

Thursday 16 January 2025

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
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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-15705 Rhoda Grant: Scottish Human Rights Commission's Spotlight Project into Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Response to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry Module 1 Report

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

Committee Meetings

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

9:00am Public Audit Committee

9:30am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

9:30am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 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](#))
- 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](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03694](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03695](#))
- 3. Lorna Slater:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03696](#))
- 4. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of the potential economic impact of Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners' reported £800 million investment in battery energy storage sites in Scotland. ([S6F-03720](#))
- 5. Edward Mountain:** To ask the First Minister, in light of the rise in the number of people under 50 being diagnosed with bowel cancer, what proposals the Scottish Government has to extend the national bowel screening programme to those under 50 years old. ([S6F-03699](#))
- 6. Claire Baker:** To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government is responding to reports that 182 sexual assaults, including rapes, have taken place in hospitals in the last five years. ([S6F-03721](#))

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-15705 Rhoda Grant: Scottish Human Rights Commission's Spotlight Project into Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands](#)—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Human Rights Commission's spotlight project into Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands; understands that it was commissioned in April 2023 and undertook a targeted programme of work to assess the realisation of economic, social and cultural rights for people living across the Highlands and Islands, which concluded in early 2024 and published its report, *Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands*, in November 2024; believes that this report has been widely welcomed by community groups, charities and organisations across the Highlands and Islands; is concerned, in particular, by the Commission's urgent calls to tackle the rooflessness, hunger and access to health issues across the Highlands and Islands; is further concerned that, according to the report, across all rights examined, there is not a single human right that meets all the conditions of adequacy under international law, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to act on this report and review its current policies to address the concerns raised by this report.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

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. Foyso 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](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Response to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry Module 1 Report

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

[S6M-16085](#) Jackson Carlaw on behalf of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee: Inquiry into the A9 Dualling Programme—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee's 2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6), *Inquiry into the A9 Dualling Programme* (SP Paper 669), including the recommendation that a dedicated committee should be established to provide oversight and maintain momentum on scrutiny of long-running, multi-session infrastructure projects, such as the A9 dualling programme.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-14408](#) Tim Eagle: Improving Access to Health and Social Care in Rural Scotland—That the Parliament considers that people living in remote and rural areas face unique challenges when it comes to accessing health and social care; understands that the recruitment and retention of staff, poor infrastructure, and the inability to access certain services are all common issues that impact health and social care in rural and remote areas; notes what it sees as the failure of the Scottish Government to deliver infrastructure investment in the Highlands and Islands region and elsewhere, including the failure to deliver a new Belford Hospital in Fort William, complete upgrades to Dr Gray's Hospital in Elgin, and build a replacement hospital for the Isle of Barra, among other delayed projects; understands that many communities in rural areas face a reduction of services, such as the reduced access to NHS dentistry in Dunoon and loss of care home beds across the Highlands and Islands region; believes that all of these factors contribute to the wider issue of rural depopulation, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to properly invest in health and social care in rural and remote areas and deliver better health outcomes for residents.

Committee Meetings

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 2nd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 and an item at next week's meeting on consideration of a draft letter to the Scottish Government on Budget Scrutiny 2025-26 in private.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2025/26:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Shona Riach, Director for External Affairs and Culture, Scottish Government.
3. **Review of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement Inquiry: Part 2:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Peter Holmes, Emeritus Fellow, the UK Trade Policy Observatory, The University of Sussex;
Emily Fry, Senior Economist, the Resolution Foundation;
Dr Arianna Andreangeli, Professor of Competition, University of Edinburgh;
David Henig, Director, the UK Trade Policy Project, the European Centre for International Political Economy.
4. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda items 2 and 3.

Public Audit Committee 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 agenda items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **The 2023/24 audit of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (Holdings) Limited:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
John Boyd, Audit Director, and Dharshi Santhakumaran, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **The 2023/24 audit of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (Holdings) Limited:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
John Boyd, Audit Director, and Dharshi Santhakumaran, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **The 2023/24 audit of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (Holdings) Limited:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 2nd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private. The Committee will also decide whether its consideration of its work programme and its consideration of a draft report on Post-legislative scrutiny of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Social Security Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence on its performance and operation from—
David Wallace, Chief Executive, Miriam Craven, Chief Operating Officer, and Ally MacPhail, Deputy Director of Organisational Strategy and Performance, Social Security Scotland.
3. **Social Security Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 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 item 6 in private.
2. **Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence on the Commissioner's annual report from—
Ian Bruce, Ethical Standards Commissioner.
3. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on France, and take evidence from—
Daniel Johnson MSP, Convener of the proposed Cross-Party group on France, The Scottish Parliament.
4. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on France.
5. **Public petitions: PE01949 Review the rules concerning Dual Mandate MSPs:** The Committee will consider the following continued petition—
Review the rules concerning Dual Mandate MSPs.
6. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
7. **'A Parliament for All' - Report of the Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit (in private):** The Committee will consider draft Standing Order Rule changes.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 15 January 2025

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 Debate: Compensation for WASPI Women

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-16016 David Torrance: European Showmen's Union Congress 2025

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 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-16078 Oliver Mundell: Celebrating the Continued Social, Cultural and Economic Importance of Robert Burns

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 — S6M-15413 Michelle Thomson: Promoting the Role of Women in Scotland's Journey to Net Zero

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Justice

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 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 Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Committee Announcements

Wednesday 29 January 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 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: Education and Skills

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2025/26

followed by Business Motions

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

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

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

Motions for Debate

*[S6M-16120](#) **Christine Grahame: Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*[S6M-16133](#) **Sharon Dowey: Former Scotland Rugby Captain, Peter Brown, Passes Away**—That the Parliament notes with great sadness, the death of former Scotland Rugby Union Men's Team Captain, Peter Currie Brown of Troon; understands that Peter won 27 Scotland caps, played eight Test matches for the British and Irish Lions, and played alongside his late brother, Gordon Brown, known as "Broon frae Troon" in 12 international matches; further understands that Peter played in the Marr College school First XV in his youth, and that the 66 points Peter created for Scotland, still stands to this day as the record for the most points delivered by a forward; recognises Peter's legacy as a giant of Scottish rugby, and extends its heartfelt condolences to his family and many friends.

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*[S6M-16132](#) **Foysoyl Choudhury: Recognising the Importance of the Scottish Documentary Institute and Independent Documentaries** —That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of the Scottish Documentary Institute in the independent documentary ecosystem in Scotland, and its continuous efforts to nurture non-fiction filmmakers and audiences; understands that the Scottish Documentary Institute, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2024, offers a range of programmes to local and international filmmakers and actively collaborates with documentary organisations around the world to champion and celebrate the art form; further understands that films supported through Scottish Documentary Institute's programmes have garnered acclaim in prestigious international festivals like Sundance, Berlinale and IDFA, and received awards and nominations at BAFTA Scotland, Grierson Awards and IDA Documentary Awards; believes that despite the success of documentaries in international festivals and markets,

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the sector is in a very precarious state with funding challenges, insufficient understanding of its cultural value, and the slow return of audiences into cinemas; hopes for more committed support to enable a fairer and more diverse industry to flourish, and believes that it is a vital art form that sparks critical thinking and inspires positive social change in a generous and thought-provoking way.

***S6M-16129 Evelyn Tweed: Robertson Group Wins SEPA VIBES Award**—That the Parliament commends Robertson Group, a Stirling-based construction group, for its success at the SEPA VIBES Awards; understands that these awards celebrate businesses contributing to a sustainable, low-carbon future through innovative and sustainable practices; congratulates Robertson Group for being awarded the Sustainable Transport Scotland award; understands that Robertson Group is aiming to build an electric vehicle fleet, and achieved the removal of 77% of petrol and 95% of diesel cars between April 2021 and April 2024; further understands that with over 99% of all company cars being either electric or hybrid, Robertson Group is on track to have an all EV/ULEV car fleet before the end of 2024; congratulates Robertson Group for what it sees as the excellent achievement of also being shortlisted for two further awards, the Vision in Business Scotland - Best Large Business and Energy Transition Scotland awards, and congratulates other businesses involved in the awards for what it considers to be important work in achieving net zero.

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***S6M-16123 Kevin Stewart: Inclusive Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Awards**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the new Inclusive Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Awards, which will take place at Union Kirk on 19 April 2025; notes that the awards will celebrate businesses, individuals and organisations who go above and beyond to create spaces, opportunities and initiatives to ensure everyone feels welcomed, valued and included; understands that the award categories reflect the key themes of advice sought by local parents, carers and customers during the We Too! Ninja HQ drop-in sessions held at the Trinity Centre in Aberdeen, including everyday tasks such as haircuts, shoe shopping and dentistry, which can produce significant sensory challenges for neurodivergent children and others with sensory needs; further understands that applications for the awards will be open at wetoo.org.uk from 20 January to 21 February, which will be followed by a public vote to allow customers and service users to cast their vote in support of the people and places that have excelled in making a difference to their lives; congratulates Phionna McInnes and the rest of the team at We Too! for establishing these awards, and hopes that they are successful in highlighting those who are playing their part in helping make the world a more inclusive place.

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***S6M-16122 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Central Just Transition Participatory Budget Winners**—That the Parliament congratulates the organisations based in Aberdeen Central that have been successful in the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting (JTPB) Year 3 public vote; notes that Asylum and Refugee Care, based in the city centre, received £2,939,94 to support New Scots with volunteering opportunities in community gardens across Aberdeen; further notes that The Bread Maker, a social enterprise based on Rosemount Viaduct, which provides employment for adults with learning difficulties, has been awarded £49,488 for the installation of highly energy-efficient replacement ovens to help become the greenest bakery in the north east; understands that the Aberdeen City branch of Cycling Without Age Scotland has been awarded £10,440 to support its work in helping the elderly and disabled access the outdoors thanks to special Trishaw

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bikes; further understands that the Gairn Community Garden, which is transforming an unused space alongside the Deeside Railway line into a green community hub, has been awarded £42,622.88; recognises that the Rosemount Community Centre Association is receiving £1,454 to increase engagement with green areas in Rosemount and promote green living to people in the community; further recognises that St George's Community Centre, in Tillydrone, has been awarded £31,410.93 to help upgrade to double glazing windows to provide the community with a safe, warm space to enjoy events and reduce fuel costs; notes that Your Love Rara, based on Justice Street, is receiving £6,430.20 to promote environmental sustainability, community engagement and resource conservation by providing a space for people to connect with nature, donate and repurpose goods, and access educational materials for free; believes that these awarded funds will be put to good use in promoting sustainability in communities across Aberdeen Central, and hopes that all the projects being funded are a great success.

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***S6M-16121 Annie Wells: Glasgow Business Skydives for Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity**—That the Parliament congratulates staff members from Graham Building North Glasgow who are set to take part in a skydive for Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity; notes that the firm said that its employees will jump out of a plane in Auchterarder later in 2025 to raise money for the charity; understands that the event is part of Graham's year-long partnership with the charity and aims to help the company reach its £20,000 fundraising target, with £4,000 already raised; further understands that the money will go towards mobile sensory units for Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, which is Scotland's largest children's hospital, and recognises that in December 2024, the company donated £10,000 to the charity and raised a further £600 by hosting events, including a Christmas jumper day, bake sale, tombola, a "guess the sweets in the jar" competition and that staff also supported Santa's grotto at the hospital, with six employees volunteering as elves.

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***S6M-16119 Annie Wells: Glasgow-based Upcycling Initiative Reaches 10-year Milestone**—That the Parliament congratulates the Home Comforts initiative, hosted by the Wheatley Foundation, on reaching a 10-year milestone; understands that over the last 10 years, more than 26,000 items such as furniture and white goods, have been collected or donated, refurbished then passed on to tenants in need; believes that by extending the life of these items, Home Comforts is helping to tackle consumption and waste with the initiative successfully diverting more than 143 tonnes of furniture and white goods from landfills in the last year; recognises that many of the items have been a lifeline for many individuals; notes that Home Comforts moved to a new depot in Dixon Blazes, located on the Southside of Glasgow in December 2024, and understands that the new facility allows the team to refurbish pre-loved furniture to an exceptional standard, giving it a second life in customers' homes.

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***S6M-16111 Clare Adamson: Scottish Schools Education Research Centre (SSERC) Celebrates its 60th Anniversary** —That the Parliament celebrates the 60th anniversary of the

Scottish Schools Education Research Centre (SSERC) in 2025; recognises what it sees as its pivotal role in supporting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education in Scotland for over six decades; acknowledges SSERC's commitment to inspiring and equipping young people aged three to 18 with the skills needed to succeed in an evolving world and workforce; recognises what it sees as SSERC's continuous adaptation to the needs of the education sector, ensuring that teachers and pupils have access to high-quality resources and support, becoming a key resource for STEM educators across Scotland; commends SSERC for empowering educators through professional development, fostering creativity and innovation in STEM teaching; highlights what it sees as the importance of STEM education in preparing young people for future challenges, supporting innovation, economic growth, and sustainability across industries, including technology, engineering, healthcare, and green energy; recognises SSERC's role in shaping an inclusive educational environment that promotes diversity and provides equal opportunities for all learners, and extends its congratulations and gratitude to SSERC for its exceptional achievements and ongoing dedication to advancing STEM education in Scotland. **R**

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***[S6M-16110](#) Gillian Mackay: 25 Years of Keep Scotland Beautiful**—That the Parliament congratulates environmental charity, Keep Scotland Beautiful, on its 25th anniversary; celebrates all that has been achieved in collaboration with schools, communities, local authorities and businesses to inspire real action to combat climate change, tackle litter and waste, restore nature and biodiversity and improve places, and encourages support and involvement with its activities in 2025, particularly Spring Clean, which starts on 21 March and will last for one month, which, it understands empowered more than 45,000 people to litter pick in 2024.

***[S6M-16107](#) Gordon MacDonald: Heriot-Watt University Develops a New Technology for Detecting Prostate Cancer**—That the Parliament welcomes a ground-breaking new imaging approach that enables earlier, more accurate and reliable diagnoses of prostate cancer; notes that it is being pioneered by researchers at Heriot-Watt University and Less Grey Imaging, a spinout company from the University; understands that the approach complements existing clinical ultrasound equipment by providing increased clarity and precision of prostate biopsies and access to faster tests; believes that earlier diagnoses also benefit the treatment of prostate cancer by giving patients with access to a greater range of options; recognises with deep concern that prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men in Scotland, which makes it a critical healthcare challenge; understands that up to 28% of prostate tumours are currently being missed, which reduces the likelihood of good cancer outcomes; further understands that this technology has an initial 94% sensitivity rate in tumour detection in an ongoing clinical trial funded by the Chief Scientist Office Scotland; believes that this innovative research has the potential to help the NHS in providing equal access to early opportunities for early diagnosis and treatment across Scotland and also to position Scotland as a leader in medical innovation, and hopes for future success in further clinical trials and eventual fast integration into diagnostic pathways to realise tangible benefits to patients and the NHS.

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***[S6M-16096](#) Katy Clark: Calling on the UK Government to Reconsider its Decision Not to Award Compensation for Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI)** —That the Parliament believes that, further to the decision of the Parliamentary and Health Service

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Ombudsman, women born in the 1950s, who were not properly informed of the rise in their state pension age, also known as Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI), have been rightly offered an apology for their treatment by the UK Government; further believes that the UK Government should reconsider its decision not to award compensation to any women and look at options to provide women with a compensation award, in particular those women who were most adversely affected, in order to reflect the injustice that it believes they have experienced, and recognises and thanks the supporters of the WASPI campaigns, who have campaigned so hard for the women affected.

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***S6M-16084 John Mason: The Life of Jimmy Carter**—That the Parliament recognises the death of James Earl Carter, who served as the 39th President of the United States from 1977 to 1981; commemorates his devotion to human rights, environmental conservation, and energy policy and what it sees as his simple, sincere and straightforward Christian faith; believes that his many key achievements included the Camp David Accords, a peace agreement between Egypt and Israel, which, it understands, led to a historic peace treaty between both countries, which still holds; recognises his work on the energy crisis and conservation, where President Carter emphasised energy conservation and the development of alternative sources in response to the oil crisis of the 1970s; acknowledges the SALT II Treaty, where President Carter worked with the Soviet Union on the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, which aimed to reduce nuclear weapons; understands that he founded the Carter Centre in 1982, which focuses on advancing human rights as well as improving healthcare in developing countries; notes that in 2002, President Carter was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts in promoting peace, democracy, and human rights, and encourages everyone to recognise his work for its long-lasting impact internationally.

***S6M-16080 Richard Leonard: Recognising the Retirement of Mick Lynch**—That the Parliament notes that Michael (Mick) Lynch, the general secretary of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT), has announced his intention to retire in 2025; recognises what it sees as his outstanding contribution to the RMT and the wider trade union movement across four decades; understands from reports that he was illegally blacklisted for joining a trade union before helping to set up the Electrical and Plumbing Industries Union (EPIU) in 1988 and that he subsequently joined the RMT when he began working on Eurostar in 1993; notes the reported mandates from RMT members for the strong stance that the RMT took against what it considered were wholesale attacks on rail workers by the previous UK administration; welcomes what it believes have been the victories achieved by Mick for transport and energy workers and the travelling public, and wishes Mick a long, healthy and happy retirement proud in the knowledge that, it believes, he leaves the RMT in a strong position to continue to represent and advocate for its members and to build a fairer society. R R

***S6M-16019 Ruth Maguire: Kilwinning Darts Buff Ryder Cup**—That the Parliament commends the Kilwinning Darts Premier League for organising the Buff Ryder Cup at Blacklands Bowling Club, raising nearly £2,000 for local charities in memory of the late Billy "Buff" Reid; celebrates the success of the event, which saw £700 each donated to Megan's Space and Ayrshire Parkinson's Support Group, with an additional £308 raised for the North Ayrshire Darts Academy; recognises the competitiveness displayed by the 32 players from the town's league, culminating in The Dart Foundation's victory under captain Chris Lynn; acknowledges the generosity and community spirit

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demonstrated by those who attended and supported the event, and applauds the league's efforts in fostering community engagement through sport while supporting vital causes.

***S6M-16018 Ruth Maguire: Irvine Father Raises Awareness of Erb's Palsy**—That the Parliament commends Irvine father and mixed martial arts fighter, James Gillespie, for raising over £2,000 for the Erb's Palsy Group through his participation in an Ultra MMA event in Glasgow; applauds James for his dedication to raising awareness of Erb's Palsy, inspired by his 13-year-old daughter Indi, who has faced numerous challenges, including blindness in one eye, paralysis on her right side, and bullying due to her disability; recognises Indi's courage in speaking publicly about her experiences and her determination to overcome adversity through freestyle dance, supported by her teachers at Team Turnbull; notes what it regards as the vital role of the Erb's Palsy Group in supporting individuals with the condition, and congratulates James, Indi, and their family on their inspiring efforts to raise awareness and support for this important cause.

***S6M-16017 Ruth Maguire: Christmas Charity Shield** —That the Parliament congratulates the pupils of Greenwood Academy for organising the Christmas Charity Shield fundraiser on 18 December 2024, where they raised £605 in support of the Ayr-based Night Before Christmas Campaign, which works year-round to help children and families in need across the community; recognises the creativity and effort of the Greenwood students in planning the charity football match between Bibcelona and McLaughland FC, and in setting up other creative fundraising challenges; commends the generosity of the school community in supporting the event through donations; acknowledges what it regards as the important work of the Night Before Christmas Campaign in supporting less fortunate children and families in Ayrshire, and applauds all involved in what it sees as this inspiring and impactful initiative.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-16109 Alexander Burnett: Congratulates Huntly Farming Family for Organising the Annual Tractor Run (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Martin Whitfield*, Craig Hoy*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*, Clare Adamson*

S6M-16108 Gillian Mackay: George and Philip Rigby to Climb the Kelpies for Beatson Cancer Charity (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Stephanie Callaghan*, David Torrance*, Clare Adamson*

S6M-16106 Stuart McMillan: Recognising Ergate Ayana for Services to Responding to Blindness in Ethiopia (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

S6M-16105 Stuart McMillan: Curry Lounge in Port Glasgow Named the Best Buffet in Scotland (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Audrey Nicoll*, Evelyn Tweed*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Emma Harper*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Pam Gosal*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Clare Adamson*

S6M-16104 Stuart McMillan: Congratulating McLaren Packaging on Winning Innovation in Packaging Award (lodged on 14 January 2025)

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New Support: Tess White*, Emma Harper*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Sharon Dowey*, Pam Gosal*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16103 Sandesh Gulhane: Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Helipad Upgrade](#) (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Edward Mountain*, Craig Hoy*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*, Paul Sweeney*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16101 Annie Wells: Smart Works Scotland to Launch Limited-time Retail Experience with Buchanan Galleries](#) (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Craig Hoy*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16100 Alexander Stewart: Alloa Athletic FC, Heart of the Game and Bands for Brothers Raise £6,600 for SAMH](#) (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Craig Hoy*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*, Alex Rowley*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16099 Emma Roddick: Strathpuffer 2025](#) (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16098 Alexander Stewart: Dollar Academy to Host an Overnight Stop for Dottie's Grand Tour](#) (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Craig Hoy*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*, Alex Rowley*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16095 Sharon Dowey: Prestwick Reverend Kenneth Elliott Retires](#) (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Russell Findlay*, Paul Sweeney*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16094 Bob Doris: Celebrating 50 Years of Summerston](#) (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Annabelle Ewing*, Audrey Nicoll*, Evelyn Tweed*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Rona Mackay*, Stuart McMillan*, Clare Haughey*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annie Wells*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Emma Harper*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16091 Beatrice Wishart: Recognition of the Shetland Valkyries Success in the Caledonia North League](#) (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Brian Whittle*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16090 Tess White: Poppies Pre-school Nursery, Laurencekirk, Nominated for Nursery of the Year 2024](#) (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Craig Hoy*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16089 Tess White: King Charles Approves Six New Deputy Lieutenants for the City of Aberdeen](#) (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Craig Hoy*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*

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[S6M-16087](#) Douglas Ross: Morayvia Receives Award of £46,800 (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16086](#) Kevin Stewart: Energy Security and the Avoidance of Blackouts (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16083](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank FC Ladies Provide Young Players Professional Taster Sessions (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Pam Gosal*, Jeremy Balfour*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Annie Wells*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Emma Harper*, Alex Rowley*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16081](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Tattoo Studio Gives 100% of its Profits to Animal Sanctuary (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16079](#) Lorna Slater: Celebrating Five Sisters Zoo's Successful Translocation of its 200th Beaver (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16078](#) Oliver Mundell: Celebrating the Continued Social, Cultural and Economic Importance of Robert Burns (lodged on 10 January 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay* R, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16077](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow's International Comedy Festival (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Paul Sweeney*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16076](#) Claire Baker: Recognising the Efforts of the Stirling Aid Christmas Eve Community Food Event (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16074](#) Pauline McNeill: Celebrating Community Spirit and Collaboration at Broomhill Hyndland Parish Church (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Paul Sweeney*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Evelyn Tweed*, Annabelle Ewing*, Clare Adamson*, Pam Gosal*

[S6M-16073](#) Humza Yousaf: Congratulating Scottish Charity, Right There, on its 200th Anniversary (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Alex Rowley*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16072](#) Tess White: Paying Tribute to Long-serving Aberdeenshire Councillor, Carl Nelson MBE (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Craig Hoy*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*

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[S6M-16071](#) Murdo Fraser: Highland Perthshire Restaurant and Hotel to be Included in the Michelin Guide (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*, Paul Sweeney*, Alex Rowley*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16070](#) Claire Baker: Fife Golf Course Dumbarnie Links in Upper Largo Awarded Five Prizes in 2024 (lodged on 10 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16069](#) Claire Baker: Milli Abrams from Fife to Take Part in the World's Toughest Row Across the Atlantic (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16067](#) Jackie Dunbar: Gordon Hay Recognised in the New Year Honours List (lodged on 13 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16066](#) Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh IJB Charity Grant Scrapping (lodged on 10 January 2025)

New Support: Foysoyl Choudhury*, Russell Findlay*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16065](#) Alexander Stewart: CAMRA Raises Over £800 for Resonate Together in Alloa (lodged on 10 January 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16064](#) Alexander Stewart: Tullibody Community Garden Festive Events for Residents (lodged on 10 January 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16062](#) Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Council and HSCP Awarded National Bereavement Charter for Scotland (lodged on 10 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16061](#) Stuart McMillan: Recognition of Compassionate Inverclyde Founder's New Year Honour (lodged on 10 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16060](#) Stuart McMillan: Recognition of Inverclyde Nurses' Achievement as Queen's Nurses (lodged on 10 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16059](#) Emma Harper: Stranraer's Gail Munro Appointed an MBE (lodged on 10 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16058](#) Karen Adam: 50th Anniversary of The Portsoy 75 Club (lodged on 10 January 2025)

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New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16056](#) Rhoda Grant: Dell McClurg Awarded a BEM (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16055](#) Michelle Thomson: Larbert High School Achieves Apple Distinguished School Status (lodged on 10 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16054](#) Alexander Burnett: Belinda Rowlands Awarded a BEM (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16053](#) Alexander Burnett: Yvonne Davidson Awarded a BEM (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16052](#) Alexander Burnett: Major Grenville Irvine-Fortescue Appointed an MBE (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*, Paul Sweeney*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16051](#) Alexander Burnett: Janet Rogers Appointed an MBE (lodged on 14 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*, Paul Sweeney*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16046](#) Sarah Boyack: Acknowledging Mohila Ogrojatra (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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[S6M-16043](#) Kevin Stewart: NHS Grampian Home Haemodialysis (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16042](#) Karen Adam: Recognition of Dr Anne McArthur and Bob Philips in The King's New Year Honours (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16041](#) Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Nomination in Street Art Cities Awards (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[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: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16037](#) Kenneth Gibson: 1,700th Anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16036](#) Annabelle Ewing: Festive Fundraising Activities in Cardenden (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16035](#) Willie Coffey: Kilmarnock Santa Sleigh Success (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16033](#) Christine Grahame: Calum Campbell Appointed OBE (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16032](#) Emma Harper: Mrs Mavis Paterson Receives BEM (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-16031](#) Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen City Council Writes Off School Meal Debt (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

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New Support: Carol Mochan*, Pauline McNeill*, Brian Whittle*, Alex Rowley*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[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: Clare Adamson*

[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: Clare Adamson*

[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: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S6M-15915](#) Sarah Boyack: Celebrating Jasmin Notarangelo's Award-winning Essay (lodged on 18 December 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-15793](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Welcoming ScotRail Policy Changes to Provide Equality for Disabled Rail Users (lodged on 10 December 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-15780](#) Emma Harper: Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow's 425th Anniversary (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-15770](#) Miles Briggs: NHS Lothian Midwife's Pioneering Theatre Scrubs (lodged on 09 December 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-15755](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Hospital Worker Honoured for 50 Years of Service to the NHS (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-15660](#) Pam Gosal: Congratulating PC Sally Ann Nicol on Winning Award at Scottish Police Federation Awards 2024 (lodged on 10 December 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 22 January 2025

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported concerns by the Scottish Association of Meat Wholesalers that falling cattle levels are leading to a reduction in beef supplies, and that gaps could subsequently appear in the red meat sections of supermarkets. ([S6O-04218](#))
- 2. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of the cross-government co-ordination on islands, including island connectivity, what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the impact on islanders of the relocation of the Arran ferry service from Ardrossan to Troon. ([S6O-04219](#))
- 3. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what its latest assessment is of the impact of Brexit on Scotland's rural economy. ([S6O-04220](#))
- 4. Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans for future agricultural support. ([S6O-04221](#)) R
- 5. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding what funding will be available in the next financial year to support farmers to address water management issues impacting on agricultural land. ([S6O-04222](#))
- 6. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government how the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024 will aim to benefit the farming sector in Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley. ([S6O-04223](#))
- 7. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether NatureScot's proposal to mandate advance written notification to landowners for schedule 1 bird monitoring could discourage the identification of raptor crimes on managed land. ([S6O-04224](#))
- 8. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what the three main aims of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill are. ([S6O-04225](#))

Health and Social Care

- 1. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase access to thrombectomies in the Fife region, in light of the reported 1.9% increase in investment in the National Thrombectomy Service. ([S6O-04226](#))
- 2. Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it remains committed to dedicating 10% of frontline NHS spend to mental health and 1% to CAMHS. ([S6O-04227](#))
- 3. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to address the reported rise in cases of human metapneumovirus, or HMPV, and ensure that Scotland is prepared for any pandemic regarding this condition. ([S6O-04228](#))
- 4. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is dealing with delayed discharge from hospitals in the Highlands and Islands. ([S6O-04229](#))
- 5. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with NHS Dumfries and Galloway regarding the provision of dentistry. ([S6O-04230](#))

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6. Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what policies it is considering to better support the health of premature babies on neonatal units, including the development of a specialised Baby Box. ([S6O-04231](#))

7. Annabelle Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met the chief executive of NHS Fife, and what was discussed. ([S6O-04232](#))

8. Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government when it last discussed plans with NHS Lanarkshire to ensure that neurodivergent children and young people receive the right treatment and support. ([S6O-04233](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 23 January 2025

Social Justice

1. Murdo Fraser: [Not Lodged]

2. Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government how its draft Budget 2025-26 will contribute towards promoting anti-racism campaigns and initiatives. ([S6O-04243](#))

3. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete being found in current and formerly council-owned residential properties in Dundee. ([S6O-04244](#))

4. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether Carer Support Payment should be classed as income by the Department for Work and Pensions. ([S6O-04245](#))

5. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report, *Economic Impacts of Short-term Lets in Scotland*, specifically in relation to the Scottish Borders. ([S6O-04246](#))

6. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting people in Motherwell and Wishaw in accessing social security entitlements. ([S6O-04247](#))

7. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to mitigate against future increases to Social Security Scotland's overall spend on benefits. ([S6O-04248](#))

8. Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of the current cost of living crisis on the prevalence of food insecurity and reliance on food banks. ([S6O-04249](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 23 January 2025

1. Michelle Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government how the additional £34 million allocated to Culture and Heritage in its draft Budget will assist in the preservation of any small, yet key, Scottish heritage sites under threat of closure, such as Kinneil Museum in the Falkirk East constituency. ([S6O-04234](#))

2. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to support South Lanarkshire Council as part of the local government settlement for 2025-26. ([S6O-04235](#))

3. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government how much it anticipates will be paid in this financial year in PFI and PPP unitary charge payments across the public sector. ([S6O-04236](#))

4. Ben Macpherson: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting and investing in youth work. ([S6O-04237](#))

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5. Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to improve road safety on key routes. ([S6O-04238](#))

6. Foysoi Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding any implications for its provision of funding for humanitarian aid in Gaza, whether it will provide an update on what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding recent developments in Gaza. ([S6O-04239](#))

7. Evelyn Tweed: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting community efforts to preserve built heritage, ancient monuments and archaeological sites. ([S6O-04240](#))

8. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the remit of the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry remains appropriate. ([S6O-04241](#))

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Written Questions

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

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

Government initiated questions lodged on 15 January 2025

[S6W-33351 Jackie Dunbar](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the escalation status of NHS Grampian.

Written questions lodged on 15 January 2025

[S6W-32786 Fergus Ewing](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the judgement of Lord Pentland in the case of *The Scottish Ministers v The Scottish Information Commissioner* (case reference number XA10/23), which states that the Scottish Ministers accepted that they (or their officials) could gain access to the information held by James Hamilton, whether it will provide, where possible, the names of any of its officials that (a) had such access and (b) used such permissions to access the inboxes of secretariat members, as stated in the judgement.

[S6W-32873 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6T-02268 by Natalie Don-Innes on 7 January 2025, what research it has carried out into the scale and nature of child sexual exploitation, and how it has supported researchers by facilitating multiagency co-operation in the delivery of this research.

[S6W-32874 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6T-02268 by Natalie Don-Innes on 7 January 2025, what action in response to child sexual exploitation it has taken to support the care sector in eradicating victim-blaming attitudes and language by (a) delivering training, (b) supporting internal audits and reflection and (c) measuring progress in dealing with the issue.

[S6W-32875 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6T-02268 by Natalie Don-Innes on 7 January 2025, what models of safeguarding in terms of policy and practice are being embedded across sectors involving children to respond to the risks and vulnerabilities children face with regard to sexual exploitation.

[S6W-32878 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6T-02268 by Natalie Don-Innes on 7 January 2025, what work it has carried out with partners to deliver greater advocacy for children who are victims of sexual exploitation, including as part of the decision-making processes on this issue.

[S6W-33078 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the costs associated with maintaining and updating registers held by Registers of Scotland, and whether these are expected to change in the future.

[S6W-33097 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many vehicles that it owns are based in (a) Aberdeen and (b) the North East Scotland region.

[S6W-33273 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether any MSP spouses who work for MSPs in an unpaid capacity and have a Parliament IT account would be required to complete General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) training.

[S6W-33274 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether any MSP spouses who work for MSPs in an unpaid capacity and have a Parliament IT account would be bound by the Scottish Parliament's acceptable use of IT policy.

[S6W-33279 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-32904 by Fiona Hyslop on 14 January 2025, in light of the cabinet secretary's

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comment that "No full review of this [the Experimental Traffic Order (ETRO)], process has been undertaken since 2021 but officials have had a number of discussions with local authorities to provide further information on the change in process and to assist in putting the new measures in place", whether it will confirm what (a) partial reviews of this process have taken place, broken down by the (i) date and (ii) outcome of each review and (b) discussions have been held with local authorities, broken down by the (1) date, (2) local authorities involved and (3) outcome of each discussion, and for what reason this approach to the ETRO process took place, in light of the comment made by the then Minister for Transport in a letter to the Net Zero and Transport Committee on 16 December 2021 that "I can confirm that my officials will review the use of ETROs put in place by local authorities on a biannual basis for the first two years, then yearly thereafter...This will allow us to monitor not only the number of ETROs being made but also the purpose for which they are being used to assess if any further changes to legislation are required in the future."

[S6W-33280](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many rural schools there have been in each year since 2007.

[S6W-33281](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will update section 19 of the Historic Environment (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2011 to increase the maximum fine for offences in relation to unauthorised works and listed building consent above the current maximum of £50,000, recognising the effect of inflation, and whether it will consider pegging the fine to the independently assessed cost of restoring any damage.

[S6W-33282](#) Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made in delivering a national round-the-clock thrombectomy service, in line with the Stroke Improvement Plan 2023.

[S6W-33285](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how many full-time equivalent civil servants are currently engaged in work relating to Scottish independence.

[S6W-33286](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how much it plans to spend in 2025-26 on work related to Scottish independence.

[S6W-33287](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that it will publish the next paper in the *Building a New Scotland* series.

[S6W-33288](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent on the research, compilation and publication of the *Building a New Scotland* series of papers.

[S6W-33290](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how many full-time equivalent civil servants were employed at grade (a) A3, (b) A4, (c) B1, (d) B2, (e) B3, (f) C1, (g) C2 and (h) C3, in (i) 2021-22, (ii) 2022-23, (iii) 2023-24 and (iv) 2024-25, and what the numbers are projected to be in 2025-26.

[S6W-33291](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how many civil servants are currently employed in roles related to the deployment of artificial intelligence within the public sector.

[S6W-33292](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government when it next plans to provide an update on the use of artificial intelligence within the public sector.

[S6W-33293](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how many civil servants (a) retired, (b) took voluntary redundancy and (c) were made redundant involuntarily, broken down by grade (i) A3, (ii) A4, (iii) B1, (iv) B2, (v) B3, (vi) C1, (vii) C2 and (viii) C3 in (A) 2021-22, (B) 2022-23, (C) 2023-24 and (D) 2024-25 to date.

[S6W-33294](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding has been provided to neighbourhood watch schemes in each year since 1999.

[S6W-33295](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many students from (a) Scotland have accessed further and higher education courses in English institutions and (b) England have accessed further and higher education courses in Scottish institutions in each year since 1999.

[S6W-33296 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many students from (a) Scotland have accessed apprenticeship courses in English institutions and (b) England have accessed apprenticeship courses in Scottish institutions in each year since 1999.

[S6W-33297 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many play parks have been upgraded in each local authority area in each year since 2021.

[S6W-33298 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much has been allocated to each local authority to upgrade play parks in each year since 2021.

[S6W-33300 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to develop educational standards.

[S6W-33301 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the current spend per individual on palliative care by each Integrated Joint Board (IJB).

[S6W-33302 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what the estimated cost is for delivering a new Edinburgh eye hospital.

[S6W-33303 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what NHS digitalisation projects it is taking forward.

[S6W-33304 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what NHS patient record digitisation projects are being taken forward.

[S6W-33305 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how many children and young people have been placed on part-time timetables in schools in each year since 1999, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-33309 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to introduce a child and young person exploitation offence.

[S6W-33310 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many reports of children and young people being exploited have been recorded by Police Scotland in each year since 1999.

[S6W-33311 Paul O'Kane](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it plans to introduce a bill following its consultation, Adults with Incapacity Amendment Act.

[S6W-33312 Ben Macpherson](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it is addressing youth violence, in light of its Youth Violence Summit on 13 January 2025.

[S6W-33313 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government what funding it has allocated to research by Scottish universities on alcohol and drug misuse in 2024-25.

[S6W-33314 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to address respiratory problems that are associated with smoking illicit drugs.

[S6W-33315 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to address any infections associated with individuals consuming illicit drugs through injections.

[S6W-33316 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with law enforcement agencies to tackle the supply of pipes and other paraphernalia used to consume illicit drugs.

[S6W-33317 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government what the projected cost is of the safer drug consumption facility, The Thistle, in Glasgow, over the next three years.

[S6W-33318 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to help ensure that menstruation is not a barrier to women and girls being involved in sports.

[S6W-33319 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it is working to help ensure that victims of trauma, either physical or mental, do not turn to illicit substance use.

[S6W-33320 Alexander Burnett](#): To ask the Scottish Government what controls exist regarding pricing structure at public electric car recharging stations, in light of reports that the cost of recharging at home is approximately 7p (off peak) to 24p (standard rate) per kWh, while the cost of using a public charger varies from around 79p to 85p per kWh.

[S6W-33321 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to address the reported possibility of drug gangs attempting to profit from the opening of The Thistle facility, in Glasgow, by selling illicit substances nearby the facility to individuals who are already facing addiction issues.

[S6W-33324](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it has had with stroke clinicians and third sector organisations in relation to thrombectomy funding in its draft Budget 2025-26.

[S6W-33330](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the priorities from the Neurological Care and Support Framework for Action 2020-2025 that will not have been reached by the end of the framework period.

[S6W-33331](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has identified the next priorities for the improvement of neurological care and support; if so, what these priorities are; what funding it will put towards achieving them, and over what time period.

[S6W-33332](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards have not received any direct investment in neurology services since the start of the period covered by the Neurological Care and Support Framework for Action 2020-2025.

[S6W-33333](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government which neurological conditions it has invested in through framework funding during the period covered by the Neurological Care and Support Framework for Action 2020-2025.

[S6W-33334](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether any so-called postcode lottery in neurological care and support provision has been fully addressed through the actions set out in the document, *Neurological Care and Support in Scotland: A Framework for Action 2020 – 2025*.

[S6W-33335](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how many people with a terminal neurological condition have met the criteria for requiring palliative care in each year since 2021-22, broken down by how many received specialist palliative care.

[S6W-33336](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has invested in clinical research into (a) dementia, (b) neurodegenerative conditions, (c) non-neurodegenerative conditions and (d) other neurological conditions in each of the last five years.

[S6W-33337](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) neuropsychologists and (b) trainee neuropsychologists there are, broken down by NHS board.

[S6W-33338](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to advance professional expertise in the training of neurologists in (a) immunology and (b) virology, and what action it is taking to improve the integration of neurological practice with these specialities.

[S6W-33339](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the date by which it plans to publish its Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan.

[S6W-33342](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will expand the Young Patients Family Fund eligibility criteria to (a) those attending day treatment and (b) under-25s.

[S6W-33343](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what financial support it provides to 18- to 25-year-olds to attend day appointments for cancer treatment.

[S6W-33344](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported concerns that funding measures announced in its draft Budget 2025-26 do not go far enough to address the challenges facing children and young people with cancer.

[S6W-33345](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish an evaluation of the outcomes of the Collaborative and Compassionate Cancer Care – The Cancer Strategy for Children and Young People in Scotland 2021-2026.

[S6W-33346](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to renew the Collaborative and Compassionate Care – The Cancer Strategy for Children and Young People in Scotland 2021-2026.

[S6W-33347](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will capture the experience of under 16-year-olds with cancer, and their parents, in a survey, similar to the surveys of those over 16 with the condition.

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[S6W-33348](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what data is published that disaggregates the information that it has for 16- to 25-year-olds with cancer from other age groups.

[S6W-33349](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-26129 by Gillian Martin on 20 March 2024, whether it will provide an update on its work with the National Electricity System Operator to develop a Strategic Spatial Energy Plan.

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New Bills introduced or reprinted on 15 January 2025

Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 29B) (Government Bill)

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 15 January 2025

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 13

Tess White

541 In section 13, page 10, leave out lines 20 to 26

Section 16

Tess White

542 In section 16, page 13, leave out lines 5 to 10

Section 21

Paul O'Kane

543 Leave out section 21

Section 22

Paul O'Kane

544 Leave out section 22

Section 24

Paul O'Kane

545 Leave out section 24

Section 26

Tess White

546 In section 26, page 21, leave out lines 15 to 17

Tess White

547 In section 26, page 21, leave out line 20

Tess White

548 In section 26, page 21, line 23, leave out subsection (7)

Section 39

Pam Gosal

549 In section 39, page 30, line 15, at end insert—

<() a registered foreign lawyer within the meaning of section 65(1) of the 1980 Act, or>

Paul O'Kane

550 In section 39, page 30, line 17, after <solicitors> insert (whether or not in combination with a registered foreign lawyer or lawyers)

Pam Gosal

551 In section 39, page 30, line 18, at end insert—

<(iii) a registered foreign lawyer or lawyers within the meaning of section 65(1) of the 1980 Act, or>

Pam Gosal

552 In section 39, page 30, line 18, at end insert—

<(iv) a body of persons (corporated or unincorporated) mentioned in sub-paragraph (i), (ii), or (iii).>

Paul O'Kane

553 In section 39, page 30, line 18, at end insert—

<() any combination of those persons.>

Pam Gosal

554 In section 39, page 30, line 18, at end insert—

<() is wholly owned by a combination of persons or bodies mentioned in paragraph (b).>

Paul O'Kane

555 In section 39, page 30, line 31, after <solicitor> insert <or registered foreign lawyer>

Section 41

Paul O'Kane

556 In section 41, page 31, line 24, at end insert—

<() ALB rules may make provision for waiver of any requirement of the ALB rules in circumstances where waiver would be consistent with the category 1 regulator's obligations in relation to the application of the regulatory objectives.>

Section 52

Paul O'Kane

557 In section 52, page 39, line 15, after <complaints> insert <—
()>

Paul O'Kane

558 In section 52, page 39, line 21, at end insert—
<() take the preliminary steps mentioned in subsection (4).>

Paul O'Kane

559 In section 52, page 40, leave out line 1

Paul O'Kane

560 In section 52, page 40, line 1, at end insert—
<() in subsection (4), in paragraph (a), the word “totally” is repealed,>

After section 52

Tess White

561 After section 52, insert—
<Existence of specified regulatory scheme
(1) The 2007 Act is amended as follows.
(2) Section 3 (existence of specified regulatory scheme) is repealed.>

Section 53

Paul O'Kane

562 In section 53, page 40, line 34, leave out subsections (4) and (5)

Paul O'Kane

563 In section 53, page 41, leave out line 3

Paul O'Kane

564 In section 53, page 41, line 13, after <complaint> insert <, and
(c) proceeds to determine under section 2(4) whether the complaint is frivolous,
vexatious or without merit and determines that it is none of these things>

Paul O'Kane

565 In section 53, page 41, line 31, at end insert—
<(aa) proceeds to determine under section 2(4) whether the complaint is frivolous,
vexatious or without merit and determines that it is none of these things, and>

Section 54

Tess White

- 566 In section 54, page 41, line 8, leave out subsection (2) and insert—
<() Section 6 (complaint determined to be conduct complaint) is repealed.>

Tess White

- 567 In section 54, page 41, line 26, at end insert—
<() the title of the section becomes “**Local resolution or mediation**”,>

Tess White

- 568 In section 54, page 41, line 30, leave out <(b)(i)>

Tess White

- 569 In section 54, page 41, line 31, leave out <(in whole or in part) a services complaint> and insert <a complaint falling within a category of complaint mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of section 2(1A)>

Tess White

- 570 In section 54, page 42, line 5, after <determine)> insert—
<() the title of the section becomes “**Commission’s duty to investigate and determine complaint**”,
() in subsection (1)—
(i) in paragraph (a), the word “services” is repealed,
(ii) in paragraph (b), the word “services” is repealed,
(iii) in paragraph (d), for “services complaint” substitute “complaint falling within a category of complaint mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of section 2(1A)”,
() in subsection (1A)—
(i) in paragraphs (a), the word “services” is repealed,
(ii) in paragraphs (b), the word “services” is repealed,
() in subsection (1B), the word “services” is repealed,>

Paul O’Kane

- 571 In section 54, page 42, line 7, leave out subsection (6) and insert—
<() In section 9A (services complaint: further provision)—
(a) in subsection (1), in paragraph (c), the word “totally” is repealed,
(b) in subsection (4), the word “totally” is repealed.>

Paul O’Kane

- 572 In section 54, page 42, line 8, leave out subsection (7)

Section 55

Paul O'Kane

- 573 In section 55, page 42, line 18, after <complaint> insert <,and
(c) proceeds to determine under section 2(4) whether the complaint is frivolous, vexatious or without merit and determines that it is none of these things>

Tess White

- 574 Leave out section 55

Section 56

Tess White

- 575 In section 56, page 43, line 24, at end insert—
<() the title of the section becomes “**Commission upholds complaint**”,
() in subsection (1), the word “services” is repealed,>

Tess White

- 576 In section 56, page 43, leave out lines 32 to 36

Tess White

- 577 In section 56, page 44, line 1, leave out <Services>

Section 57

Paul O'Kane

- 578 In section 57, page 44, leave out lines 40 and 41

Section 58

Tess White

- 579 In section 58, page 45, line 8, at end insert—
<() in the title of the section becomes “**Complaint: reports**”,
() in subsection (1)—
(i) paragraph (a), the word “services” is repealed,
(ii) paragraph (b), the word “services” is repealed,>

Tess White

- 580 In section 58, page 45, line 17, leave out <services>

Tess White

581 In section 58, page 45, line 18, leave out <services>

Paul O'Kane

582 In section 58, page 46, line 3, after <in accordance with> insert <section 2(4) or>

Tess White

583 In section 58, page 46, leave out lines 5 to 10

Tess White

584 In section 58, page 46, line 11, leave out <services>

Tess White

585 In section 58, page 46, line 13, leave out <services>

Tess White

586 In section 58, page 46, line 15, leave out <services>

Tess White

587 In section 58, page 46, line 16, leave out <services>

Tess White

588 In section 58, page 46, line 38, leave out <services>

Tess White

589 In section 58, page 46, line 39, leave out <services>

Paul O'Kane

590 In section 58, page 47, line 19, after <in accordance with> insert <section 2(4) or>

Tess White

591 In section 58, page 47, leave out lines 20 to 25

Tess White

592 In section 58, page 47, line 26, leave out <services>

Section 59

Tess White

593 In section 59, page 47, line 31, leave out <services>

After section 59

Tess White

594 After section 59, insert—

<**Complaint appears to fall within different category**

- (1) The 2007 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) Section 15 (complaint appears during mediation or investigation to fall within different category) is repealed.>

Section 60

Tess White

595 In section 60, page 48, line 31, leave out subsections (3) and (4) insert—

- <() Section 37 (obtaining of information from relevant professional organisations) is repealed.
- () Section 48 (conduct complaints and reviews: power of relevant professional organisations to examine documents and demand explanations) is repealed.>

Section 62

Tess White

596 In section 62, page 50, line 6, leave out <*Services complaints*:>

Tess White

597 In section 62, page 50, line 7, leave out <**Services complaints**:>

Tess White

598 In section 62, page 50, line 9, leave out <services>

Tess White

599 In section 62, page 50, line 13, leave out <services>

Tess White

600 In section 62, page 50, line 34, leave out <services>

Section 63

Tess White

601 In section 63, page 51, line 20, leave out subsections (2) to (4) and insert—

- <() Section 23 (handling by relevant professional organisations of conduct complaints: investigation by Commission) is repealed.

- () Section 24 (investigation under section 23: final report and recommendations) is repealed.
- () Section 25 (failure to comply with recommendation) is repealed.>

Section 64

Tess White

- 602** In section 64, page 54, line 2, after <(1)> insert<—
<() the word “services” is repealed,
()>

Section 65

Tess White

- 603** In section 65, page 56, line 6, leave out second <services>

Tess White

- 604** In section 65, page 56, line 8, leave out second <services>

Section 66

Paul O'Kane

- 605** In section 66, page 56, line 35, after <criteria> insert <under paragraph (a) or section 2(4)>

Tess White

- 606** In section 66, page 57, leave out lines 3 to 18 and insert <investigate a complaint by virtue of section 9,>

Tess White

- 607** In section 66, page 57, line 20, leave out <services>

Tess White

- 608** In section 66, page 57, leave out lines 22 and 23

Tess White

- 609** In section 66, page 57, line 25, leave out <services>

Tess White

- 610** In section 66, page 57, leave out lines 27 and 28

Tess White

- 611** In section 66, page 57, line 29, leave out <services>

Tess White

612 In section 66, page 57, line 31, leave out <services>

Tess White

613 In section 66, page 57, line 32, leave out <or a handling complaint>

Tess White

614 In section 66, page 58, line 3, leave out <services>

Tess White

615 In section 66, page 58, leave out lines 5 and 6

Tess White

616 In section 66, page 58, line 13, leave out from <whether> to end of line 15> and insert <is being (or is to be) investigated by the Commission>

Tess White

617 In section 66, page 58, line 19, leave out <services>

Tess White

618 In section 66, page 59, line 5, leave out <services>

Tess White

619 In section 66, page 59, line 7, leave out <services>

Tess White

620 In section 66, page 59, leave out lines 22 to 25

Tess White

621 In section 66, page 59, line 32, leave out <services>

Tess White

622 In section 66, page 59, leave out lines 34 to 41

Section 67

Tess White

623 In section 67, page 60, line 5, at end insert—
<() paragraph (b) of that subsection is repealed,>

Tess White

624 In section 67, page 60, leave out lines 16 to 20

Tess White

625 In section 67, page 60, line 21, leave out subsection (3)

Section 68

Tess White

626 Leave out section 68

Section 69

Tess White

627 In section 69, page 62, line 12, at end insert—

<() In section 34 (Commission’s duty to provide advice), in subsection (1), the word “services” is repealed.>

Tess White

628 In section 69, page 62, line 14, after <sharing> insert—

<() the title of the section becomes “**Complaints: monitoring, reports, protocols and information sharing**”,
() in subsection (1), the word “services” is repealed,
()>

Tess White

629 In section 69, page 62, line 15, leave out <services>

Tess White

630 In section 69, page 62, line 16, leave out subsections (3) and (4) and insert—

<() Section 36 (conduct complaints: monitoring, reports, guidance and recommendations) is repealed.>

Tess White

631 In section 69, page 64, leave out lines 16 to 23 and insert <complaints being dealt with by the Commissioner under sections 8 to 12.>

Section 71

Tess White

632 In section 71, page 67, leave out line 16

Section 72

Tess White

633 In section 72, page 68, line 25, at end insert—

- <() subsection (1) is repealed,
() in subsection (3), in the opening words, the words “(1) or” are repealed,>

Tess White

634 In section 72, page 68, line 26, at end insert—

- <() in subsection (8), in paragraph (a), the words “(1) or” are repealed,>

Section 73

Tess White

635 Leave out section 73

After section 73

Tess White

636 After section 73, insert—

<Repeal: investigation of conduct complaints by professional organisations

- (1) The 2007 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) Section 38 (efficient and effective working) is repealed.
- (3) Section 47 (conduct complaints: duty of relevant professional organisations to investigate etc.) is repealed.
- (4) Section 48 (conduct complaints and reviews: power of relevant professional organisations to examine documents and demand explanations) is repealed.
- (5) Schedule 4 (further powers of relevant organisations under section 48) is repealed.
- (6) Section 49 (conduct complaints: financial impropriety) is repealed.
- (7) Section 50 (power of relevant professional organisations to recover certain expenses) is repealed.
- (8) Section 51 (powers in relation to documents and information from third parties) is repealed.>

Before section 78

Tess White

637 Before section 78, insert—

<Review of Act

Review of Act

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the review period—
 - (a) undertake a review of the operation and effectiveness of the Act, and
 - (b) prepare a report on that review.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may delegate their functions under subsection (1) to such a person as they consider appropriate.
- (3) When undertaking a review under subsection (1)(a), the Scottish Ministers (or, if applicable, the person to whom the function is delegated under subsection (2)) must consult—
 - (a) regulators of legal services,
 - (b) consumers of legal services,
 - (c) such other persons as are considered appropriate.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the report is prepared—
 - (a) publish the report, and
 - (b) lay it before the Scottish Parliament.
- (5) In this section, “the review period” means the period of 5 years beginning with the day after Royal Assent.>

After section 86

Tess White

638 After section 86, insert—

<Safeguarding interests of clients

- (1) The 1980 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 45 (safeguarding interests of clients of solicitor struck off or suspended) insert—

“45A Safeguarding interests of clients of an authorised legal business where authorisation suspended or withdrawn

- (1) This section has effect in relation to any authorised legal business whose authorisation to provide legal services is suspended or withdrawn (such business being referred to in this section as a “former authorised legal business”).
- (2) The right to operate on or otherwise deal with any client account in the name of the former authorised legal business shall vest in the Society (notwithstanding any enactment or rule of law to the contrary) to the exclusion of any other person and shall be exercisable as from the date of suspension or withdrawal of the relevant authorisation (as applicable).
- (3) Any sum of money held by or in the name of the former authorised legal business on behalf of, or in relation to—
 - (a) the clients of the former authorised legal business, or
 - (b) any trust of the kind mentioned in subsection (5)(b),

shall vest in the Society (notwithstanding any enactment or rule of law to the contrary) to the exclusion of any other person with effect from the date of suspension or withdrawal of the relevant authorisation (as applicable).

- (4) The Council may direct any former authorised legal business or any other person to take any specified action (or to refrain from doing something) if the Council considers that to be necessary or expedient for safeguarding the interests of the clients of the former authorised legal business.
 - (5) Directions given under subsection (4) may in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of subsection (4)) require the former authorised legal business or any other person to make available to a relevant person or body any document or information (of whatever kind) held or previously held in the possession or control of the former authorised legal business which—
 - (a) relates to, or is held on behalf of, a client of the former authorised legal business, or
 - (b) relates to any trust of which the former authorised legal business (or any of its members, owners, partners or directors or any entity owned by the former authorised legal business or its members, owners, partners or directors (or any of them) for the purposes of being a trustee) is sole trustee or co-trustee only with one or more of the members, owners, partners, directors or employees of the former authorised legal business).
 - (6) For the purposes of subsection (5), a relevant person or body is—
 - (a) the particular client,
 - (b) the Society,
 - (c) an authorised legal business or licensed legal services provider that is instructed by the particular client, the former authorised legal business or the Council to act in place of the former authorised legal business.
 - (7) The Court of Session may, on application by the Council, make an order—
 - (a) requiring the former authorised legal business or any other person to comply with a direction given under subsection (4),
 - (b) varying the direction or imposing such conditions as the Court considers appropriate in all the circumstances,
 - (c) providing that, without the leave of the Court, no payment may be made by any bank, building society or other body named in the order out of any account (or any sum otherwise deposited) in the name of the former authorised legal business,
 - (d) providing otherwise as it may see fit.
 - (8) Before making an order under subsection (7), the Court must—
 - (a) save where the Court considers it an appropriate course of action in all the circumstances of the case to dispense with this requirement, give the former authorised legal business and any other person with an interest an opportunity to be heard,
 - (b) be satisfied that the order represents an appropriate course of action in all the circumstances of the case.
 - (9) Part II of Schedule 3 has effect in relation to the powers of the Council under this section.”.
- (3) After section 46 (safeguarding interests of clients in certain other cases) insert—

“46A Safeguarding interests of clients in certain other cases

- (1) This section applies where an authorised legal business consists of or is wholly owned by a sole solicitor and that sole solicitor—
 - (a) has died,
 - (b) is incapacitated by illness or accident to such an extent as to be unable to operate and manage the relevant authorised legal business, or
 - (c) is disqualified from operating or managing the relevant authorised legal business (whether as a result of the suspension or withdrawal of the practising certificate of the sole solicitor or the imposition of conditions on that certificate or otherwise).
- (2) The right to operate on or otherwise deal with any client account in the name of the solicitor or the relevant authorised legal business shall vest in the Society (notwithstanding any enactment or rule of law to the contrary) to the exclusion of any personal representatives of the solicitor or any other person, and shall be exercisable as from the date of the death, incapacity or disqualification of the solicitor.
- (3) Any sum of money held by, or in the name of, the solicitor or the relevant authorised legal business on behalf of, or in relation to—
 - (a) the clients of the solicitor or the relevant authorised legal business, or
 - (b) any trust of the kind mentioned in subsection (4)(b),
 shall vest in the Society (notwithstanding any enactment or rule of law to the contrary) to the exclusion of any personal representatives of the solicitor or any other person with effect from the date of the death, incapacity or disqualification of the solicitor (as applicable).
- (4) The Council may issue a direction requiring that any document or information (of whatever kind) held or previously held in the possession or control of the solicitor or relevant authorised legal business which—
 - (a) relates to, or is held on behalf of, a client of the solicitor or relevant authorised legal business, or
 - (b) relates to any trust of which the solicitor or relevant authorised legal business or any entity owned by the solicitor or relevant authorised legal business formed for the purposes of being a trustee is sole trustee or co-trustee only with one or more of its employees is made available to—
 - (i) the particular client,
 - (ii) the Society,
 - (iii) an authorised legal business or licensed legal services provider that is instructed by the particular client or the Council to act in place of the solicitor or the relevant authorised legal business.
- (5) The Court of Session may, on an application by the Council, make an order—
 - (a) requiring any party with possession or control of the relevant document or information to comply with a direction given under subsection (4) within such time as the Court may order,
 - (b) varying the direction or imposing such conditions as the Court considers

appropriate in all the circumstances,

- (c) providing that, without the leave of the Court, no payment may be made by any bank, building society or other body named in the order out of any account (or any sum otherwise deposited) in the name of the solicitor or the relevant authorised legal business,
 - (d) providing otherwise as it may see fit.
- (6) Before making an order under subsection (5), the Court must—
- (a) save where the Court considers it an appropriate course of action in all the circumstances of the case to dispense with this requirement, give any person with an interest an opportunity to be heard,
 - (b) be satisfied that the order represents an appropriate course of action in all the circumstances of the case.
- (7) Part II of Schedule 3 has effect in relation to the powers of the Council under this section.
- (8) For the purposes of this section an authorised legal business will be deemed to consist of a sole solicitor where that solicitor is practising under his own name or as a single solicitor under a firm or business name.
- (9) An authorised legal business which is wholly owned by a body or bodies (including a body or bodies corporate) will be deemed to be wholly owned by a sole solicitor where such body or bodies are wholly owned (whether through direct or indirect ownership) by a single solicitor.
- (10) An authorised legal business which is partially owned by a body or bodies (including a body or bodies corporate) will be deemed to be wholly owned by a sole solicitor where such body or bodies are wholly owned (whether through direct or indirect ownership) by a single solicitor and the authorised legal business is otherwise owned by the same single solicitor.”.
- (4) Sections 45 (safeguarding interests of clients of solicitor struck off or suspended) and 46 (safeguarding interests of clients in certain other cases) are repealed.
- (5) In section 42C(4) (powers to examine documents and demand explanations in connection with complaints), for “sections 45 and 46” in both places it occurs substitute “sections 45A and 46A”.
- (6) In Part II of Schedule 3, in paragraph 5—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)—
 - (i) for “45 or 46” substitute “45A or 46A”,
 - (ii) for “required” where it first occurs substitute “directed”,
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (2) for “45 or 46” substitute “45A or 46A”,
 - (c) sub-paragraph (3) is repealed.>

Paul O’Kane

639 After section 86, insert—

<Recovery of expenses of intervention

- (1) In section 62A of the 1980 Act (Council's power to recover expenses incurred under section 45 or 46)—

- (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) the words “Without prejudice to the Society's entitlement under section 46(4) to recover expenses” are repealed,
 - (ii) after the word “solicitor” insert “(or from the estate of a solicitor who has died)”,
 - (iii) for “45, or 46”, substitute “45A or 46A (including, but not limited to, making directions under section 45A(4) or 46A(6))”,
- (b) subsection (2) is repealed,
- (c) after subsection (2) insert—
 - “(3) The Court, on the application of the Council, may order a current or former partner, owner, director, or member (as the case may be) of a solicitor or authorised legal business in respect of whom the Council has taken any action under sections 45A or 46A (including, but not limited to, making directions under section 45A(4) or 46A(4)) to pay a specified proportion of the expenditure mentioned in subsection (1).
 - (4) The Court may make an order under subsection (3) only if it is satisfied that the conduct (or any part of the conduct) by reason of which the powers conferred by sections 45A or 46A were exercisable in relation to the solicitor or authorised legal business was conduct carried on with the consent or connivance of, or was attributable to any neglect on the part of, the current or former partner, owner, director, or member.
 - (5) In subsection (3), “specified” means specified in the order made by the Court.”.
- (2) In section 70 of the 2010 Act (safeguarding clients)—
 - (a) after subsection (2) insert—
 - “(2A) The right to operate on or otherwise deal with any client account in the name of the licensed provider shall vest in the approved regulator (notwithstanding any enactment or rule of law to the contrary) to the exclusion of any other person and shall be exercisable as from the date of suspension or revocation of the licensed provider's licence (as applicable).
 - (2B) Any sum of money held by, or in the name of, the licensed provider on behalf of, or in relation to (a) the clients of the licensed provider or (b) any trust of the kind mentioned in paragraph (a)(ii) of subsection (4) shall vest in the approved regulator (notwithstanding any enactment or rule of law to the contrary) to the exclusion any other person with effect from the date of the suspension or revocation of the licensed provider's licence (as applicable).”.
 - (b) in subsection (4)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a)(ii), after the words “within it” insert “or any entity owned by the licensed provider or any of its investors or directors formed for the purposes of being a trustee”,
 - (ii) paragraph (b) is repealed,
 - (c) in subsection (6), after paragraph (c) insert—
 - “(d) providing otherwise as it may see fit.”,
 - (d) in subsection (7), in paragraph (a), at beginning insert “save where the Court considers it an appropriate course of action in all the circumstances of the case to dispense with this

requirement,”

(e) after subsection (8) insert—

“(8A) The Court, on the application of the approved regulator, may order a responsible official of a licensed provider in respect of whom it has taken any action under this section to pay a specified proportion of the expenditure mentioned in subsection (8).

(8B) The Court may make an order under subsection (8A) only if it is satisfied that the conduct (or any part of the conduct) by reason of which the powers conferred by this section are exercisable in relation to the licensed provider was conduct carried on with the consent or connivance of, or was attributable to any neglect on the part of, the responsible official.

(8C) In subsections (8A) and (8B)—

“a responsible official” is—

- (a) a current or former investor in the licensed provider,
- (b) in the case of a licensed provider that is a company, a current or former director or other similar officer,
- (c) in the case of a licensed provider that is a limited liability partnership, a current or former member,
- (d) in the case of a licensed provider that is a partnership, a current or former partner,
- (e) in the case of a licensed provider that is another body or association, a person who is or was concerned in the management or control of its affairs, but in each case also extends to a person purporting to act in such a capacity,

“specified” means specified in the order made by the Court.”>

Schedule 3

Paul O’Kane

640 In schedule 3, page 107, leave out lines 23 and 24

Section 91

Paul O’Kane

641 In section 91, page 77, line 26, at end insert—

<“registered foreign lawyer” is to be construed in accordance with section 65(1) of the 1980 Act,>

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Section 1

Maurice Golden

- 4 In section 1, page 1, line 16, after <consult> insert <—
() such persons as they consider to be representative of prospective suppliers of dogs,
() such persons as they consider to be representative of prospective acquirers of dogs,
()>

Section 2

Maurice Golden

- 5 In section 2, page 2, line 9, after <breed> insert <or type>

Maurice Golden

- 6 In section 2, page 2, line 10, after <breeds> insert <or types>

Section 3

Maurice Golden

- 7 In section 3, page 3, line 3, at end insert—
<() Before acquiring the dog, the prospective acquirer is to confirm with the prospective supplier that the dog has been microchipped.>

Maurice Golden

- 8 In section 3, page 3, line 5, at end insert—
<“microchipped” means microchipped in accordance with regulation 6 of The Microchipping of Dogs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/58).>

Section 4

Maurice Golden

- 9 In section 4, page 3, line 23, at end insert—
<() the microchip details of the dog,>

Maurice Golden

- 10 In section 4, page 3, line 29, at end insert—
<() In this section, a certificate may take the form of a written contract for the sale and purchase of a puppy, where applicable.>

Maurice Golden

11 In section 4, page 3, line 29, at end insert—

<() In this section “microchip” has the meaning given in The Microchipping of Dogs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/58).>

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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 (55th 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

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

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

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

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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

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

Passed, 15 January 2025

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

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)

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

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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 (63rd Report, 2024)

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Passed, 17 December 2024

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024

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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

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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 (75th Report, 2024)
Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 16 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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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

Great British Energy Bill LCM-S6-48

Lodged on 8 August 2024

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

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

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

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

Product Regulation and Metrology Bill LCM-S6-50

Lodged on 24 September 2024

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

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

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

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

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

Tobacco and Vapes Bill LCM-S6-51

Lodged on 21 November 2024

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

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)

Subject to approval by 9 February 2025

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[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)

Subject to approval by 3 March 2025

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

[Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Incidental, Supplementary and Consequential Provision\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(14 January 2025\)](#) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

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

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

Negative instruments

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)

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Lead committee report due by 17 February 2025

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