

Wednesday 22 January 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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: Delivering School
Environments Where it is Safe for Pupils to
Learn and Teachers to Teach

followed by Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party Debate: Ensuring that
Communities are at the Heart of the
Electricity Consenting Process

followed by Business Motions

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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

Committee Meetings

9:00am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public
Petitions Committee

9:30am Criminal Justice Committee

9:30am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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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](#))

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](#))

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Delivering School Environments Where it is Safe for Pupils to Learn and Teachers to Teach

[S6M-16170](#) Miles Briggs: Delivering School Environments Where it is Safe for Pupils to Learn and Teachers to Teach—That the Parliament notes the ongoing concern at reported cases of violence against pupils and staff, and disruption in schools, and the need for action to help restore positive learning environments in which all young people and teachers are safe to learn and teach in a respectful and supported setting; welcomes the publication of the joint national action plan with COSLA in August 2024, which set out a range of actions needed to be taken at both local and national levels to address violence in schools, alongside the Scottish Government's action plan on tackling violence and verbal abuse in schools; calls on ministers to bring forward an update to the Parliament on how these actions are being taken forward; further calls on ministers to review the reporting and publication of data on incidents relating to violence and harassment in schools; notes the disparity in the availability of early years provision across Scotland and the potential long-term impacts on children's development and educational outcomes; calls for a review to identify and mitigate negative influences on learning environments in primary schools, including factors affecting pupil behaviour and engagement; further calls on the Scottish Government to support children and young people impacted by violence and disruption in schools and to facilitate an environment in which all young people are safe to learn, develop and grow; notes the publication of the Scottish Government guidance on mobile phones in schools, and calls on ministers to take forward a national policy on a ban on mobile phones in classrooms and the provision of single-sex toilets and accessible toilets in all schools; acknowledges the recent passing of a law banning children under 16 from using social media in Australia, and calls on ministers to undertake a review in Scotland of the negative impact of social media on young people and the growing body of evidence suggesting that "over-exposure" to mobile phones and social media can result in pupils experiencing limited concentration, isolation and poor mental health, as well as the potential for a similar ban in Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-16170.3](#) Natalie Don-Innes: Delivering School Environments Where it is Safe for Pupils to Learn and Teachers to Teach—As an amendment to motion S6M-16170 in the name of Miles Briggs (Delivering School Environments Where it is Safe for Pupils to Learn and Teachers to Teach), leave out from first "calls on ministers" to end and insert "recognises the importance of the Scottish Government and local authorities working together to facilitate an environment in which all young people are safe to learn, develop and grow; notes the Scottish Government national guidance on mobile phones in schools, which empowers headteachers to take decisions on banning mobile phone use in schools; agrees with the importance of ensuring that children are protected from online harms; notes the importance of ensuring that children and young people are

able to share their perspective on their education, and calls on all partners to continue working closely with the Scottish Government to improve behaviour and relationships in schools.”

[S6M-16170.2 Pam Duncan-Glancy: Delivering School Environments Where it is Safe for Pupils to Learn and Teachers to Teach](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-16170 in the name of Miles Briggs (Delivering School Environments Where it is Safe for Pupils to Learn and Teachers to Teach), leave out from “the disparity” to end and insert “that the GMB union has described the environment in schools as a ‘national emergency’, and that reports from NASUWT state that teachers in Scotland ‘fear for their safety’; further notes the concerns raised by teaching unions, such as EIS, that teachers are working, on average, 11 hours per week unpaid; is concerned about the evidence of the impact of violence, particularly on women and girls, in schools; believes that this situation is not sustainable; considers that adequate staffing is required to create a safe environment in schools, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish a comprehensive plan to address gaps in the teaching and school staff workforce, as voted for by the Parliament on 15 May 2024; believes that long waits and gaps in the provision of public services, such as child and adolescent mental health services, educational psychology and speech and language therapy, have a detrimental impact on the school environment, and particularly children with additional support needs; welcomes the Equally Safe delivery plan, which gives direction to the Equally Safe at School programme; supports the finding in the Education, Children and Young People Committee’s report on additional support for learning that the Scottish Government and the Scottish Futures Trust should work with local authorities ‘to ensure that schools are designed as accessible and welcoming environments for all’, and believes that this should include classroom design as well as the availability of single-sex, accessible and Changing Places toilets, and calls on ministers to consider the growing body of evidence suggesting that ‘over-exposure’ to social media can result in pupils experiencing limited concentration, isolation and poor mental health, and to bring forward a national policy on how best to address this in Scotland.” **R**

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process

[S6M-16171 Douglas Lumsden: Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process](#)—That the Parliament opposes the UK and Scottish governments’ jointly proposed reforms to the consenting process under the Electricity Act 1989, which risk silencing the voices of communities by removing the right to a public inquiry on consent decisions; notes with concern that the Scottish Government has allowed pylons and other electricity infrastructure to be built without the consent of local communities; acknowledges that community groups often do not have the resources to oppose electricity infrastructure, and calls on the Scottish Government to consider how this could be addressed, and implores both governments to abandon these plans and to ensure that community voices are at the heart of the consenting process going forward.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-16171.3 Alasdair Allan: Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-16171 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process), leave out from “opposes” to end and insert “believes that communities must be at the heart of the renewable energy transition, and that it is vital that they share in the significant benefits that will be created, in contrast with how Scotland’s communities have been failed for decades under successive UK administrations’ energy policies; notes the ongoing representations by the Scottish Government to the UK Government around the need for energy market reform; further notes that Scotland has

some of the most stringent environmental impact regulations anywhere in the world and that the planning and consenting system is designed to ensure that local communities have their say; notes that the proposed reforms have long been the established position in England, which the previous UK Conservative administration did not alter in its 14 years in office, and understands that the proposals would require developers to consult communities much earlier in the planning process, which will ensure that affected communities can more meaningfully influence the process of project development.”

S6M-16171.1 Sarah Boyack: Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process—As an amendment to motion S6M-16171 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process), leave out from "opposes" to end and insert "agrees that the fastest and more secure way to deliver lower energy bills, create future energy jobs in Scotland and deliver energy security is to move to clean power; welcomes the UK Government's mission to establish a net zero electricity system by 2030; acknowledges that this will require the development of new energy infrastructure; considers it crucial that communities close to energy generation benefit from that infrastructure; welcomes, therefore, the creation of GB Energy and the commitment that it will support communities to take a stake in local renewable energy projects through the Local Power Plan, and calls on the UK and Scottish governments to work together to support the development of renewable energy supply chains in Scotland to create long-term, sustainable jobs as part of the energy transition.”

S6M-16171.2 Liam McArthur: Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process—As an amendment to motion S6M-16171 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process), leave out from "opposes" to end and insert "understands that the UK and Scottish governments' jointly proposed changes to the Electricity Act 1989 and the consenting process have recently been issued for consultation, and recognises the importance of listening to the views of communities and other stakeholders before any changes are made; believes that delays to the delivery of vital transmission infrastructure risk holding back essential investment to decarbonise all sectors of the economy and the opportunity to put areas, including the north east and Highlands and Islands, at the forefront of the UK's renewables revolution, but that the grid changes required must give due respect to the environment, landscape, cultural history, wellbeing and property rights of local people; notes that the outcome of the consultation has yet to be published, and calls, therefore, on both of Scotland's governments to ensure that any concerns raised through the consultation are appropriately addressed and that concerted action is taken to build community support, secure a consensus around the grid changes that need to be made, and provide greater clarity to the public about why upgrades to the electricity network are important for Scotland's economy, energy security and climate obligations, whilst also ensuring that developers fulfil their obligations and duties.”

followed by Business Motions

S6M-16185 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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 Debate: Investing in Public Services Through the Scottish Budget

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 January 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 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

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Creative Scotland Multi-Year Funding

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

followed by Appointment of Board Members to Environmental Standards Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 4 February 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 February 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 February 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: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 January 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-16186](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that—

Keith Brown be appointed as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee; and

Evelyn Tweed be appointed to replace Colin Beattie as a member of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

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

Committee Meetings

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

Economy and Fair Work Committee 3rd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **City Region and Regional Growth Deals:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Carolyn Currie, Chief Executive, Women's Enterprise Scotland;
Vikki Manson, Deputy Head of Policy Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses;
Duncan Thorp, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Social Enterprise Scotland.
3. **City Region and Regional Growth Deals (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider a paper by the Clerk on the work programme to the end of the session. Consideration will include reviewing the Scottish Government's responses to the Committee's reports on post-legislative scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 and its inquiry on Closing the Disability Employment Gap in Scotland.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 3rd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Conservation of Salmon (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/368) from—
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, Scottish Government;
Dr John Armstrong, Science Evidence, Data and Digital, Dr Antje Branding, Marine Environment, and Dr Stuart Middlemas, Science Evidence, Data and Digital, Marine Directorate, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Jackie Baillie to move—
S6M-16130—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Conservation of Salmon (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/368) be annulled.
3. **Budget 2025 to 2026:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, George Burgess, Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy, Helen Carter, Joint Head of Finance, Agriculture and Rural Economy Directorate, and Iain Wallace, Director of Marine, Scottish Government.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 1st Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.

2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE1865: Suspend all surgical mesh and fixation devices;
 - PE1933: Allow the Fornethy Survivors to access Scotland's redress scheme;
 - PE2016: Raise awareness of Thrombosis in Scotland;
 - PE2017: Extend the period that specialist perinatal mental health support is made available beyond one year;
 - PE2018: Recognise the value of swimming pools and provide financial relief to help keep pools open;
 - PE2068: Review and cap public sector senior management salaries;
 - PE2070: Stop same-day-only GP appointment systems; and
 - PE2089: Stop More National Parks in Scotland.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE2122: Pardon those who were accused and convicted of witchcraft in Scotland under the Witchcraft Act 1563; and
 - PE2123: Update air quality standards in Scotland to align with 2021 World Health Organisation guidelines.
4. **Consideration of Correspondence:** The Committee will consider draft correspondence.

Criminal Justice Committee 3rd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] from— Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Susan Black, Senior Policy Officer, Civil Law and Legal Systems Unit, and Emma Thomson, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Angela Constance (Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs) to move—
S6M-15946—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Prescribed Police Stations\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#) (SS1 2024/377)
4. **Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Simon Brown, President, Scottish Solicitors Bar Association;
Stuart Munro, Criminal Law Committee Convener, Law Society of Scotland;
Paul Smith, President, Edinburgh Bar Association;
and then from—
Kate Wallace, Chief Executive Officer, Victim Support Scotland;
Adam Stachura, Associate Director of Policy, Communications and External Affairs, Age Scotland.
5. **Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 3rd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Scottish Youth Parliament:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ellie Craig, Chair and MSYP for Glasgow Cathcart, Beinn Grant, MSYP for Perthshire South and Kinross-shire, Beau Johnston, MSYP for Edinburgh Central, Sophie Kerrigan, Deputy Convener, Education and Lifelong Learning Committee and MSYP for Stirling, and Jordana Rae, Convener, Education and Lifelong Learning Committee and MSYP for Cowdenbeath, Scottish Youth Parliament.
2. **Higher History Review 2024:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kirsty Macdonald, Faculty Head of Social Subjects, Paisley Grammar School and President, Rebecca Hanna, Teacher of History and Politics, Linlithgow Academy and Committee Member, and Andy Johnston, History Teacher, Ross High School and Committee Member, Scottish Association of the Teachers of History (SATH).
3. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda items 1 and 2.

Public Audit Committee 3rd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **The 2023/24 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts:** The Committee will take evidence from—
John-Paul Marks, Permanent Secretary, Gregor Irwin, Director General Economy, Jackie McAllister, Chief Financial Officer, and Alyson Stafford, Director-General Scottish Exchequer, Scottish Government.
3. **The 2023/24 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carole Grant, Audit Director, and Inire Evong, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **The 2023/24 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 15 January 2025

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

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government response to Fatal Accident Inquiries into the Deaths of Katie Allan and William Brown

followed by Ministerial Statement: Future of the National Care Service

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:10 pm Decision Time

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2:00 pm Time for Reflection

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

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

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followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

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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

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

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

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

23 January 2025

3rd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2025/26 (in private):** The Committee will consider a letter to the Scottish Government in private.
2. **Review of the UK-EU trade and Cooperation Agreement Inquiry: Part 2:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Christophe Lam, Junior Adviser, Business Europe;
 Pascal Kerneis, Managing Director, European Services Forum.
3. **BBC Annual Report:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Tim Davie, Director-General, BBC;
 Hayley Valentine, Director, BBC Scotland;
 Rhona Burns, Finance Director, BBC Financial Planning & Insight.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at james.johnston@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

23 January 2025

3rd Meeting, 2025

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

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

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Diane Barr on 85220 or at diane.barr@parliament.scot

SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

23 January 2025

1st Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Richard Leonard will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

Today's Business
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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, David Millett on 85244 or at David.Millett@parliament.scot

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Glusadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
- *...* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

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

Motions for Debate

[S6M-16171 Douglas Lumsden: Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process](#)—That the Parliament opposes the UK and Scottish governments' jointly proposed reforms to the consenting process under the Electricity Act 1989, which risk silencing the voices of communities by removing the right to a public inquiry on consent decisions; notes with concern that the Scottish Government has allowed pylons and other electricity infrastructure to be built without the consent of local communities; acknowledges that community groups often do not have the resources to oppose electricity infrastructure, and calls on the Scottish Government to consider how this could be addressed, and implores both governments to abandon these plans and to ensure that community voices are at the heart of the consenting process going forward.

***[S6M-16171.3 Alasdair Allan: Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process](#)**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16171 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process), leave out from "opposes" to end and insert "believes that communities must be at the heart of the renewable energy transition, and that it is vital that they share in the significant benefits that will be created, in contrast with how Scotland's communities have been failed for decades under successive UK administrations' energy policies; notes the ongoing representations by the Scottish Government to the UK Government around the need for energy market reform; further notes that Scotland has some of the most stringent environmental impact regulations anywhere in the world and that the planning and consenting system is designed to ensure that local communities have their say; notes that the proposed reforms have long been the established position in England, which the previous UK Conservative administration did not alter in its 14 years in office, and understands that the proposals would require developers to consult communities much earlier in the planning process, which will ensure that affected communities can more meaningfully influence the process of project development."

Supported by: Gillian Martin*

***[S6M-16171.2 Liam McArthur: Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process](#)**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16171 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process), leave out from "opposes" to end and insert "understands that the UK and Scottish governments' jointly proposed

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changes to the Electricity Act 1989 and the consenting process have recently been issued for consultation, and recognises the importance of listening to the views of communities and other stakeholders before any changes are made; believes that delays to the delivery of vital transmission infrastructure risk holding back essential investment to decarbonise all sectors of the economy and the opportunity to put areas, including the north east and Highlands and Islands, at the forefront of the UK's renewables revolution, but that the grid changes required must give due respect to the environment, landscape, cultural history, wellbeing and property rights of local people; notes that the outcome of the consultation has yet to be published, and calls, therefore, on both of Scotland's governments to ensure that any concerns raised through the consultation are appropriately addressed and that concerted action is taken to build community support, secure a consensus around the grid changes that need to be made, and provide greater clarity to the public about why upgrades to the electricity network are important for Scotland's economy, energy security and climate obligations, whilst also ensuring that developers fulfil their obligations and duties."

***[S6M-16171.1](#) Sarah Boyack: Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16171 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Ensuring that Communities are at the Heart of the Electricity Consenting Process), leave out from "opposes" to end and insert "agrees that the fastest and more secure way to deliver lower energy bills, create future energy jobs in Scotland and deliver energy security is to move to clean power; welcomes the UK Government's mission to establish a net zero electricity system by 2030; acknowledges that this will require the development of new energy infrastructure; considers it crucial that communities close to energy generation benefit from that infrastructure; welcomes, therefore, the creation of GB Energy and the commitment that it will support communities to take a stake in local renewable energy projects through the Local Power Plan, and calls on the UK and Scottish governments to work together to support the development of renewable energy supply chains in Scotland to create long-term, sustainable jobs as part of the energy transition."

[S6M-16170](#) Miles Briggs: Delivering School Environments Where it is Safe for Pupils to Learn and Teachers to Teach—That the Parliament notes the ongoing concern at reported cases of violence against pupils and staff, and disruption in schools, and the need for action to help restore positive learning environments in which all young people and teachers are safe to learn and teach in a respectful and supported setting; welcomes the publication of the joint national action plan with COSLA in August 2024, which set out a range of actions needed to be taken at both local and national levels to address violence in schools, alongside the Scottish Government's action plan on tackling violence and verbal abuse in schools; calls on ministers to bring forward an update to the Parliament on how these actions are being taken forward; further calls on ministers to review the reporting and publication of data on incidents relating to violence and harassment in schools; notes the disparity in the availability of early years provision across Scotland and the potential long-term impacts on children's development and educational outcomes; calls for a review to identify and mitigate negative influences on learning environments in primary schools, including factors affecting pupil behaviour and engagement; further calls on the Scottish Government to support children and young people impacted by violence and disruption in schools and to facilitate an environment in which all young people are safe to learn, develop and grow; notes the publication of the Scottish Government guidance on mobile phones in schools, and calls on ministers to take forward a national policy on a ban on mobile phones in classrooms and the provision of single-sex toilets and accessible toilets in all schools; acknowledges the recent passing of a law banning children under 16 from using social media in Australia, and calls on ministers to undertake a review in Scotland of the negative impact of social media on young people and the growing body of evidence suggesting that "over-exposure" to mobile phones and

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social media can result in pupils experiencing limited concentration, isolation and poor mental health, as well as the potential for a similar ban in Scotland.

***S6M-16170.3 Natalie Don-Innes: Delivering School Environments Where it is Safe for Pupils to Learn and Teachers to Teach**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16170 in the name of Miles Briggs (Delivering School Environments Where it is Safe for Pupils to Learn and Teachers to Teach), leave out from first “calls on ministers” to end and insert “recognises the importance of the Scottish Government and local authorities working together to facilitate an environment in which all young people are safe to learn, develop and grow; notes the Scottish Government national guidance on mobile phones in schools, which empowers headteachers to take decisions on banning mobile phone use in schools; agrees with the importance of ensuring that children are protected from online harms; notes the importance of ensuring that children and young people are able to share their perspective on their education, and calls on all partners to continue working closely with the Scottish Government to improve behaviour and relationships in schools.”

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***S6M-16170.2 Pam Duncan-Glancy: Delivering School Environments Where it is Safe for Pupils to Learn and Teachers to Teach**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16170 in the name of Miles Briggs (Delivering School Environments Where it is Safe for Pupils to Learn and Teachers to Teach), leave out from “the disparity” to end and insert “that the GMB union has described the environment in schools as a ‘national emergency’, and that reports from NASUWT state that teachers in Scotland ‘fear for their safety’; further notes the concerns raised by teaching unions, such as EIS, that teachers are working, on average, 11 hours per week unpaid; is concerned about the evidence of the impact of violence, particularly on women and girls, in schools; believes that this situation is not sustainable; considers that adequate staffing is required to create a safe environment in schools, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish a comprehensive plan to address gaps in the teaching and school staff workforce, as voted for by the Parliament on 15 May 2024; believes that long waits and gaps in the provision of public services, such as child and adolescent mental health services, educational psychology and speech and language therapy, have a detrimental impact on the school environment, and particularly children with additional support needs; welcomes the Equally Safe delivery plan, which gives direction to the Equally Safe at School programme; supports the finding in the Education, Children and Young People Committee’s report on additional support for learning that the Scottish Government and the Scottish Futures Trust should work with local authorities ‘to ensure that schools are designed as accessible and welcoming environments for all’, and believes that this should include classroom design as well as the availability of single-sex, accessible and Changing Places toilets, and calls on ministers to consider the growing body of evidence suggesting that ‘over-exposure’ to social media can result in pupils experiencing limited concentration, isolation and poor mental health, and to bring forward a national policy on how best to address this in Scotland.” **R**

Supported by: Martin Whitfield*

***S6M-16170.1 Ross Greer: Delivering School Environments Where it is Safe for Pupils to Learn and Teachers to Teach**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16170 in the name of Miles Briggs (Delivering School Environments Where it is Safe for Pupils to Learn and Teachers to Teach), leave out from third “notes” to end and insert “recognises the particular impact of violence against women and girls in schools; believes that educating boys and young men on the principle of consent, respect for women and the importance of healthy relationships is key to changing behaviours, and, therefore, that every young person should receive relationships, sexual health and parenthood education that covers these topics, and further believes that any consideration of

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the impact of social media in schools must be shaped by young people themselves and consider both positive and negative impacts."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-16187](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable—**That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour 5 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 40 minutes.

***[S6M-16186](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership—**That the Parliament agrees that—

Keith Brown be appointed as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee; and

Evelyn Tweed be appointed to replace Colin Beattie as a member of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee.

***[S6M-16185](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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 Debate: Investing in Public Services Through the Scottish Budget

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 January 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

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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

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Creative Scotland Multi-Year Funding

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

followed by Appointment of Board Members to Environmental Standards Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 4 February 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 February 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Thursday 6 February 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: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 January 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

***[S6M-16175](#) Kevin Stewart: Business Concern Highlighted in Quarterly Economic Survey—**

That the Parliament notes with concern figures released from the latest Quarterly Economic Survey by the Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce (AGCC), which indicate that only 37% of the businesses in the north east that responded anticipate an increase in turnover in the upcoming months; further notes that this figure is the lowest the survey has reported since 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic; understands that 78% of respondents to the survey identified changes to taxation as a hurdle to growth, an increase of 30% from six months ago, with 86% of respondents citing concerns over the cost of hiring staff; believes that these figures highlight the lack of confidence that businesses in the north east have in the UK Labour administration, and the policies in its first Budget, particularly those businesses involved in the energy sector, and hopes that these figures make the UK Government rethink its approach, including in relation to prioritising a better trading deal between the UK and the EU.

***[S6M-16174](#) Ariane Burgess: Recognising Hugh Falconer—**

That the Parliament recognises Dr Hugh Falconer (1808–1865) as a pioneering Scottish palaeontologist and botanist; believes that he was one of the leading scientists of the Victorian era, whose studies significantly advanced the theory of evolution; notes that Falconer, among other achievements, developed the evolutionary theory now known as punctuated equilibrium, over 100 years before it was widely acknowledged; notes what it sees as his vital role in introducing tea as a cash crop in India; believes that, as a result, tea is widely drunk, including in Scotland and the UK, where it is considered as being the national drink; commends his foresight in recommending the cultivation of the cinchona plant for its quinine, a life-saving treatment for malaria; believes that the Falconer Museum, established in 1872 in his birthplace of Forres, Moray, is an invaluable repository of his legacy; considers the museum to be an indispensable part of Scotland's scientific and cultural heritage; notes with concern reports that the museum, which is owned and run by Moray Council, was closed due to severe budget cuts, and encourages continued dialogue and exploration of new operating models to ensure the preservation of what it sees as this important institution for future generations.

***[S6M-16172](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Football Club Reaches Scottish Cup Fourth Round —**

That the Parliament commends the efforts of all connected to Clydebank FC for getting to the fourth round of the Scottish Cup; understands that the Bankies entered the competition in the

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preliminary second round with a 7-0 victory over St Andrews United, and then went on to defeat Girvan, Keith and Buckie Thistle in the first, second and third rounds respectively; notes that Clydebank was drawn to face Hibernian at Easter Road in the fourth round, which, it understands, led to widespread excitement in the town; recognises and thanks the over 2,500 fans who travelled through to Edinburgh on 18 January 2025 to cheer on the team, with Hibs winning 3-0 on the day; recognises that for Clydebank there may be disappointment in the defeat, but hopes that the publicity that the club has received will help galvanise it in its efforts to win the West of Scotland Premier Division, and understands that the club has also received many messages of support, which could lead to a new generation of Bankies supporters, as this fan-owned club continues to grow from strength to strength.

***S6M-16169 Paul Sweeney: Time to Talk Day is Back for 2025—**That the Parliament welcomes Time to Talk Day 2025, which takes place on 6 February and is hosted in Scotland by See Me; notes that the theme for 2025 is “get comfortable and start talking about mental health”, which encourages everyone to think about creating safe spaces and ways to support people to have conversations around mental health; further notes the recent reported research carried out for Time to Talk Day, which shows that 29.3% of people in Scotland would rather hide how they are feeling and avoid awkward conversations about their mental health; believes that the campaign shines a much needed spotlight on the devastating impact of mental health stigma and discrimination; considers that this reflects earlier findings of the Scottish Mental Illness Stigma Study; recognises what it sees as the need for Time to Talk Day, and the lived-experience learning from the See Us movement, in order to help to realise the Scottish Government’s commitment to “a Scotland, free from stigma and inequality, where everyone fulfils their right to achieve the best mental health and wellbeing possible”, and encourages everyone to join what it sees as one of Scotland’s biggest conversations on mental health and to help end stigma and discrimination.

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***S6M-16167 James Dornan: Congratulating Newlands Park Community Tennis Centre —** That the Parliament congratulates Newlands Park Community Tennis Centre on being shortlisted for three Tennis Scotland 2025 Awards; notes that the nominations are for the award categories of Park Venue of the Year, Tennis Opened Up, and Coach of the Year, for which Jack Edward has been nominated, and notes that the awards will be announced at a ceremony in Stirling on 28 March 2025.

***S6M-16166 Kevin Stewart: Scotland Legend Denis Law Passes Away at 84—**That the Parliament notes with great sadness the passing of the Scottish international footballer, and Aberdeen “loon”, Denis Law, who was known as “The King” and “The Lawman”, on 18 January 2025, at the age of 84; notes that Denis, who grew up in a council flat in Printfield Terrace in Woodside and attended Powis Academy, went on to become what many consider to be the greatest footballer to ever play for Scotland, scoring a joint-record 30 goals in 55 international appearances and winning the Ballon d’Or award in 1964, making him the only Scottish player ever to do so; understands that his club career saw him break the British transfer record three times, moving from Huddersfield Town to Manchester City for £55,000 in 1960, to Italian club, Torino for £110,000 in 1961 and to Manchester United for £115,000 in 1962, where he then spent 11 years, winning two league titles, the FA Cup and a European Cup medal; notes that he scored 237 goals in 404 in appearances for United, making him the third-highest scorer in the club’s history; further

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notes that he was known at the club as one-third of "The Holy Trinity" alongside George Best and Sir Bobby Charlton; acknowledges that, despite his many accomplishments at club level, in 2012 Denis described being selected to play for his country as "the greatest honour I have ever had"; recognises that after retiring, as well as campaigning successfully to have "No Ball Games" signs removed from green spaces in Aberdeen, Denis used his profile in support of numerous charitable causes, including Meningitis Now, the Alzheimer's Society and Cancer Research UK, having himself survived prostate cancer in 2003, and helping establish a trust in his own name, the Denis Law Legacy Trust, to provide free programmes and activities for young people in Aberdeen, including setting up three "Cruyff Courts" in Torry, Tillydrone, and one bearing his own name in Catherine Street; believes that Denis, who is immortalised in a statue outside Provost Skene's House in Aberdeen city centre, will be remembered fondly by people across Scotland, particularly in his beloved Aberdeen, where he received the Freedom of the City in 2017, and hopes that his legacy will continue to inspire and motivate youngsters for generations to come.

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***S6M-16165 Jackie Dunbar: Denis Law, the King**—That the Parliament mourns the passing of Denis Law; believes that Denis, who grew up in Printfield in Aberdeen, and was often referred to as "the King", is one of Scotland's greatest ever sportspeople; notes that his career saw him play for Huddersfield Town, Torino and twice for Manchester City, but considers that he is best known for his time with Manchester United, where alongside Sir Bobby Charlton and George Best, they formed the United "Holy Trinity"; recognises that Denis's footballing career saw him being awarded the 1964 Ballon d'Or, the only time a Scotsman has won this, play in the team that lifted the European Cup in 1968, break the British record transfer fee on three occasions, and that more than 50 years after his last appearance for the national team, he remains Scotland's joint-all time leading goal scorer; notes that Denis also made a significant contribution to Aberdeen through the Denis Law Legacy Trust, a children's charity that supports and empowers young people to thrive and offers free to access activities across the city; appreciates that his work on and off the pitch was recognised with honorary degrees from the University of Aberdeen, the University of St Andrews and Robert Gordon University; notes that he was also appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire and received the Freedom of the City of Aberdeen, and extends its condolences to Denis's family, friends and all who were inspired by him. **R**

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***S6M-16164 Douglas Lumsden: Recognising the Passing of Denis Law, Football Legend**—That the Parliament notes with great sadness the passing of Denis Law, one of Scotland's most iconic footballers, who died on January 2025; recognises his immense contribution to Scottish football, both as an outstanding player for clubs such as Huddersfield Town, Manchester City and Manchester United, and as Scotland's joint all-time leading goal scorer with 30 goals in 55 international appearances; celebrates his historic achievements, including, in 1964, being the only Scottish player ever to win the Ballon d'Or; acknowledges his enduring legacy in inspiring generations of footballers in Scotland and beyond; expresses condolences to his family, friends and all who admired him, and celebrates his indelible mark on Scotland's sporting history.

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***[S6M-16163](#) Monica Lennon: Welcoming the Nick Sheridan Memorial Bursary Scheme —**

That the Parliament welcomes the establishment of the Nick Sheridan Memorial Bursary, in honour of journalist and author Nick Sheridan, who died in 2024; believes that this is a fitting tribute to the extraordinarily talented broadcaster and writer, who inspired and supported young journalists throughout his distinguished career, including as a part-time lecturer at the University of the West of Scotland (UWS); congratulates BBC Scotland, STV and UWS for jointly creating, funding and overseeing the student bursary scheme, which will award £1,500 to the successful applicant plus a week's paid work experience at both BBC Scotland and STV after graduation from either the BA (Hons) Television, Radio and Podcast Production course or the BA (Hons) Journalism/Sports Journalism course at UWS; understands that the first bursary is due to be awarded at the start of the next academic year, in autumn 2025; acknowledges that, prior to joining BBC Scotland, Nick, who was originally from Wexford in Ireland, had worked in broadcasting for more than a decade, spanning roles with RTE News and STV, before presenting several BBC Scotland news and radio programmes, including *Reporting Scotland*, *Drivetime*, the *Nine* and *Seven Days*, and believes that Nick's legacy goes far beyond his work and professional achievements, and that his generosity, kindness and humour will continue to inspire and influence his loved ones and peers, and inspire journalists for many years to come.

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***[S6M-16162](#) Liam Kerr: Commending the Banff Academy Class of 1976 on Raising £1,000 at School Reunion Event—**

That the Parliament celebrates the efforts of former pupils of Banff Academy to raise funds to support current pupils; understands that a school reunion event for the class of 1976 pupils and former staff was held in November 2024 at the Deveronside Club, where people shared stories about their time at the school; notes that the former pupils were given a tour of the school; applauds the former pupils for raising £1,000 for Banff Academy, which was presented to the school before the Christmas break; understands that this money will be used to fund the school's health and wellbeing activities for S1 to S3 pupils, and warmly commends the members of the class of 1976 for their generous efforts to support Banff Academy.

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***[S6M-16159](#) Stuart McMillan: Launch of Help for Veterans in Inverclyde—**That the Parliament commends Jordan Finnegan, a former soldier from Inverclyde, and his fellow Scots Guards veterans, William Woodburn, Stephen Fisher, Thomas Docherty and David Morren, on launching the Help for Veterans charity to support veterans struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder and financial hardship; notes the charity's mission to provide vital funding for food, rent, and bills, as well as support to access life-saving treatment programmes; recognises what it sees as the

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importance of raising awareness of the challenges faced by veterans; applauds the group's initiatives such as the "Run to Remember" campaign, encouraging people in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency to run a mile for each of the 457 fallen soldiers of the war in Afghanistan, and the team's recent climb of Ben Nevis, which, it understands, raised £800; acknowledges Jordan's podcast, *A Nail in the Fish*, which raises awareness of mental health issues among veterans, and thanks the men's dedication to improving the lives of veterans in Inverclyde and beyond.

***[S6M-16158](#) Stuart McMillan: Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Greenock Cut Visitor Centre**—That the Parliament congratulates the Greenock Cut Visitor Centre on reaching its 30th anniversary since reopening in December 1994 following the devastating fire that destroyed the original building; commends Inverclyde Council for its investment in refurbishing the centre and ensuring its continued success as a gateway to Inverclyde's rich natural and industrial heritage; recognises what it sees as the vital role of the rangers in delivering outdoor education, conservation efforts, and family events; celebrates the centre's contribution to promoting local history, wildlife, and outdoor skills, and encourages people from across Scotland to visit this iconic destination within Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, which, it understands, remains a treasured part of Inverclyde's cultural and natural landscape.

***[S6M-16157](#) Stuart McMillan: Recognition of Long-Serving Care Staff at Bagatelle and Glenfield Care Homes**—That the Parliament congratulates the 10 members of staff at Bagatelle and Glenfield care homes in Greenock, who have collectively achieved an outstanding 240 years of service; acknowledges the recognition of their dedication at a recent award ceremony, where they were celebrated by colleagues, families, and the Medical Aid Society, which operates the care homes; commends the exceptional contributions of staff members such as Agnes Morrison, who has served for 42 years, and Josie Hastie, the oldest member of staff at 75 years old, with 18 years of service; notes what it sees as the importance of recognising the commitment and compassion of care staff, and expresses gratitude for the vital role that long-serving care staff play in providing continuity and high-quality care to residents in Greenock and beyond.

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***[S6M-16154](#) Katy Clark: ScotRail's Plans to Reduce Ticket Office Opening Hours**—That the Parliament is concerned that rail operator, ScotRail, is reportedly proceeding with plans to reduce ticket office opening hours at 101 of its 143 staffed stations, of which more than 30 are in the West Scotland region, including Wemyss Bay, Ardrossan South Beach, Irvine, Kilwinning and Largs; is further concerned about the impact on passenger accessibility, safety, security, quality of service and access to rail products and services of these proposals and believes that certain groups such as disabled and older people and women and girls will be particularly impacted; considers that ticket offices provide a fixed location for passengers to locate staff and are a place of safety for both passengers and staff; understands that, through schedule 17 of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement, ticket office staffing is the only regulated station staffing, and, therefore, if there are reductions in ticket office hours, there are no future safeguards regarding station staffing levels; further understands that ScotRail is basing these proposals on a public consultation, which was undertaken in January 2022 by former operator, Abellio; notes with concern that, in the public consultation, 98% respondents opposed the proposals; applauds the members of the railway trade unions who are currently campaigning to oppose these plans; understands that, as ScotRail is owned by the Scottish Government, the Cabinet Secretary for Transport was required to authorise ScotRail's proposals, and believes that the Scottish Government and ScotRail should commit to

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halting these plans at the 101 stations and commence the long-delayed National Rail Conversation over the future of Scotland's railway that was first announced in 2022.

***[S6M-16150](#) Bill Kidd: UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**—That the Parliament recognises the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), which was adopted by the UN in 2017, currently has 94 signatories and has been ratified by 73 states; notes that the third meeting of member state parties (3MSP), which aims to further promote nuclear non-proliferation, will take place at the UN headquarters in New York in March 2025; understands that the full Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will take place in New York in May 2025; further understands that, as a state party to the NPT, the UK is bound by article 6, which states that parties to the NPT must "pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament", and calls on the UK Government to attend the 3MSP in an observer capacity and uphold its commitment to the NPT, particularly with regard to article 6.

***[S6M-16146](#) Colin Beattie: Vivian Wallace Appointed an MBE**—That the Parliament congratulates Vivian Wallace on being appointed an MBE in the New Year Honours list for services to older people in Midlothian; understands that Vivian's project helps older adults through exercise and other initiatives, transforming their physical and mental wellbeing; notes that Vivian works with a collective of 70 volunteers who run weekly activities, including walking football, badminton, pickleball and walking groups; acknowledges her work, which sees roughly 800 people a week involved; commends what it sees as her remarkable commitment to the wellbeing of her community, and thanks her for outstanding contribution.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Annie Wells*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Brian Whittle*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Foysoyl Choudhury*, Bill Kidd*, Karen Adam*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-16153](#) Brian Whittle: Clydesdale Community Initiatives Works Towards Net Zero (lodged on 20 January 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, David Torrance*, Finlay Carson*, Sharon Dowey*, Russell Findlay*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-16152](#) Stuart McMillan: Peel Ports' Conservancy Fee Plans for Clydeport Area (lodged on 17 January 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S6M-16151](#) David Torrance: Community Council Chairperson Alex McDonald Steps Down After Years of Service (lodged on 20 January 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Karen Adam*, Alex Rowley*

[S6M-16149](#) Clare Haughey: Welcoming Soup and Soul Warm Welcome Sessions in Blantyre (lodged on 20 January 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jeremy Balfour*, David Torrance*, Karen Adam*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-16148](#) Alex Rowley: Scottish Engineering's Engineering Skills Gap Analysis for Scotland (lodged on 17 January 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Carol Mochan*, Lorna Slater*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Foysol Choudhury*, Mark Griffin*

[S6M-16145](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Club Marks 50 Years of Supporting Castlemilk Families (lodged on 20 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Meghan Gallacher*, Alexander Stewart*, David Torrance*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Brian Whittle*, Jeremy Balfour*, Pam Gosal*, Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Douglas Ross*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowe*, Russell Findlay*, Jamie Greene*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-16144](#) Gillian Mackay: Cervical Cancer Prevention Week 2025 (lodged on 20 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, Audrey Nicoll*, Douglas Ross*, Liam McArthur*, Miles Briggs*, Marie McNair*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Monica Lennon*, Mark Ruskell*, Emma Roddick*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, David Torrance*, Pam Gosal*, John Mason*, Annie Wells*, Brian Whittle*, Carol Mochan*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Rona Mackay*, Foysol Choudhury*, Karen Adam*, Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-16143](#) Clare Adamson: Brexit Harm to Scotland, Five Years Since the UK Left the EU (lodged on 16 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16142](#) Michelle Thomson: Tinderbox Collective Named First Scottish Recipient of Ed Sheeran Foundation (lodged on 16 January 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-16140](#) Collette Stevenson: Congratulations to Nationwide Staff in East Kilbride on a Record Christmas Toy Appeal (lodged on 16 January 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-16139](#) Willie Rennie: Retirement of ScotRail's Business Correspondence Manager After 50 Years (lodged on 16 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16138](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Acoustic Music Club Reaches 20-year Milestone (lodged on 16 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Alex Rowley*

[S6M-16137](#) Annie Wells: Asda Foundation Supports Govan-based Group Dates-n-Mates (lodged on 16 January 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Sharon Dowe*

[S6M-16136](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow's 850th Anniversary (lodged on 16 January 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, David Torrance*, Sharon Dowe*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-16134](#) Foyso! Choudhury: Royal High School Preservation Trust Receives Funding from National Lottery Heritage Fund (lodged on 16 January 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-16133](#) Sharon Dowey: Former Scotland Rugby Captain, Peter Brown, Passes Away (lodged on 15 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16132](#) Foyso! Choudhury: Recognising the Importance of the Scottish Documentary Institute and Independent Documentaries (lodged on 15 January 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Karen Adam*, Alex Rowley*

[S6M-16129](#) Evelyn Tweed: Robertson Group Wins SEPA VIBES Award (lodged on 15 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16128](#) Liz Smith: 300 Years of the Black Watch (lodged on 16 January 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Mark Griffin*

[S6M-16123](#) Kevin Stewart: Inclusive Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Awards (lodged on 15 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16122](#) Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Central Just Transition Participatory Budget Winners (lodged on 15 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16111](#) Clare Adamson: Scottish Schools Education Research Centre (SSERC) Celebrates its 60th Anniversary (lodged on 15 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16110](#) Gillian Mackay: 25 Years of Keep Scotland Beautiful (lodged on 15 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16107](#) Gordon MacDonald: Heriot-Watt University Develops a New Technology for Detecting Prostate Cancer (lodged on 15 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

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Motions Glusadan				

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Paul O'Kane*, Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*, Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*, Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*, Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16088](#) Douglas Ross: Frankie Ralph Runs 100 Miles in One Day for Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Research Centre (lodged on 20 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fergus Ewing*, Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Lumsden*, Karen Adam*, Alex Rowley*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16084](#) John Mason: The Life of Jimmy Carter (lodged on 15 January 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*, Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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Motions Gluasadan				

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16080](#) Richard Leonard: Recognising the Retirement of Mick Lynch (lodged on 15 January 2025)

New Support: Katy Clark*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Karen Adam*, Alex Rowley*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Paul O'Kane*, Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

[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: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16068](#) Humza Yousaf: Congratulating Heather Johnston, Queen's Nurse (lodged on 16 January 2025)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Gordon MacDonald*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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Motions Glusadan				

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16045](#) Christine Grahame: Ending Low Welfare Animal Activities Abroad (lodged on 10 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16030](#) John Mason: Downside of the Honours System (lodged on 08 January 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*

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

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane* R, Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16019](#) Ruth Maguire: Kilwinning Darts Buff Ryder Cup (lodged on 15 January 2025)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16018](#) Ruth Maguire: Irvine Father Raises Awareness of Erb's Palsy (lodged on 15 January 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-16017](#) Ruth Maguire: Christmas Charity Shield (lodged on 15 January 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-15982](#) Jackie Baillie: Supporting USDAW's Calls to Give Shopworkers a Break on New Year's Day (lodged on 20 December 2024)

New Support: Katy Clark*

[S6M-15961](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Nurse Wins Awards for New Approach to Pain Management (lodged on 20 December 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-15923](#) Neil Bibby: Celebrating 150 Years of the Paisley Daily Express (lodged on 18 December 2024)

New Support: Katy Clark*

[S6M-15909](#) Stuart McMillan: Continued Success for McCaskie's Butcher Shop in Wemyss Bay (lodged on 18 December 2024)

New Support: Katy Clark*

[S6M-15704](#) Beatrice Wishart: Author Jen Stout Wins at Scotland's National Book Awards (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Katy Clark*

[S6M-15606](#) Tess White: Women Across Scotland Stand With Gisèle Pelicot (lodged on 28 November 2024)

New Support: Katy Clark*

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Questions Ceistean				

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 21 January 2025

[S6W-33842 Jackie Dunbar](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on plans to simplify the post-school education and skills funding body landscape in Scotland.

[S6W-33945 Clare Adamson](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its calls for tailored migration routes to be introduced within the current UK immigration system, to support Scotland's economy, communities and public services.

Written questions lodged on 21 January 2025

[S6W-33284 Craig Hoy](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much sponsorship funding it has provided to Nordic Horizons or associated organisations, since May 2021.

[S6W-33289 Craig Hoy](#): To ask the Scottish Government which public opinion and research organisations it has commissioned to carry out any work regarding Scottish independence or Scotland's constitutional future, since May 2021.

[S6W-33455 Stephanie Callaghan](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Embrace Autism report, *An Evaluation of Autistic-Led and Designed Pre- and Post-Diagnostic Support for Autistic Adults*, including what action it is taking in response to the recommendation that (a) pre- and post-diagnostic support programmes are designed and delivered by autistic professionals and (b) professional autistic-led and designed pre- and post-diagnostic support is made more widely accessible across the country.

[S6W-33631 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government what additional resources are being allocated to improve the availability of gynaecological services in rural health boards, including NHS Grampian.

[S6W-33639 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in implementing workplace mental health support programmes across public sector organisations.

[S6W-33640 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting (a) small- and (b) medium-sized enterprises in rural areas to implement healthy workplace initiatives.

[S6W-33642 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it is addressing barriers to accessing hearing aid repairs and replacements in remote and rural areas.

[S6W-33643 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to improve access to assistive technologies for people with visual impairments in each of the last five years.

[S6W-33646 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to expand the range of conditions covered by the Pharmacy First service, and what analysis has been conducted to identify additional areas of need in rural regions.

[S6W-33647 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to ensure a resilient supply chain for essential medicines, particularly in remote and rural areas.

[S6W-33648 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in increasing the availability of home-based palliative care services in rural areas.

[S6W-33649 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government what training programmes are in place to support healthcare professionals in delivering culturally-sensitive palliative care.

[S6W-33650](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what regional variations in satisfaction with end-of-life care services have been identified in the last five years, and what action it has taken to address these.

[S6W-33651](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to address any workforce shortages and training gaps in rural healthcare, particularly in areas such as Aberdeenshire.

[S6W-33652](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the development of healthcare facilities in rural and remote areas, including any planned expansions in Aberdeenshire.

[S6W-33653](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in implementing telemedicine solutions in rural healthcare settings, and what impact this has had on patient outcomes over the last five years.

[S6W-33654](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it is addressing the potential impact of climate change on healthcare delivery in rural communities.

[S6W-33655](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to reduce carbon emissions in NHS facilities, and how this is being implemented in rural NHS boards.

[S6W-33656](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides for older people's care services in rural areas, including initiatives to prevent social isolation in Aberdeenshire.

[S6W-33657](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what public awareness campaigns have been conducted to address chronic diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease, over the last five years, and how these campaigns have been tailored for rural populations.

[S6W-33658](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to empower rural communities to lead health programmes and address community health needs.

[S6W-33659](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what support is being provided to deal with alcohol and drug dependency in rural areas, and what funding has been allocated for recovery services in Aberdeenshire in each of the last five years.

[S6W-33660](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it is improving access to health education programmes in schools and community centres, and what specific efforts have been made in rural communities.

[S6W-33661](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of poor transport links on access to healthcare in rural areas, and what steps it is taking to address this.

[S6W-33662](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what innovations it is pursuing to improve patient transportation in remote areas, including any initiatives piloted in Aberdeenshire.

[S6W-33663](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to attract healthcare professionals to remote and rural areas, including Aberdeenshire.

[S6W-33664](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with NHS boards to enhance access to mobile diagnostic units in rural areas, and what progress has been made in the last five years.

[S6W-33665](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to expand the use of artificial intelligence and digital tools in healthcare delivery, and how these can be applied to address challenges in rural healthcare.

[S6W-33666](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what funding has been allocated to community-led health initiatives in rural areas over the last five years, and what the outcomes were.

[S6W-33667](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide a specific timeline for the launch of the delayed cruise ship levy consultation.

[S6W-33668](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting multi-disciplinary training programmes to address any skills shortages in the rural healthcare workforce.

[S6W-33669](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve collaboration between NHS boards and third-sector organisations to support addiction recovery services in rural areas.

[S6W-33670](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what measures are being implemented to reduce waiting times for older people's healthcare in rural and remote areas.

[S6W-33671](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what data it holds on the number of older adults in Aberdeenshire who are experiencing social isolation, and what steps it is taking to address this issue.

[S6W-33672](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in ensuring equitable access to preventative health services, such as routine screenings and early intervention programmes, in rural areas.

[S6W-33674](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps are being taken to ensure that rural areas, including Aberdeenshire, are adequately equipped with healthcare resources to address future challenges posed by climate change.

[S6W-33675](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to expand home healthcare services in rural areas, and how it monitors their impact on patient outcomes.

[S6W-33677](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with local authorities to expand active travel infrastructure in rural areas, and how these efforts are being linked to public health objectives.

[S6W-33678](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what data it holds on recent drug-related deaths in rural areas, including Aberdeenshire, and what steps it is taking to reduce these figures.

[S6W-33679](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what additional funding it is providing to NHS boards to improve access to physiotherapy and rehabilitation services in rural communities.

[S6W-33680](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it is addressing the reported disparity in access to specialised healthcare services, such as oncology and cardiology, between urban and rural areas.

[S6W-33681](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that there is equitable access to community optometry services across both rural and urban areas.

[S6W-33682](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what additional funding it has allocated to support the expansion of community optometry services in each of the last five years.

[S6W-33683](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what measures are in place to reduce waiting times for community optometry services in (a) rural areas and (b) Aberdeenshire.

[S6W-33684](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of community optometry services on reducing hospital referrals for eye-related conditions.

[S6W-33685](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve access to specialised optometry care for older people in remote areas.

[S6W-33686](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made on rolling out new technologies within community optometry services, and how any such technologies are being implemented in rural settings.

[S6W-33687](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what data it has on the outcomes of community optometry referrals in each NHS board in each of the last five years.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-33688](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to address any workforce shortages in community optometry, and how it is supporting the training of new practitioners.

[S6W-33689](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it is improving awareness and uptake of community optometry services among rural populations.

[S6W-33690](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to ensure that community optometry services are accessible to disabled people.

[S6W-33691](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what advances have been made in optometry services within primary care in the last five years, and what funding arrangements are in place to support at-home diagnostic and treatment services.

[S6W-33692](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that community optometry services are integrated with other primary care services.

[S6W-33693](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors the effectiveness of community optometry services in detecting and managing preventable blindness.

[S6W-33694](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what data it has on the geographic distribution of community optometry services, and how it is addressing any service gaps.

[S6W-33695](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what measures are in place to provide affordable optometry services in low-income rural areas.

[S6W-33696](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to promote public awareness campaigns regarding the availability of free eye health checks through community optometry services.

[S6W-33697](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve the retention of optometry practitioners in (a) rural areas and (b) Aberdeenshire.

[S6W-33698](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting research and innovation in optometry to improve the early detection of eye conditions.

[S6W-33699](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working to improve access to community optometry services for children living in rural and remote areas.

[S6W-33700](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures there is equitable funding for community optometry services across all NHS boards.

[S6W-33701](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what evaluation it has undertaken of the impact of community optometry services on overall eye health outcomes.

[S6W-33702](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans for NHS Scotland to combine medical records in a database that is shared with third parties, similar to the reported proposals by NHS Digital for England.

[S6W-33703](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what its strategy is for the digitisation of people's medical records.

[S6W-33704](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to allow NHS Scotland patients to access their medical records online.

[S6W-33705](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken since May 2021 to improve the digitisation of medical records.

[S6W-33706](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what work it is undertaking to ensure that digital access to medical records, with appropriate safeguards, is facilitated between (a) neighbouring NHS boards and (b) NHS boards and other medical services, such as community pharmacies.

[S6W-33707](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work on the National Digital Platform, and when patients will (a) have digital access to their medical records and (b) be able to digitally book appointments.

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[S6W-33708 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on NHS Scotland's progress on the digitisation of all patient medical records.

[S6W-33709 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it has provided to NHS boards in relation to recording a patient's biological sex on medical records.

[S6W-33710 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many NHS Scotland (a) services and (b) departments still use paper-based medical records.

[S6W-33711 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many medical records team leaders there currently are in the NHS, broken down by NHS board.

[S6W-33712 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many patients have asked to access their medical records in (a) the last 12 months and (b) each of the previous 10 years.

[S6W-33713 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it plans to allow patients to access their medical records digitally, and whether it plans to roll this out across Scotland.

[S6W-33714 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to protect the security of patient medical records in the context of any increasing cyber threats.

[S6W-33715 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting NHS boards to digitise legacy medical records, and what progress has been made on this over the last five years.

[S6W-33716 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is implementing to ensure that rural NHS boards have the necessary infrastructure to manage electronic medical records effectively.

[S6W-33717 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it provides to NHS boards in relation to giving patients access to their own medical records, and what data it has on compliance with any such guidance.

[S6W-33718 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what funding it provides to improve the interoperability of medical record systems across NHS boards.

[S6W-33719 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors the (a) accuracy and (b) completeness of patient medical records, and what steps are being taken to address any discrepancies.

[S6W-33720 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that healthcare professionals receive adequate training on managing and accessing digital medical records.

[S6W-33721 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what recent analysis it has undertaken of any time savings for clinical staff as a result of any improvements to medical record systems.

[S6W-33722 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on linking patient medical records with social care data, in order to improve integrated care delivery.

[S6W-33723 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address any patient concerns about data privacy in relation to the sharing of medical records across healthcare providers.

[S6W-33724 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the sale of Glasgow Prestwick Airport.

[S6W-33725 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide the details of any further bids that it has received for Glasgow Prestwick Airport since February 2021.

[S6W-33726 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the bidding process for Glasgow Prestwick Airport.

[S6W-33727 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to mitigate against any fall in fuel revenue at Glasgow Prestwick Airport, and what effect it anticipates any fall in fuel revenue might have on the future viability of the airport.

[S6W-33728 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on whether it still plans to sell Glasgow Prestwick Airport to the private sector.

[S6W-33729 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it remains committed to ensuring that all of the loans that it has made to Glasgow Prestwick Airport are repaid in full by the new owner, should the airport be sold.

[S6W-33730 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the criteria that the new owner of Glasgow Prestwick Airport must maximise the employment potential of the airport means that there would be no immediate redundancies, should the airport be sold.

[S6W-33731 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has for the future of Glasgow Prestwick Airport.

[S6W-33732 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many arrests have been made at Glasgow Prestwick Airport in each of the last five years, and what the primary reasons were for any such arrests.

[S6W-33733 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what measures are in place to keep people safe and secure at Glasgow Prestwick Airport, and how any such measures compare with those in other airports in Scotland.

[S6W-33734 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much revenue has been generated by Glasgow Prestwick Airport since it came under public ownership, and how this compares with the operational costs in the same period.

[S6W-33735 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of Glasgow Prestwick Airport's income is currently generated from military flights, and how this has changed over the last five years.

[S6W-33736 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many military flights have landed at Glasgow Prestwick Airport in each of the last five years.

[S6W-33737 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in developing a national wildfire preparedness strategy, and what specific measures have been taken to support rural communities at risk.

[S6W-33738 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what data it holds on the frequency and severity of storms that have affected Aberdeenshire over the last five years, and what plans it has to improve infrastructure resilience in the region.

[S6W-33739 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what additional resources are being provided to emergency services to improve storm response capabilities, and how this compares to funding levels over the last five years.

[S6W-33740 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting local authorities and communities to develop storm and wildfire resilience plans, and what progress has been made in their implementation.

[S6W-33741 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring that rural communities, including those in Aberdeenshire, are prepared for wildfires.

[S6W-33742 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what measures are in place to raise public awareness about storm and wildfire preparedness in rural communities, including Aberdeenshire.

[S6W-33743 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what lessons have been learned from recent severe storms and wildfires in Scotland, and how these have informed updates to national emergency preparedness plans.

[S6W-33744 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with landowners and communities to reduce wildfire risks in rural areas, and what funding has been allocated to these efforts over the last five years.

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[S6W-33745 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the development and use of early warning systems for wildfires and severe storms, and how these are being implemented in Aberdeenshire.

[S6W-33746 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve coordination between local authorities, emergency services and community groups to respond to (a) wildfires and (b) severe storms effectively.

[S6W-33747 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent on social media managers in each of the last five years.

[S6W-33748 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the total expenditure on social media-related activities, including management, advertising, and content creation, has been in each of the last five years.

[S6W-33749 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many social media managers it currently employs, and what the associated costs are.

[S6W-33750 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what contracts it has awarded to external companies for social media management and related services in the last five years, and what the total cost was of any such contracts.

[S6W-33751 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what evaluation criteria it uses to assess the effectiveness of its social media management spending.

[S6W-33752 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of its communications budget has been allocated to social media management and related activities in each of the last five years.

[S6W-33753 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent on paid promotions and advertisements on social media platforms in each of the last five years.

[S6W-33754 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent on training for staff involved in social media management and communications in each of the last five years.

[S6W-33755 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that it is receiving value for money in its spending on social media management and related services.

[S6W-33756 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what data it holds on the reach and engagement of its social media campaigns, and how it uses this data to guide future spending.

[S6W-33843 Kevin Stewart:](#) To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what action it plans to take to improve Chamber Desk processing times.

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 21 January 2025

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 53

Paul O'Kane

643 *In substitution for amendment 562—*

In section 53, page 40, line 26, leave out subsections (2) to (5)

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following draft instrument was re-laid before Parliament on 21 January 2025 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Incidental, Supplementary and Consequential Provision\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 91(3) of the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020.

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Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Member's Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no statement is made that the Scottish Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at [Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 6 Proposals](#):

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Final Proposal for a Member's Bill

Ash Regan: Proposed Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill—A proposal for a Bill to create an offence of paying for sexual services, to repeal the offence of soliciting or importuning by prostitutes, to repeal previous convictions for soliciting or importuning by prostitutes and to support those in or exiting prostitution. (lodged 21 January 2025)

Accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

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Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 21 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 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 22 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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Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 28 November 2024

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

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 10 December 2024

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

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

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

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

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

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

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 2) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee), 28 January 2025

Amendments to section 51 of the Bill onwards should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 22 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 21 January 2025

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

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

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

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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (63rd Report, 2024)

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Passed, 17 December 2024

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill (M)

Introduced, 17 December 2024

Lead committee – Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments

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

Passed, 3 December 2024

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

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

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (75th Report, 2024)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

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

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

Lodged on 22 November 2024

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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th Report, 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)), 21 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)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 27 January 2025

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

Subject to approval by 9 February 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subject to approval by 10 March 2025

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

Negative instruments

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

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

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

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

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

[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

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

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

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

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

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

[Bread and Flour Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/387\)](#) (20 December 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 2 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 February 2025

[Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Prescribed Services and Activities\) \(Protected Adult\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/4\)](#) (13 January 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Disclosure Information \(Accredited Bodies\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/5\)](#) (13 January 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 5 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 3 March 2025

[Building \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/6\)](#) (16 January 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 6 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 3 March 2025

[Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery \(Variation\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/7\)](#) (17 January 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 21 January 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 7th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 January 2025 (SP Paper 724)

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

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 21 January 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Ofgem Annual Report and Accounts - Scotland foreword 2023-24 (SG/2025/14) laid under section 5 of the Utilities Act 2000

Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 (SG/2025/7) laid under section 5 of the Utilities Act 2000

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