Dessert Parlour Success at Scottish Italian Awards** (lodged on 04 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15721](#) Audrey Nicoll: Girls in Energy 2024** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15717](#) Jeremy Balfour: Recognising the Role of Volunteers in Communities** (lodged on 04 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15707](#) George Adam: Paisley's Timmy Allan Wins BBC Radio Scotland Young Jazz Musician of 2024** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15633](#) Humza Yousaf: Congratulating Applecross Nursing Home** (lodged on 27 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15623](#) Collette Stevenson: Celebrating Giving Tuesday 2024** (lodged on 26 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

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**[S6M-15620](#) Sharon Dowey: Troon Golfer Wins Scottish Senior Men's Order of Merit** (lodged on 26 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15619](#) Sharon Dowey: Troon Golfer Honoured in Scottish Golf's Order of Merit** (lodged on 26 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15581](#) Michelle Thomson: Bo'ness Football Coach Recognised at 2024 SFA Grassroots Awards** (lodged on 22 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15580](#) Michelle Thomson: Grangemouth Rotary Club Marks Milestone Donation to Strathcarron Hospice** (lodged on 22 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15578](#) Michelle Thomson: Shieldhill Primary Marks 60th Anniversary** (lodged on 22 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15577](#) Michelle Thomson: California Primary Marks 110th Anniversary** (lodged on 22 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15569](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr Seafield Ladies Golf Club Donates £1,500 to the Ayrshire Hospice** (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15560](#) Neil Bibby: Paisley's STAR Project Celebrates its 25th Birthday** (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15559](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Shetland Stroke Support Group Celebrates 20 Years of Service** (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15558](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Orkney Runner Thomas Hugon Competes in Backyard Ultra World Championship** (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15557](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Congratulations to Calum Elder on Winning Shetland's Strongest Man Competition** (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15546](#) Jeremy Balfour: Celebrating Scotland's First Accessible Golf Training Centre** (lodged on 20 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*



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**[S6M-15490](#) Keith Brown: Forth Climate Forest's First Year** (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15482](#) Audrey Nicoll: Welcoming First Bus Aberdeen's Investment for New Electric Buses** (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S6M-15481](#) Audrey Nicoll: Congratulating Aberdeen FC Community Trust on Major Awards for Community Impact** (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

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## Oral Questions

### Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 15 January 2025

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

- Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the British Chambers of Commerce Quarterly Economic Survey, which has suggested that business confidence has fallen to its lowest level for two years, including in Scotland, because of issues such as the UK Government's decision to raise employer national insurance contributions. ([S6O-04185](#))
- Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the performance of enterprise agencies in supporting business growth and inward investment. ([S6O-04186](#))
- Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the plans for the contract for Contact Scotland BSL, which provides free services to BSL users. ([S6O-04187](#))
- Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to transform participation rates for women in entrepreneurship. ([S6O-04188](#))
- Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to encourage and maximise levels of global capital investment in Scotland, to benefit the economy and communities. ([S6O-04189](#))
- Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what strategy it plans to implement to grow the Scottish economy at a level that is in line with countries with similarly sized populations, such as Norway. ([S6O-04190](#))
- Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the potential impact on the Scottish economy of the closure of the Grangemouth oil refinery. ([S6O-04191](#)) **R**
- Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to comments made by the Auditor General for Scotland that the "future of the Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow shipyard remains uncertain". ([S6O-04192](#))

#### Finance and Local Government

- Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it prioritised funding for affordable housing when drafting its Budget for 2025-26. ([S6O-04193](#))
- Marie McNair:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to support East and West Dunbartonshire councils, as part of the local government settlement for 2025-26. ([S6O-04194](#))
- Humza Yousaf:** [Not Lodged]
- Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Auditor General's November 2024 report, *Fiscal sustainability and reform in Scotland*, which states that "The Scottish Government has not been sufficiently transparent with the Scottish Parliament or the public about the current fiscal situation". ([S6O-04196](#))
- Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the state of local government finance. ([S6O-04197](#))

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**6. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government how its draft Budget 2025-26 will support local authorities to better serve rural communities, such as those in Aberdeenshire and Angus council areas in the North East Scotland region. ([S6O-04198](#))

**7. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it prioritised funding for its mission to tackle child poverty when drafting its Budget for 2025-2026. ([S6O-04199](#))

**8. Patrick Harvie:** [Not Lodged]

### Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 16 January 2025

#### Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

**1. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government when it estimates that ScotRail will end the use of short-formed trains that run on rail services between Fife and Edinburgh. ([S6O-04209](#))

**2. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will work with local authorities to address road improvements. ([S6O-04210](#))

**3. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what discussions it has had with the UK Government transport secretary regarding the £5 million contribution that the previous administration made towards a feasibility study into the extension of the Borders railway. ([S6O-04211](#))

**4. Foysoyl Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to ScotRail ticket offices scoring one out of five in the most recent Service Quality Inspection Regime data. ([S6O-04212](#))

**5. Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government what additional measures will be introduced to support rural housing providers to achieve the net zero emissions target by decarbonising social housing. ([S6O-04213](#))

**6. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on Transport Scotland's engagement with Peel Ports regarding the introduction of a conservancy fee for leisure vessels sailing on the River Clyde. ([S6O-04214](#))

**7. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what the current value of Scotland's renewable energy output is to the UK economy. ([S6O-04215](#))

**8. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the net zero secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding whether unused funds from energy efficiency area-based grant schemes could be reallocated, including to reduce fuel poverty in the coming financial year. ([S6O-04216](#))

### General Questions selected for answer on 16 January 2025

**1. Paul O'Kane:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the development of the Changing Places Toilet Fund. ([S6O-04201](#))

**2. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update regarding the steps that it is taking to tackle child poverty. ([S6O-04202](#))

**3. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the number of children and young people leaving school unable to swim. ([S6O-04203](#))

**4. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government how its draft Budget 2025-26 will support the delivery of drug and alcohol services across Scotland. ([S6O-04204](#))

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**5. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last discussed plans to reduce delayed discharge with NHS Dumfries and Galloway. ([S6O-04205](#))

**6. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on farmers giving the methane-reducing feed additive Bovaer to their cattle. ([S6O-04206](#))

**7. Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to work with NHS boards and patient transport providers to ensure that access to healthcare is fair, equitable and efficient for island residents. ([S6O-04207](#))

**8. Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the planned opening of the safer drug consumption facility in Glasgow, whether consideration has been given to opening a similar facility in Edinburgh. ([S6O-04208](#))

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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 08 January 2025

**[S6W-32195 Clare Adamson](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address colonoscopy waiting times to improve early diagnosis of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), in light of Public Health Scotland data from September 2024 showing the highest proportion of patients waiting a year or more for a colonoscopy since January 2023.

**[S6W-32869 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to people who move marginally into a higher income bracket that takes them over the threshold for receipt of (a) the Scottish child payment, (b) education maintenance allowance and (c) other devolved benefits that aim to help people with meeting the costs of raising a child.

**[S6W-32870 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions is had with the Scottish Ambulance Service in response to the recently implemented level four resource escalation action plan following reports of some patients waiting up to 12 hours for a vehicle, and what plans the Scottish Ambulance Service has to reduce waiting times overall.

**[S6W-32871 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what plans ScotRail has to review InterCity trains to ensure that carriages (a) meet their expected capacity and (b) are fit for purpose.

**[S6W-32872 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to introduce an annual price cap for care homes of £87,000 per person, in line with that set by the UK Government.

**[S6W-32876 Paul Sweeney](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it had with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde regarding access to urology services over the 2024-25 Christmas and New Year period, and what the outcome of these discussions was.

**[S6W-32877 Paul Sweeney](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what steps are being taken to ensure emergency access to specialist medical services, including urology, over winter.

**[S6W-32883 Craig Hoy](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what the scope and format is for the review commissioned by Public Health Scotland into the potential regulation of alcohol advertising and marketing.

**[S6W-32884 Craig Hoy](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether the review commissioned by Public Health Scotland into the potential regulation of alcohol advertising and marketing will involve (a) calls for evidence and (b) stakeholder evidence sessions.

**[S6W-32885 Craig Hoy](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how much the review commissioned by Public Health Scotland into the potential regulation of alcohol advertising and marketing will cost.

**[S6W-32886 Craig Hoy](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what the timetable is for the review commissioned by Public Health Scotland into the potential regulation of alcohol advertising and marketing.

**[S6W-32887 Alexander Burnett](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government when the PADmap web portal will go live, to enable people to view local suggestions for the placement of public access defibrillators, in light of the previous announcement that it would be completed by the end of Q2 in 2024. **R**

**[S6W-32888 Douglas Ross](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S6W-31866 and S6W-32202 by Fiona Hyslop on 11 December 2024 and 3 January 2025 respectively, in light of it not providing the numerical figures requested in the questions, whether it will provide the information requested regarding how many miles of the A96 have been dualled in

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each year from 2011 to date, and for what reason it did not provide this information in its previous answers.

**[S6W-32889 Murdo Fraser](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how many working-age adults in Scotland are currently both not in work and in receipt of benefits.

**[S6W-32890 Murdo Fraser](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how many working-age adults in Scotland are currently both not in work and in receipt of universal credit.

**[S6W-32891 Murdo Fraser](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how many working-age adults in Scotland who are currently in receipt of income support have not been in work for at least a year.

**[S6W-32892 Douglas Lumsden](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how many Tesla cars it currently (a) owns and (b) leases.

**[S6W-32893 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to raise the income threshold for receipt of (a) the Scottish child payment, (b) education maintenance allowance and (c) other devolved benefits that aim to help people with meeting the costs of raising a child.

**[S6W-32894 Paul Sweeney](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what action NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is taking to improve access to urology services.

**[S6W-32895 Alexander Burnett](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether patients who have been diagnosed privately with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) can receive prescription medication through the NHS, and, if not, what the reasons were for this decision. **R**

**[S6W-32904 Douglas Lumsden](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what evaluation it has made of the use of Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs) since 2021.

**[S6W-32905 Douglas Lumsden](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how many Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs) have been put in place by local authorities since 2021.

**[S6W-32906 Alexander Burnett](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-32468 by Alasdair Allan on 20 December 2024, whether it will detail what concerns and changes to the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) scheme it has raised with the UK Government, and whether this includes introducing a compensatory scheme for individuals who have installed underfloor foam insulation under the ECO4 insulation scheme.

**[S6W-32907 Rhoda Grant](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has allocated funding to complete the dualling of the A96 between Inverness and Nairn, including the Nairn Bypass.

**[S6W-32908 Rhoda Grant](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government when a timeline for the dualling of the A96 between Inverness and Nairn, including the Nairn Bypass, will be published.

**[S6W-32909 Alexander Burnett](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-28714 by Alasdair Allan on 13 August 2024, in light of the minister's comment that, [although] "energy policy, including smart meter policy, is mostly reserved to the UK Government... the Scottish Government has taken the lead in addressing poor coverage by allocating its own resources to ensure Scotland's homes and businesses are not left behind" and that its investment in the R100 programme "will enable Scottish energy consumers to benefit from the advantages of smart meters, helping to improve energy efficiency and reduce costs", whether it will confirm what (a) action it can take to help upgrade radio network infrastructure to make, radio-based smart meters more accessible to people in rural areas, (b) advice it gives to people whose smart meters cannot connect to the radio network and (c) discussions it is having with the UK Government regarding holding a public awareness campaign prior to the end of the Radio Teleswitch service on 30 June 2025.

**[S6W-32910 Claire Baker](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the National Transport Strategy Fourth Delivery Plan, whether it will list the ferry task forces that it is supporting to prepare robust business cases ahead of the commencement of the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service 3 (CHFS3) contract on 1 October 2025.



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**[S6W-32911](#) Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to bring forward proposals for reforming governance arrangements for public ferry contracts before 30 September 2025.

**[S6W-32912](#) Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what the 2025 objectives are for reform of the tripartite governance arrangement between Transport Scotland, Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) and David MacBrayne Ltd.

**[S6W-32913](#) Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates the ongoing review of the business case for the redevelopment of Ardrossan harbour will conclude.

**[S6W-32914](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the availability of (a) the drug, naloxegol, and (b) alternatives to this drug in the event of a shortage.

**[S6W-32915](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with (a) NHS National Services Scotland and (b) Community Pharmacy Scotland regarding the availability of the drug, naloxegol.

**[S6W-32916](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the findings of the Specialist Cancer Charities Group's Citizens' Jury, and what steps it plans to take in response.



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## New Bills and Accompanying Documents

**New accompanying documents printed on 8 January 2025**

**Scottish Languages Bill (As amended at Stage 2)**—A Supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum has been printed. (SP Bill 39A–DPM) (Government Bill)

## Amendments

### New amendments to Bills lodged on 8 January 2025

#### Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

##### Section 3A

**Pauline McNeill**

- 24 Leave out section 3A

##### Section 3B

**Pauline McNeill**

- 25 Leave out section 3B

##### Section 7

**Pauline McNeill**

- 26 In section 7, page 10, leave out lines 20 to 22

##### Long Title

**Pauline McNeill**

- 27 In the long title, page 1, line 2, leave out <to make provision about vetting of constables and police staff;>

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## Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 19 November 2024

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

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

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

Report (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee) published, 8 January 2025

*Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration*

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 18 December 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 17 December 2024

### **Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)**

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

### **Education (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 completed, 18 December 2024

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### **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 1 completed, 28 November 2024

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

### **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Passed, 10 December 2024

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 17 December 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 26 November 2024

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 7 January 2025

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

Before Stage 2 (evidence (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)), 26 November 2024

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

### **Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 15 January 2025

*Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (71<sup>st</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Passed, 26 November 2024

### **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee), 21 January 2025

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 15 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

### **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 10 December 2024

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*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2024)*

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 18 December 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 19 November 2024

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (63<sup>rd</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)**

Passed, 17 December 2024

### **Scottish Languages Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024

*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team*

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

Introduced, 17 December 2024

*Lead committee – Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments*

### **Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Passed, 3 December 2024

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

Before Stage 2 (evidence (Criminal Justice Committee)), 11 December 2024

*Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team*

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### **Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 23 January 2025

*Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (75<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

*Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 16 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team [\*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)\*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)*

## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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

Lodged on 22 November 2024

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 8 January 2025

### **Employment Rights Bill LCM-S6-53**

Lodged on 11 December 2024

*Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work*

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

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Lodged on 8 August 2024

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 7 January 2025

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

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

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

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

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 8 January 2025

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

### **Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49**

Lodged on 24 September 2024

*Report – Lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **Tobacco and Vapes Bill LCM-S6-51**

Lodged on 21 November 2024

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

**Subordinate Legislation** (date of laying) (lead committee)

### **Made Affirmative instruments**

**Subject to approval by 16 January 2024**

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 202 \(SSI 2024/367\)](#) (4 December 2024) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

### **Affirmative instruments**

**Subject to approval by 8 January 2025**

[Burial \(Management\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (14 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Burial and Cremation \(Inspection\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (14 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**Subject to approval by 12 January 2025**

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (18 November 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

**Subject to approval by 16 January 2025**

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[Electronic Monitoring \(Use of Devices and Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (22 November 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

**Subject to approval by 27 January 2025**

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2025 \(SI 2025/Draft\)](#) (3 December 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

**Subject to approval by 9 February 2025**

[Moveable Transactions \(Scotland\) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (16 December 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

[Registers of Scotland \(Fees and Plain Copies\) Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (16 December 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

[Rural Support \(Improvement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (16 December 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

**Subject to approval by 10 February 2025**

[International Organisations \(Immunities and Privileges\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (17 December 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

### Negative instruments

**Subject to annulment 15 January 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 13 January 2025**

[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/352\)](#) (21 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**Subject to annulment 16 January 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 13 January 2025**

[Electronic Monitoring \(Approved Devices\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/354\)](#) (22 November 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

**Subject to annulment 29 January 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 27 January 2025**

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/369\)](#) (5 December 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

**Subject to annulment 30 January 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 27 January 2025**



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[Conservation of Salmon \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/368\)](#)  
(6 December 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

**Subject to annulment 5 February 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 3 February 2025**

[Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/371\)](#) (12 December 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/374\)](#) (12 December 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Building \(Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/376\)](#) (12 December 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

**Subject to annulment 6 February 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 3 February 2025**

[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Prescribed Police Stations\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/377\)](#) (13 December 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

**Subject to annulment 18 February 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 17 February 2025**

[Moveable Transactions \(Forms\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/379\)](#) (16 December 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

[Moveable Transactions \(Register of Assignations and Register of Statutory Pledges Rules\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/381\)](#) (16 December 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

**Subject to annulment 22 February 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 17 February 2025**

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