

Monday 13 January 2025

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

### Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Today's Business  
*Gnothaichean an-diugh*

Future Business  
*Gnothaichean ri teachd*

Motions & Questions  
*Gluasadan agus Ceistean*

Legislation  
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Other  
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## Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

## Committee Meetings

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## 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: Rev Malcolm Macleod, Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland

**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

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>

### Finance and Public Administration Committee

14 January 2025

2nd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Jackson Carlaw, Member, Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body;  
David McGill, Clerk/Chief Executive, and Sara Glass, Director of Finance and Resilience, Scottish Parliament;  
and then from—  
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Jennie Barugh, Director of Exchequer Strategy, Richard McCallum, Director of Public Spending, Ellen Leaver, Acting Director for Local Government, and Lorraine King, Deputy Director, Tax Strategy, Engagement and Performance, Scottish Government.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, at [FPA.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:FPA.committee@parliament.scot).

### Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

14 January 2025

1st Meeting, 2025

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

1. **UK Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating in a devolved area as set out in the following UK statutory instrument proposal—  
Food and Feed (Regulated Products) (Amendment, Revocation, Consequential and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025 (RP reform SI)
2. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Vicki Cahill, Policy and Public Affairs Lead, Alzheimer Scotland;  
Stephanie Fraser, Chief Executive, Cerebral Palsy Scotland;  
Susan Webster, Head of Policy and Campaigns, MND Scotland;  
and then from—  
Tressa Burke, Chief Executive Officer, Glasgow Disability Alliance;  
Lyn Pornaro, Chief Executive Officer, Disability Equality Scotland;  
Marianne Scobie, representing the Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living.
3. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at [Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot](mailto:Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot)

### **Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee**

**14 January 2025**

**2nd Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2025](#) from—  
Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, Nanjika Nasiiro, Unit Head for Net Zero Economy and Carbon Markets, Mariana Cover, Emissions Trading Scheme Team Leader, and Kenneth MacDermid, Head of Critical Energy Infrastructure, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy) to move—S6M-15731—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
4. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2025-2026 from—  
Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, Diarmuid O'Neill, Interim Director of Environment and Forestry, and Catherine Williams, Deputy Director for the Directorate for Energy and Climate Change, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/371)
6. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 85232 or at [peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot](mailto:peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot)

### **Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee**

**14 January 2025**

**2nd Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Rural Support \(Improvement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Bread and Flour Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/387)



4. **Framework legislation and Henry VIII powers:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Rosemary Agnew, Ombudsman, Scottish Public Services Ombudsman;  
Lloyd Austin, Convener of the Governance Group, Scottish Environment LINK;  
Jonnie Hall, Deputy CEO & Director of Policy, National Farmers Union Scotland;  
Adam Stachura, Associate Director for Policy, Communications and External Affairs, Age Scotland;  
and then from—  
Michael Clancy, Director of Law Reform, Law Society of Scotland;  
Vicky Crichton, Director of Public Policy, Scottish Legal Complaints Commission;  
Kay Springham KC, Faculty of Advocates.
5. **Data (Use and Access) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence conferred on Scottish Ministers and UK Ministers in the Bill.
6. **Framework legislation and Henry VIII powers:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black at [Greg.Black@parliament.scot](mailto:Greg.Black@parliament.scot)

## **Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee**

**14 January 2025**

**1st Meeting, 2025**

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Housing inquiry and budget scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Paul McLennan, Minister for Housing, Kirsty Henderson, Affordable Housing Supply Programme Manager, More Homes Division, Lauren McNamara, Interim Deputy Director, Housing Emergency, and Will Tyler-Greig, Deputy Director, More Homes Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024](#)
4. **Housing inquiry and budget scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jenny Mouncer on 85403 or at [Jenny.mouncer@parliament.scot](mailto:Jenny.mouncer@parliament.scot)

## **Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee**

**14 January 2025**

**1st Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Scottish Human Rights Commission:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor Angela O'Hagan, Chair, and Jan Savage, Executive Director, Scottish Human Rights Commission.
3. **Scottish Human Rights Commission:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85204 or at [Euan.Donald@parliament.scot](mailto:Euan.Donald@parliament.scot)

## **Economy and Fair Work Committee**

**15 January 2025**

**2nd Meeting, 2025**

The Committee will meet at 9:00 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. **City Region and Regional Growth Deals:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Rt Hon. Ian Murray, Secretary of State for Scotland, UK Government;  
Alasdair MacDonald, Deputy Director for Policy , UK Government ;  
and then from—  
Anthony Daye, Interim Director of Place and Enterprise, South of Scotland Enterprise;  
Zoe Laird, Head of Growth Deals and Digital, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;  
Matt Lockley, Head of Partnerships, and Derek Shaw, Director of Scaling Innovation, Scottish Enterprise.
3. **City Region and Regional Growth Deals:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **New Deal for Business:** The Committee will consider a paper by the Clerk.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 85182 or at [anne.peat@parliament.scot](mailto:anne.peat@parliament.scot)

## **Rural Affairs and Islands Committee**

**15 January 2025**

**2nd Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Forestry and woodland management in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Brendan Callaghan, Director of Operational Delivery, Scottish Forestry;  
Stuart Goodall, Chief Executive Officer, Confor;  
Dr Ruth Mitchell, Biodiversity and Ecosystems group leader, The James Hutton Institute;

Graeme Prest, Director of Land Management and Regions, Forestry and Land Scotland;

Simon Ritchie, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Woodland Trust Scotland;

David Robertson, Investment and Business Development Director, Scottish Woodlands;

Andy Rockall, Director, Community Woodlands Association;

Professor Ian Wall, Chair, Public Financial Support for Tree-Planting and Forestry inquiry, Royal Society of Edinburgh.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Conservation of Salmon \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(2024/368\)](#)
4. **Follow-up inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland (in private):** The Committee continue its consideration of a draft report.
5. **Forestry and woodland management in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at [emma.johnston@parliament.scot](mailto:emma.johnston@parliament.scot)

## **Education, Children and Young People Committee**

**15 January 2025**

**2nd Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **The Promise - Whole Family Wellbeing:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Liz Nolan, Director of Children and Families, Aberlour;  
Fiona Bradford, Service Manger, Criminal Exploitation Intervention Service, and  
Barbara Keenan, Operational Director of Children's Services, Action for Children Scotland;  
Lauren Nicolson, Project manager for Families Together, East Lothian Council;  
Linda Richards, Service Manager Looked After Services, Perth & Kinross Council;  
Claire McGuigan, Youth, Family and Community Learning Locality Manager, South Lanarkshire Council.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at [Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot](mailto:Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot)

## **Criminal Justice Committee**

**15 January 2025**

**2nd Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC) Annual Report 2023/24:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Michelle Macleod, Commissioner, Phillip Chapman, Director of Operations, and Sharon Smit, Accountable Officer, Police Investigations & Review Commissioner.

3. **Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC) Annual Report 2023/24:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will further consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at [Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot](mailto:Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot)

### **SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee**

**16 January 2025**

**1st Meeting, 2025**

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

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

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, David Millett on 85244 or at [David.Millett@parliament.scot](mailto:David.Millett@parliament.scot)

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## Motions

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

### Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- \* before the number indicates publication for the first time
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The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

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

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

**\*[S6M-16078](#) Oliver Mundell: Celebrating the Continued Social, Cultural and Economic Importance of Robert Burns**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the lasting impact of Scotland's national bard, Robert Burns, including the significant contribution that his works continue to make at home and around the world; notes with interest and admiration the efforts of many across Scotland and the world to ensure that his legacy is celebrated; acknowledges, in particular, a number of initiatives in Dumfries and Galloway that have progressed since Burns' Night 2024; congratulates the Ellisland Farm project, which is led by the former MSP, Joan McAlpine, on receiving an initial grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund of almost £500,000 towards developing and restoring the farm and museum; believes that the restoration scheme has the potential to be a gamechanger for the region and to redefine the Burns' visitor experience; acknowledges what it sees as the growing partnership between Annadale Distillery and the Globe Inn; notes the 10th anniversary of the distillery and its Man O' Words Whisky, which takes its inspiration from Burns, and welcomes the return of the Big Burns Supper in Dumfries.

**\*[S6M-16045](#) Christine Grahame: Ending Low Welfare Animal Activities Abroad**—That the Parliament believes that wild animals are exploited globally on a massive scale for entertainment, including being forced to undertake unnatural behaviours to train them to perform; considers that dolphin entertainment, such as "swim-with" experiences and dolphin shows, elephant rides and bathing, tiger selfies and various other forms of wild animal entertainment are cruel and that the training methods and the enclosures in which they are kept cannot meet their welfare needs; recognises that the sale and advertising of these overseas activities is supporting and allowing the trade to continue; considers that, while travel companies continue to sell low-welfare activities abroad, the trade will continue, and notes the reported view of many people in Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale and across Scotland, that domestic legislation to prohibit the sale and advertisement of low-welfare animal activities abroad is a policy that would reduce considerably the cruel exploitation of wild animals trapped in the tourist entertainment industry.

Supported by: Rona Mackay\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Bill Kidd\*, Clare Haughey\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Colin Beattie\*

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## Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S6M-16070](#) Claire Baker: Fife Golf Course Dumbarrie Links in Upper Largo Awarded Five Prizes in 2024**—That the Parliament celebrates that Dumbarrie Links in Upper Largo in Fife received five major golf awards in 2024; understands that the course was named as the Top Emerging Golf Course in the UK and was recognised for offering a diverse range of qualities along the Largo Bay coastline at the recent finals of the Golf Course Awards; notes that this followed four other top awards, the Best Golf Experience at the Scotland SME awards, the Global Golf Course accolade at the Luxury Travel Awards, the Best Golf Course in Western Europe by the International Association Golf Tour Operators, and the award for the Best Clubhouse in Scotland at the Scottish Golf Tourism Awards; commends the Dumbarrie team's involvement in the Caddie School for Soldiers, a charity that was created in 2019, where soldiers can play the course and get some advice and support on the golf range; recognises that, since Dumbarrie's opening during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in 2000, it now ranks highly on the international league table of great golf courses; congratulates Dumbarrie on its fifth anniversary and on gathering an international reputation, and extends its very best wishes for continued success in the future.

**\*[S6M-16066](#) Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh IJB Charity Grant Scrapping**—That the Parliament notes what it sees as the significant cross-party concern at the reported plan by Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (IJB) to scrap its £4.5 million charity grant programme at the end of June 2025, thereby ending funding for all 64 charities that currently deliver services throughout the city with its support; acknowledges a statement by one current grant recipient, Scottish Huntington's Association, that such charities are “the fence at the top of the cliff that diminish the requirement for emergency support at the bottom”; urges Edinburgh IJB to listen to the argument that abolishing such preventative spending with its charity partners is a false economy, which will ultimately increase costs by driving service users to what it considers is the city's already overstretched and significantly more expensive statutory sector, including primary care and secondary acute and emergency services, and calls on Edinburgh IJB, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, Edinburgh City Council and NHS Lothian to work together with all relevant local and national stakeholders to prevent these reductions from coming to pass, in light of what it believes would be the devastating impact that they would have on the essential charity sector, including the thousands of vulnerable people it supports across the city on a daily basis.

**\*[S6M-16065](#) Alexander Stewart: CAMRA Raises Over £800 for Resonate Together in Alloa**—That the Parliament congratulates the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) on raising funds for an Alloa charity before Christmas; understands that CAMRA selected Resonate Together, a social enterprise with charitable status, as its official charity partner for the Forth Valley Ale and Cider Festival; further understands that the festival was held in Alloa's town hall during November 2024, with the fundraising total being revealed after the festive season; notes that attendees to the festival raised more than £800 for Resonate Together, which specialises in using art at the Carsebridge Cultural Campus to further its wider mission of building a stronger, more vibrant community; further notes that, throughout the two-day celebration of all things ale and cider, volunteers from Resonate were on hand to inform attendees about its work and ongoing plans to save the historic Carsebridge distillery buildings; commends everyone involved, including the volunteers, for their tireless and community-focused endeavours, and further commends the local residents for their generosity with donations.

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**\*[S6M-16064](#) Alexander Stewart: Tullibody Community Garden Festive Events for Residents**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Tullibody Community Garden held two festive events for residents over the Christmas holidays; understands that more than 30 people attended a wreath-making event in December 2024, which assisted them in crafting and decorating their own decorative garlands; notes that these items were constructed from the garden's willow, while the decorations all came from natural materials; understands that, in addition to this, a Christmas on a Budget cookery session was organised by Val Whyte, the garden's community cook, who coached visitors to this workshop on how to make cheap and easy meals, with a focus of going back to basics while acquiring ingredients for the best value, and commends everyone at the Community Garden for this and all of their community-focused activities.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser\*, Douglas Ross\*, Annie Wells\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Edward Mountain\*, Colin Beattie\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Miles Briggs\*, Pam Gosal\*

**\*[S6M-16062](#) Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Council and HSCP Awarded National Bereavement Charter for Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates Inverclyde Council and Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) on becoming the first local authority in Scotland to receive the National Bereavement Charter for Scotland; recognises what it sees as this prestigious achievement as a testament to the local authority's commitment to supporting its staff through bereavement; commends the collaborative efforts of Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde HSCP and Compassionate Inverclyde in implementing the charter as a guiding vision for bereavement support across the organisations; applauds the provision of bereavement training for line managers and the creation of an animated video promoting the charter, which has been shared widely among staff groups; understands that Inverclyde Council successfully met three key criteria to qualify for the Charter Mark, which were, informing all staff about the charter, adopting a Bereavement Policy and developing and displaying a workplace bereavement charter, and celebrates what it considers as this innovative approach as an example of best practice in creating compassionate and supportive workplaces in Scotland.

**\*[S6M-16061](#) Stuart McMillan: Recognition of Compassionate Inverclyde Founder's New Year Honour**—That the Parliament congratulates the founder of Compassionate Inverclyde, Alison Bunce, on being awarded a New Year Honour in recognition of her services to the community of Inverclyde; acknowledges the significant impact of Compassionate Inverclyde in providing compassionate care and support in the community through a range of impactful initiatives, including No One Dies Alone and Back Home Boxes; commends Alison's dedication and leadership in fostering a culture of kindness and support for people facing challenging times; recognises the importance of community-led initiatives in enhancing social wellbeing and cohesion across Scotland, and wishes Alison all the best as Compassionate Inverclyde embarks on a new journey as a standalone charity.

**\*[S6M-16060](#) Stuart McMillan: Recognition of Inverclyde Nurses' Achievement as Queen's Nurses**—That the Parliament congratulates Monica Keenan, who is an advanced clinical nurse specialist at Ardgowan Hospice, and Lee-Anne Woods, who is a clinical nurse specialist supporting care-experienced children and young people at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, on being awarded the prestigious Queen's Nurse title by the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland (QNIS); acknowledges that Monica and Lee-Anne, who are from Inverclyde, joined 19 other extraordinary nurses who were celebrated at a recent ceremony in Edinburgh for completing the nine-month Queen's Nurse Development Programme; recognises the vital work of the QNIS in supporting and developing Scotland's nursing professionals, and celebrates what it sees as the

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transformative impact of nurses, such as Monica and Lee-Anne, who go above and beyond to champion care, compassion and leadership in Scotland's healthcare system.

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**\*[S6M-16059](#) Emma Harper: Stranraer's Gail Munro Appointed an MBE**—That the Parliament congratulates Gail Munro, who is the ice rink manager at the North West Castle in Stranraer, Dumfries and Galloway, on being appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in The King's New Year Honours in recognition of her contribution of over 40 years to curling in Scotland; believes that Gail's commitment has singularly contributed to the growth of the game as, not only a competitor and coach, but also in inspiring future generations to take it up the sport at the rink, and thanks Gail for her passionate championing of curling in Stranraer and Wigtownshire.

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**\*[S6M-16058](#) Karen Adam: 50th Anniversary of The Portsoy 75 Club**—That the Parliament marks the 50th anniversary of the formation of The Portsoy 75 Club, which is a not-for-profit community organisation; notes that it was established in 1975 with the dual purpose of supporting the Portsoy community and providing a social network for its volunteers; further notes that the club has raised substantial funds over the years for the benefit of the community and charities, supporting projects such as the creation of what it sees as the stunning Lighthouse Garden at Portsoy New Harbour and repairs to the iconic dolphin statue in the village; acknowledges the countless acts of kindness carried out by the organisation over the past five decades, which have brought joy to many and contributed significantly to making Portsoy a popular tourist destination in the Banffshire and Buchan coast; recognises the dedication and stellar efforts of the many members who have supported the club over the years; thanks all who have volunteered their time to achieve this milestone and who have demonstrated an inspiring commitment to their community, and wishes The Portsoy 75 Club continued success in its endeavours in the years ahead.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Bob Doris\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Bill Kidd\*, Colin Beattie\*

**\*[S6M-16055](#) Michelle Thomson: Larbert High School Achieves Apple Distinguished School Status**—That the Parliament congratulates Larbert High School on achieving its status as an Apple Distinguished School; understands that this status is outlined by the tech company as a "centre of innovation, leadership and educational excellence", which utilises technology to enhance both teaching and learning; recognises that the school is only the seventh in Scotland to achieve this accolade, with a global network of 889 schools across 37 countries; notes that since 2021, it has maintained a one-to-one iPad programme via the Connected Falkirk initiative, which ensures that every pupil has access to their own device to enable high-quality learning materials, personalised feedback and help with collaboration in the classroom; applauds Larbert High on becoming the seventh Apple Distinguished School in Scotland, and thanks all of its pupils and staff for their continued hard work.

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## Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support



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**[S6M-16057](#) Maggie Chapman: Acknowledging Dundee Global Justice Now** (lodged on 09 January 2025)

New Support: Mark Ruskell\*, Bill Kidd\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Ross Greer\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-16050](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Officials from Edinburgh Universities Recognised in New Year Honours 2025** (lodged on 09 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-16049](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Edinburgh Artist Appointed to Damehood in New Year Honours 2025** (lodged on 09 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-16047](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Stephen Clegg Appointed an MBE in the New Year Honours 2025** (lodged on 09 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-16044](#) Alexander Burnett: Gold Standard for Huntly-based Occupational Therapist** (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

**[S6M-16040](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Boat Club Still Going Strong After 40 Years** (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

**[S6M-16039](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Primary School Pupil Wins Schools' Teepee Competition** (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

**[S6M-16038](#) Annie Wells: Maryhill's G20 Youth Project to Take 1,000km Sri Lankan Adventure to Raise Funds** (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

**[S6M-16011](#) Brian Whittle: Karen Kelly Awarded BEM** (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Stephen Kerr\*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

**[S6M-16005](#) Christine Grahame: The Lockerbie Bombing, A Father's Search for Justice** (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

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

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Stephen Kerr\*, Beatrice Wishart\*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

**[S6M-15998](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Youth Centre Marks 30 Years Helping Castlemilk Community** (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

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

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New Support: Stephen Kerr\*, Humza Yousaf\*

**[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: Stephen Kerr\*

**[S6M-15994](#) Alexander Stewart: Stirling Councillor Rachel Nunn Named as One of Cycling UK's Top 100 Women in Cycling** (lodged on 06 January 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

**[S6M-15992](#) Alexander Stewart: The Reverend Neil Norman Gardner LVO** (lodged on 06 January 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr\*

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

New Support: Elena Whitham\*

**[S6M-15963](#) Emma Roddick: UHI Inverness Receives EmilyTest GBV Charter Award** (lodged on 09 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15955](#) Alexander Stewart: Additional Support Needs in Scotland** (lodged on 20 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15940](#) Christine Grahame: Banning Fur Imports** (lodged on 18 December 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15898](#) Elena Whitham: No Rollback on Housing Rights** (lodged on 18 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15739](#) Murdo Fraser: Protection of Park Home Residents** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Willie Rennie\*

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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 10 January 2025

**[S6W-32680 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on what specific measures are being implemented in Aberdeen to protect pedestrians, including vulnerable groups, from the reported risks posed by illegally modified e-bikes.

**[S6W-33091 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what types of vehicles are included in its fleet, and what proportion of these are (a) electric and (b) hybrid.

**[S6W-33092 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to transition its vehicle fleet to low-emission or zero-emission vehicles.

**[S6W-33093 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many personalised or special vehicle number plates it owns, and what the cost of any such plates has been over the last five years.

**[S6W-33094 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to increase the availability of (a) bicycles and (b) other sustainable transport options for its staff.

**[S6W-33095 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it has in place to ensure that government-owned vehicles comply with emissions regulations.

**[S6W-33096 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors the environmental impact of its vehicle fleet, including in relation to (a) emissions and (b) fuel usage.

**[S6W-33098 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what its policy is on the purchase or use of personalised number plates for its official vehicles.

**[S6W-33099 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government which projects funded by Transport Scotland in the last five years have delivered the largest economic impact, and how this has been assessed.

**[S6W-33100 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it evaluates the economic impact of projects funded by Transport Scotland.

**[S6W-33101 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what methodology is used to identify the projects funded by Transport Scotland that deliver the greatest return on investment.

**[S6W-33102 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how much employment has been generated by Transport Scotland-funded projects in each of the last five years.

**[S6W-33103 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what current projects being funded by Transport Scotland are projected to have the largest economic impact in the future.

**[S6W-33104 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what role regional economic development plays in funding decisions by Transport Scotland.

**[S6W-33105 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the economic impact of Transport Scotland-funded projects in Aberdeen and the north east over the last five years.

**[S6W-33106 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what mechanisms are in place to monitor and report on the economic impact of Transport Scotland-funded projects after their completion.

**[S6W-33107 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the Transport Scotland budget over the last five years has been allocated to projects with a primary focus on economic development.

**[S6W-33108 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what projects being considered for Transport Scotland funding are expected to have the largest economic impact.

**[S6W-33109 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many serving justices of the peace there are, broken down by local authority area.

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**[S6W-33110 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many cases were handled in each of the last five years by justices of the peace, broken down by case type.

**[S6W-33111 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what the average caseload is for a justice of the peace.

**[S6W-33112 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors the performance and effectiveness of the justice of the peace system.

**[S6W-33113 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what support and training is provided to justices of the peace to ensure consistency in their decision-making.

**[S6W-33114 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that there is an adequate number of justices of the peace to meet demand.

**[S6W-33115 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of cases handled by justices of the peace in each of the last five years resulted in convictions.

**[S6W-33116 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what the cost has been of administering the justice of the peace system in each of the last five years.

**[S6W-33117 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how the role of justices of the peace contributes to the overall efficiency of the justice system.

**[S6W-33118 Monica Lennon:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31048 by Jenni Minto on 25 November 2024, whether it can provide an update on its work to improve the technical infrastructure of the existing register of tobacco and nicotine vapour product retailers.

**[S6W-33119 Liam Kerr:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that the justice system will remain accessible to all, regardless of financial circumstances, in light of the reported reduction in the number of criminal legal aid solicitors since 2007 from 1,459 to 966 and the Law Society of Scotland's projection that nearly one-third of legal aid practitioners are set to retire within the next decade, and what plans it has to increase the number of criminal legal aid solicitors and legal aid practitioners.

**[S6W-33120 Liam Kerr:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Legal Aid Board reporting that there has been a 24% reduction in the number of solicitors registered for children's legal aid since 2020, and what action it is taking to (a) research and address the causes of this decline and (b) increase the number of these solicitors.

**[S6W-33121 Liam Kerr:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce levels of serious violent crime, in light of the Police Scotland quarterly data recording that, in the last decade, incidents have nearly doubled to over 1,000 per month, and what data it has collected as to the reasons for the increase, including data on the reasons for any variation between (a) each city, (b) urban areas and (c) rural and island areas.

**[S6W-33122 Emma Roddick:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what funding is currently available for registered social landlords responsible for Gypsy/Traveller sites to bring sites up to standard.

**[S6W-33123 Emma Roddick:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether funding can be made available from its More Homes budget to support registered social landlords to bring Gypsy/Traveller sites up to standard.

**[S6W-33124 Tim Eagle:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding was awarded to businesses in (a) Argyll and Bute, (b) the Western Isles, (c) the Highlands, (d) Orkney, (e) Shetland and (f) Moray from the Regional Food Fund in the (a) 2021, (b) 2022, (c) 2023 and (d) 2024 round.

**[S6W-33125 Tim Eagle:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has extended the coverage of the rapid cancer diagnostic service to other NHS boards, and which NHS boards it currently operates in.

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**[S6W-33126](#) Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to extend the rapid cancer diagnostic service to NHS (a) Highland, (b) Western Isles, (c) Orkney, (d) Shetland and (e) Grampian.

**[S6W-33127](#) Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many referrals the rapid cancer diagnostic service received in 2024, and, of those, how many were accepted into the programme, broken down by NHS board.

**[S6W-33128](#) Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many times the (a) Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands and (b) Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity has met with the Young Islanders Network to discuss the Addressing Depopulation Action Plan (i) prior to and (ii) since its publication.

**[S6W-33129](#) Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government which ideas suggested by the Young Islanders Network in relation to the Addressing Depopulation Action Plan were included in the final report.

**[S6W-33130](#) Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it will distribute to local authorities for the 2025-26 financial year from its Coastal Change Adaptation Fund.

**[S6W-33131](#) Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has allocated to each local authority through its Coastal Change Adaptation Fund in each year since 2022-23.

**[S6W-33132](#) Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how it (a) monitors and (b) evaluates the efficacy of the funding that has been provided to local authorities through its Coastal Change Adaptation Fund.

**[S6W-33133](#) Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has committed to maintaining the £8 million of funding for Scottish Innovation Centres that it announced on 17 January 2024, into the 2025-26 financial year.

**[S6W-33134](#) Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many applications were (a) approved and (b) not approved for an award from the Regional Food Fund in the (a) 2021, (b) 2022, (c) 2023 and (d) 2024 round.

**[S6W-33135](#) Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-28686 by Jim Fairlie on 19 August 2024, whether it will provide an update on when NatureScot will make a bracken map available. **R**

**[S6W-33136](#) Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the statement by the Lord Advocate on 22 September 2021 regarding diversion from prosecution, how many recorded police warnings were issued for possession of drugs for the three years (a) before and (b) after the statement, broken down by (i) type and (ii) class of drug involved, and what the impact has been on police time spent on dealing with people experiencing harmful substance use.

**[S6W-33137](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that the distribution of NHS specialty training places aligns with (a) regional and (b) rural healthcare needs.

**[S6W-33138](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out of the reasons for the reported reduction in Foundation Year 2 doctors proceeding directly into NHS specialty training over the last decade.

**[S6W-33139](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how the reported reduction in Foundation Year 2 doctors entering NHS specialty training in the last decade has impacted on the availability of medical professionals, broken down by specialty.

**[S6W-33140](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many Foundation Year 2 doctors have returned to NHS specialty training after a break from service in each of the last five years.

**[S6W-33141](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how the reported trend in Scotland of Foundation Year 2 doctors delaying NHS specialty training compares with the rest of the UK, and what its response is to the findings of this comparison.

**[S6W-33142 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what the overall cost is of training Foundation Year 2 doctors.

**[S6W-33143 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure the availability of specialty training places to accommodate all Foundation Year 2 doctors who wish to progress directly into NHS specialty training.

**[S6W-33144 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many NHS specialty training places have been available in each of the last 10 years, broken down by specialty.

**[S6W-33145 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it determines the number of NHS specialty training places offered annually.

**[S6W-33146 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of NHS specialty training places was filled in each of the last 10 years.

**[S6W-33147 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many NHS specialty training places were unfilled in each of the last 10 years, and what steps it is taking to address unfilled places.

**[S6W-33148 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what review it has carried out of the adequacy of NHS specialty training places available to meet future workforce demands.

**[S6W-33149 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many NHS specialty training places are projected to be offered in the next five years.

**[S6W-33150 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of Foundation Year 2 doctors who applied for NHS specialty training in each of last 10 years was offered a place.

**[S6W-33151 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to expand the number of NHS specialty training places available, particularly in specialties that have high demand.

**[S6W-33152 Annie Wells:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many children were hospitalised due to illicit drugs being found in their systems in each calendar year since 2020.

**[S6W-33153 Annie Wells:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported concerns that elements of the new Parkhead Hub facilities in Glasgow are not a friendly environment for dementia patients.

**[S6W-33154 Annie Wells:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve access to vaccines across all age groups this current flu season.

**[S6W-33155 Annie Wells:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it is encouraging people to get their vaccinations this current flu season.

**[S6W-33156 Annie Wells:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working to protect children in environments where illicit drug use is common among adult and/or parental figures.

**[S6W-33157 Annie Wells:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking address the presence of "drug dens" in Glasgow.

**[S6W-33158 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many junctions along the A90 conform to current road safety design standards.

**[S6W-33159 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how often the condition of the A90 is assessed for maintenance purposes, and what criteria are used to determine necessary repairs.

**[S6W-33160 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent on maintenance and upgrades of the A90 in each of the last five years.

**[S6W-33161 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many street lamps are installed along each stretch of the A90, broken down by local authority area.

**[S6W-33162 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors and evaluates the road surface quality of the A90, and what the findings have been for each stretch of the road in each of the last five years.

**[S6W-33163](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many accidents have been recorded on the A90 in each of the last five years, and how these have informed maintenance and upgrade priorities.

**[S6W-33164](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve road safety at identified accident hotspots along the A90.

**[S6W-33165](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what the current average road quality rating is for the A90, and how this compares with other major roads in Scotland.

**[S6W-33166](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to upgrade or replace sections of the A90 to meet modern road infrastructure standards.

**[S6W-33167](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that the maintenance of the A90 is conducted in a way that minimises disruption to road users.

**[S6W-33168](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many bridges and overpasses are located along the A90, and what the current condition is of these structures.

**[S6W-33169](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the A90 is illuminated by street lighting, and whether there are plans to extend coverage.

**[S6W-33170](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has conducted on the impact of severe weather on the condition of the A90, and what measures are in place to address weather-related damage.

**[S6W-33171](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how it collaborates with local authorities to manage and maintain the sections of the A90 that pass through their jurisdictions.

**[S6W-33172](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many lay-bys and rest areas are located along the A90, and what plans there are to expand these facilities.

**[S6W-33173](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures are in place to ensure that the drainage systems along the A90 are functioning effectively.

**[S6W-33174](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors and manages the environmental impact of maintenance and upgrade works on the A90.

**[S6W-33175](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many signs are located along the A90, and what proportion meet current standards for visibility and effectiveness.

**[S6W-33176](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how the condition of the A90 has changed over the last five years, based on its annual assessments.

**[S6W-33177](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how much has been allocated and spent on the A90 for maintenance and upgrades in each of the last five years.

**[S6W-33178](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many street lamps along the A90 have been replaced or upgraded in the last five years.

**[S6W-33179](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many complaints it has received regarding the condition of the A90 in each of the last five years, and what actions were taken as a result.

**[S6W-33180](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what the average cost has been for maintenance per mile of the A90 over the last five years, and how this compares with other trunk roads.

**[S6W-33181](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many road surface repairs have been conducted on the A90 in each of the last five years, broken down by location.

**[S6W-33182](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many new safety measures, such as barriers or signage, have been introduced on the A90 in each of the last five years.

**[S6W-33183](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how traffic volume on the A90 has changed over the last five years, and what impact this has had on the road's condition.



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**[S6W-33184 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what studies have been conducted over the last five years to assess the environmental impact of the A90's maintenance and usage.

**[S6W-33185 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many times sections of the A90 have been closed for maintenance in each of the last five years, and what the average duration of closure was.

**[S6W-33186 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what improvements have been made to lay-bys and rest areas on the A90 in the last five years.

**[S6W-33187 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how funding for maintenance of the A90 has compared with those for other major roads in Scotland over the last five years.

**[S6W-33188 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many junctions or road connections have been added to the A90 over the last five years.

**[S6W-33189 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many incidents of flooding have been recorded on the A90 over the last five years, and what measures have been taken to address this.

**[S6W-33190 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how the maintenance priorities for the A90 over the last five years have been aligned with future infrastructure development plans.

**[S6W-33191 Maurice Golden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many animal disqualification and deprivation orders were issued in the period 2022-24; how this compares with 2017-22, and what underlying causes are behind any increase in number.

**[S6W-33192 Meghan Gallacher:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has carried out of the average cost to upgrade social housing to an energy performance certificate (EPC) C rating from a rating of (a) D, (b) E and (c) F.

**[S6W-33193 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its announcement that it will deliver 8,000 new affordable homes in 2025-26, how many of these properties will be (a) social new-builds, (b) acquisitions, (c) other affordable properties and (d) voids brought back into use.

**[S6W-33194 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what the average grant rate was for a social new-build property delivered through the Affordable Housing Supply Programme in (a) 2022-23, (b) 2023-24 and (c) the first half of 2024-25, broken down by (i) local authority and (ii) registered social landlord new builds.

**[S6W-33195 Ross Greer:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of their reported use by public agencies in Scotland, what its position is on the security credentials of Hikvision products, in light of recently reported claims made by the company on this matter.

**[S6W-33196 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many self-catering (a) units on the non-domestic rates roll and (b) unit owners received Small Business Bonus Scheme rates relief in (i) 2022-23, (ii) 2023-24 and (iii) 2024-25 at (A) 100%, (B) 25% and (C) 0% where they were not eligible due to having a number of properties with a combined rateable value of £35,000, also broken down by (1) assessor and (2) local authority.

**[S6W-33197 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how much non-domestic rates income has been forgone in (a) 2022-23, (b) 2023-24 and (c) 2024-25 where Small Business Bonus Scheme rates relief has been claimed for self-catering units, broken down by (i) 100%, (ii) 25% and (iii) 0% (where they were not eligible due to having a number of properties with a combined rateable value of £35,000) of income forgone, also broken down by (A) assessor and (B) local authority.

**[S6W-33198 Fulton MacGregor:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that In Practice Systems Ltd, which is reported to be the main software supplier for GP practices in Scotland, has voluntarily entered administration, and what action is being taken to mitigate any impact to GP service delivery.

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**[S6W-33199 Mercedes Villalba](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-15040 by Mairi McAllan on 8 March 2023, what proportion of the venison sold by Forestry and Land Scotland in each year since 2016, was sold to public sector organisations.

**[S6W-33200 Mercedes Villalba](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6O-04121 by Mairi Gougeon on 18 December 2024, how many carcasses of the 138,534 deer reportedly culled in the 2022-23 season were (a) processed for commercial meat sales, (b) integrated back into the local ecosystems and (c) disposed of through other means.

**[S6W-33201 Mercedes Villalba](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6O-04121 by Mairi Gougeon on 18 December 2024, what assessment it has made of the potential economic impact of increasing the number of deer culled entering the food supply chain.

**[S6W-33202 Mercedes Villalba](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6O-04121 by Mairi Gougeon on 18 December 2024, what proportion of venison sold is (a) sourced from the annual deer cull, (b) imported from overseas and (c) from other sources.

**[S6W-33204 Meghan Gallacher](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many tenancy deposits went unclaimed in the (a) 2021-22, (b) 2022-23 and (c) 2023-24 financial year.

**[S6W-33205 Meghan Gallacher](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many unclaimed tenancy deposits there were as of 1 January 2025.

**[S6W-33206 Meghan Gallacher](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many unclaimed tenancy deposits there were as of 6 April 2024.

**[S6W-33209 Fulton MacGregor](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to encourage more (a) prospective and (b) current medical students to specialise in psychiatry.

**[S6W-33210 Meghan Gallacher](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how many buildings have been identified to date as having (a) safe and (b) unsafe cladding.

**[S6W-33211 Meghan Gallacher](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many children under 16 are currently living in rented accommodation with an energy performance certificate (EPC) rating of D or below.

**[S6W-33212 Meghan Gallacher](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many individuals are currently living in rented accommodation with an energy performance certificate (EPC) rating of D or below.

**[S6W-33213 Monica Lennon](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to establish an international office in Africa, in light of its commitment to the Scotland-Malawi partnership.

**[S6W-33214 Monica Lennon](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work in relation to the Arctic Policy Framework.

**[S6W-33215 Monica Lennon](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its engagement with the government of (a) Greenland, (b) the Faroe Islands, (c) Norway, (d) Denmark, (e) Iceland, (f) Sweden and (g) Finland since the establishment of a Scottish Government office in Copenhagen.

**[S6W-33216 Monica Lennon](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how many local authorities have received funding to forgive school meal debt.

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## New Bills and Accompanying Documents

### New accompanying documents printed on 10 January 2025

**Scottish Languages Bill (As amended at Stage 2)**—A Supplementary Financial Memorandum has been printed. (SP Bill 39A-FM) (Government Bill)

## Amendments

### New amendments to Bills lodged or withdrawn on 10 January 2025

#### Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

##### Section 54

**Stuart McMillan**

**524** In section 54, page 42, line 8, at end insert—

<( ) Section 13 (services complaint: reports) is repealed.>

##### Section 55

**Siobhian Brown**

**321** *Withdrawn*

**Siobhian Brown**

**525** In section 55, page 42, line 34, at end insert <and, subject to subsection (1A), determine the complaint.

(1A) The relevant professional organisation may make a decision—

- (a) to discontinue an investigation of a regulatory complaint,
- (b) to reinstate the investigation of a discontinued regulatory complaint,

but only if the organisation considers that this is in the public interest.

(1B) As soon as practicable after making a decision under subsection (1A), the relevant professional organisation must give notice in writing of its decision to the complainer, the practitioner and the Commission by—

- (a) sending them a copy of the decision, and
- (b) specifying the reason for the decision.

(1C) In addition, notice under subsection (1B) given to the complainer or the practitioner, must also give them information about any—

- (a) right of appeal, and
- (b) ability to make a handling complaint to the Commission.>

##### Section 59

**Stuart McMillan**

**526** Leave out section 59

##### Section 62

**Stuart McMillan**

**527** In section 62, page 50, leave out line 22

## Section 66

### Siobhian Brown

528 In section 66, page 57, leave out lines 9 and 10

## Section 67

### Siobhian Brown

529 In section 67, page 61, line 33, at end insert—

**<33C Recategorisation of conduct or regulatory complaint by regulated professional organisation**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where a relevant professional organisation—
  - (a) at any time during its investigation in relation to a conduct complaint remitted to it under section 6(2) (or treated as such by virtue of section 33A(2)), considers that the complaint (or any element of it) instead constitutes a regulatory complaint, or
  - (b) at any time during its investigation in relation to a regulatory complaint remitted to it under section 7A(2) (or treated as such by virtue of section 33B(2)), considers that the complaint (or any element of it) instead constitutes a conduct complaint.
- (2) The relevant professional organisation must as soon as practicable send details to the Commission of the organisation's recategorisation of the complaint (or any element of it) as mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1).
- (3) For the purpose of subsection (1)(a), the relevant professional organisation may consider that the conduct complaint (or an element of it) is a regulatory complaint if the organisation is satisfied that the complaint (or the element of it), if it were to be referred to the Commission as mentioned in section 2(1)(c), would be considered by the Commission to be an eligible regulatory complaint in accordance with any provision in rules made under section 32(1).
- (4) For the purpose of subsection (1)(b), the relevant professional organisation may consider that the regulatory complaint (or an element of it) is a conduct complaint if the organisation is satisfied that the complaint (or the element of it), if it were to be referred to the Commission as mentioned in section 2(1)(a), would be considered by the Commission to be an eligible conduct complaint in accordance with any provision in rules made under section 32(1).”>.

## After section 67

### Siobhian Brown

530 After section 67, insert—

**<Conduct or regulatory complaint appears to regulated professional organisation during investigation to be services complaint**

- (1) The 2007 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 33 (duty of relevant professional organisations to forward complaints to

Commission), after subsection (3) insert—

- “(4) Subsection (5) applies where a relevant professional organisation at any time during its investigation in relation to—
- (a) a conduct complaint remitted to it under section 6(2) (or treated as such by virtue of section 33A(2)), or
  - (b) a regulatory complaint remitted to it under section 7A(2) (or treated as such by virtue of section 33B(2)),
- considers that it is reasonably likely that the complaint (or any element of it) may instead constitute a services complaint.
- (5) The relevant professional organisation must—
- (a) suspend the investigation,
  - (b) consult, co-operate and liaise with the Commission as respects the matter,
  - (c) send the complaint and any material which relates to it and which is in the organisation's possession to the Commission, and
  - (d) give notice in writing to the complainer and the practitioner that it considers the complaint (or an element of it) to be a services complaint and that it is sending the complaint to the Commission.”>

## Section 68

### Siobhian Brown

391 *Withdrawn*

### Siobhian Brown

531 In section 68, page 61, line 37, at end insert—

<( ) after subsection (1) insert—

- “(1A) The relevant professional organisation may decide—
- (a) to discontinue the investigation of a conduct complaint,
  - (b) to reinstate the investigation of a discontinued conduct complaint,
- but only if the organisation considers that this is in the public interest.
- (1B) As soon as practicable after making a decision under subsection (1A), the relevant professional organisation must give notice in writing of its decision to the complainer, the practitioner and the Commission by—
- (a) sending them a copy of the decision, and
  - (b) specifying the reason for the decision.
- (1C) In addition, notice under subsection (1B) given to the complainer or the practitioner, must also give them information about any—
- (a) right of appeal, and
  - (b) ability to make a handling complaint to the Commission.”>

**Siobhian Brown**

**532** In section 68, page 62, line 3, leave out subsection (3)

**After section 71**

**Stuart McMillan**

**533** After section 71, insert—

**<Power to disclose information about complaints: Commission**

- (1) The 2007 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 41, insert—

**“41A Power to disclose information about complaints: Commission**

- (1) The Commission may, if it considers it to be in the public interest, disclose information about any conduct complaint, regulatory complaint, services complaint or handling complaint, including—
  - (a) information that identifies or is likely to identify any person to whom the complaint relates,
  - (b) information about the investigation or resolution of the complaint,
  - (c) information about any outcomes resulting from the complaint.
- (2) But information that, in the opinion of the Commission, identifies or is likely to identify the complainer may not be disclosed under subsection (1) unless the complainer consents to its disclosure.”>

**Stuart McMillan**

**534** After section 71, insert—

**<Restriction on disclosure of information: Commission**

- (1) The 2007 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 43 (restriction upon disclosure of information: Commission)—
  - (a) after subsection (3)(a) insert—

“(aa) for the purpose of enabling or assisting a regulatory body to exercise any of the body’s functions,”
  - (b) after subsection (4) insert—

“(4A) In subsection (3)(aa), “regulatory body” means any regulatory body as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations specify.

(4B) Regulations under subsection (4A) may—

    - (a) include transitional, transitory or saving provision,
    - (b) make different provision for different purposes.

(4C) Before making regulations under subsection (4A), the Scottish Ministers must—

    - (a) consult—
      - (i) any regulatory body that is proposed to be specified by the

- regulations,
- (ii) the Lord President,
  - (iii) the Commission,
  - (iv) the independent advisory panel established under paragraph 11A of schedule 1,
  - (v) each category 1 and category 2 regulator,
  - (vi) each approved regulator within the meaning of Part 2 of the Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2010,
- (b) publish a report describing—
- (i) the consultation carried out,
  - (ii) any representations received in response to the consultation, and
  - (iii) the changes (if any) to the proposals as a result of the representations, and
- (c) confirm that the Lord President agrees with the proposal to make the regulations.”.>

**Siobhian Brown**

535 After section 71, insert—

**<Power to disclose information about complaints: relevant professional organisations**

- (1) The 2007 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 51, insert—

**“51A Power to disclose information about complaints: relevant professional organisations**

- (1) A relevant professional organisation may, if it considers it to be in the public interest, disclose information about any relevant conduct or regulatory complaint including—
  - (a) information that identifies or is likely to identify a person to whom the complaint relates,
  - (b) information about the investigation or resolution of the complaint,
  - (c) information about any outcomes resulting from the complaint.
- (2) But information that, in the opinion of the relevant professional organisation, identifies or is likely to identify the complainer may not be disclosed under subsection (1) unless the complainer consents to its disclosure.
- (3) In subsection (1), “relevant conduct or regulatory complaint” means—
  - (a) a conduct complaint that has been remitted to the relevant professional organisation under section 6(2)(a) (or that is treated as having been remitted to it under that section by virtue of section 33A(2)),
  - (b) a regulatory complaint that has been remitted to the relevant professional organisation under section 7A(2) (or that is treated as having been remitted to it under that section by virtue of section 33B(2)).”.>

**Siobhian Brown**

536 After section 71, insert—



**<Restriction on disclosure of information: relevant professional organisations**

- (1) The 2007 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 52 (restriction upon disclosure of information: relevant professional organisations)—
  - (a) after subsection (3)(a) insert—

“(aa) for the purpose of enabling or assisting a regulatory body to exercise any of the body’s functions,”
  - (b) after subsection (4) insert—

“(4A) In subsection (3)(aa), “regulatory body” means any regulatory body as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations specify.

(4B) Regulations under subsection (4A) may—

    - (a) include transitional, transitory or saving provision,
    - (b) make different provision for different purposes.

(4C) Before making regulations under subsection (4A), the Scottish Ministers must—

    - (a) consult—
      - (i) any regulatory body that is proposed to be specified by the regulations,
      - (ii) the Lord President,
      - (iii) the Commission,
      - (iv) the independent advisory panel established under paragraph 11A of schedule 1,
      - (v) each category 1 and category 2 regulator,
      - (vi) each approved regulator within the meaning of Part 2 of the Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2010,
    - (b) publish a report describing—
      - (i) the consultation carried out,
      - (ii) any representations received in response to the consultation, and
      - (iii) the changes (if any) to the proposals as a result of the representations, and
    - (c) confirm that the Lord President agrees with the proposal to make the regulations.”.>

**Section 76**

**Siobhian Brown**

**537** In section 76, page 71, leave out line 2

## Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 14 January 2025

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

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

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

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)), 15 January 2025

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

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

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

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

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

Stage 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)*

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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

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 14 January 2025

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

Lodged on 11 December 2024

*Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work*

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

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 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**

[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)

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### Subject to approval by 9 February 2025

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

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

### Subject to approval by 10 February 2025

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

### Subject to approval by 26 February 2025

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

### 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

[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

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

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