

Tuesday 28 January 2025

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Royal Assent

The Judicial Factors (Scotland) Act 2025 received Royal Assent on 27 January 2025.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Mirrin Kirkpatrick and Sarah-Jane McKeown, Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions
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5:00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business — S6M-16143 Clare Adamson: Brexit Harm to Scotland, Five Years Since the UK Left the EU

Committee Meetings

9:15am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee
9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee
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followed by Scottish Government Debate: Investing in Public Services Through the Scottish Budget

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Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-16143](#) Clare Adamson: Brexit Harm to Scotland, Five Years Since the UK Left the EU—That the Parliament notes that January 2025 marks five years since the UK left the EU; recognises that people in Scotland voted to remain within the EU and that there was a majority vote for remain

in every one of Scotland's local authority areas, and considers that, despite this, Scotland was removed from the EU against the democratic wishes of the people of Scotland; believes that Brexit has caused, and continues to cause, substantial harm to the Scottish and UK economies; acknowledges reports that there is an estimated loss of £2.3 billion every year in public revenues for Scotland as a result of Brexit; notes with concern that the Office for Budget Responsibility has reportedly estimated that Brexit will reduce the overall trade intensity of the UK economy by 15% in the long term; understands that a recent study from the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics found that goods exports from the UK dropped by £27 billion in 2022 alone as a result of Brexit; further understands that the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply revealed problems with supply chains and trade routes, exacerbated by Brexit, which could see imports cost between 5% and 20% more, fuelling a new cost of living crisis; considers that Brexit continues to pose significant barriers to people coming to live and work in Scotland, including in vital public services; believes that Brexit is impacting young people's right to live, work and study in 27 European nations, and denying future generations a wealth of economic, social and cultural opportunities, and notes the belief that Scotland should rejoin the EU to rebuild strong ties with fellow Europeans and to ensure that businesses, students and workers in Scotland, including in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency, can benefit from access to the world's largest single market and the rich cultural, social and economic benefits that membership of the EU brings.

Committee Meetings

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 3rd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Bread and Flour Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)
2. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Laura Buchan, Policy and Engagement, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;
Steve Johnson, Assistant Chief Constable, Police Scotland;
Andy Shanks, Head of the Scottish Fatalities Investigation Unit, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;
and then from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Nicki Crossan, Assisted Dying Shadow Bill Team Leader, Ailsa Garland, Principal Legal Officer, Neil Ritchie, Palliative Care Unit Head, and Jo Swanson, Healthcare Quality and Improvement Divisional Head, Scottish Government.
3. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 4th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Laura Hamlet, Chief Executive, Coigach Community Development Company;
Andrew Howard, Managing Director, Moray Estates;
Tim Kirkwood, Chief Executive, Wildland;
Megan MacInnes, Local Development Manager, Applecross Community Company;
Dannie Onn, Director and Chair, Colonsay Community Development Company;
Dennis Overton, Chair, Ardtornish Estate.
3. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 3rd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

2. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-26 (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Budget 2025-26.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 4th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-26 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 3rd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on rent control measures to inform its forthcoming consideration of Stage 2 amendments from—
Lyndsay Clelland, Policy Officer, Age Scotland;
Dan Wilson Craw, Deputy Chief Executive, Generation Rent;
Aoife Deery, Senior Social Justice Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland;
Ruth Gilbert, Representative, Living Rent;
Natasha McGourt, Tenants Panel member;
Nikita Mickevics, Tenants Panel member;
Sai Shraddha S. Viswanathan, President, National Union of Students Scotland;
and then from—
Robin Blacklock, Managing Director, Dowbrae Limited;
John Blackwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Association of Landlords;
Dr John Boyle, Director of Research and Strategy, Rettie;
Cedric Bucher, Chief Executive, Hearthstone Investments;
Donryn Dewar, Landlords Panel member;
Timothy Douglas, Head of Policy and Campaigns, PropertyMark;
Dr Farhad Farnood, Landlords Panel member;
Cameron Gillies, Press and Public Affairs Manager, Scottish Land and Estates.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2024](#)
4. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 4th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Incidental, Supplementary and Consequential Provision\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)

3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Building \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/6)
4. **Framework legislation and Henry VIII powers:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Alison Coull , Deputy Director,
SGLD, Rural Affairs Division, Fraser Gough , Parliamentary Counsel Office, and Steven
MacGregor, Head of Parliament and Legislation Unit, Scottish Government.
5. **Tobacco and Vapes Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the
powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence conferred on Scottish
Ministers and UK Ministers in the Bill.
6. **Quarterly report:** The Committee will consider a draft report for the parliamentary quarter
from 16 September to 1 December 2024.
7. **Framework legislation and Henry VIII powers:** The Committee will consider the evidence it
heard earlier in the meeting.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 22 January 2025

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 Debate: Supporting Scotland's Health and Social Care Workforce

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-16002 Jackson Carlaw: Holocaust Memorial Day 2025, For a Better Future

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 — S6M-16148 Alex Rowley: Scottish Engineering's Engineering Skills Gap Analysis for Scotland

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

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>

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

29 January 2025

4th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Evelyn Tweed will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
3. **Deer working group report:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Malcolm Combe, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Strathclyde;
Richard Cooke, Chair, Scottish Venison Association;
Ross Ewing, Director of Moorland, Scottish Land and Estates;
David Fleetwood, Director of Policy, John Muir Trust;
Donald Fraser, Head of Wildlife Management, NatureScot;
Lea MacNally, Deer Group Member, Scottish Gamekeepers Association;
Duncan Orr-Ewing, Head of Species and Land Management, RSPB Scotland, LINK Deer Group;
Graeme Prest, Director of Land Management and Regions, Forestry and Land Scotland;
Tom Turnbull, Chairman, Association of Deer Management Groups.
4. **Deer working group report:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at emma.johnston@parliament.scot

Economy and Fair Work Committee

29 January 2025

4th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the following instruments:
Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]
Registers of Scotland (Fees and Plain Copies) Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2025 [draft]
Moveable Transactions (Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
Moveable Transactions (Register of Assignations and Register of Statutory Pledges Rules) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, and Jill Clark, Team Leader, Private Law Unit, Scottish Government;

- David Robertson, Policy Lead, Registers of Scotland;
Camilo Arredondo, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—
S6M-15910—That the Economy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
 - Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—
S6M-15911—That the Economy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Registers of Scotland (Fees and Plain Copies) Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
 - Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Moveable Transactions \(Forms\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)

[Moveable Transactions \(Register of Assignations and Register of Statutory Pledges Rules\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)
 - Data (Use and Access) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 85182 or at anne.peat@parliament.scot

Education, Children and Young People Committee

29 January 2025

4th Meeting, 2025

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

- Declaration of interests:** Keith Brown will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot

Public Audit Committee

29 January 2025

4th Meeting, 2025

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
- NHS in Scotland 2024: Finance and performance:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Caroline Lamb, Chief Executive of NHS Scotland and Director-General for Health and Social Care , and Alan Gray, Director of Health and Social Care Finance, Scottish Government;
John Burns, Chief Operating Officer, NHS Scotland.

- NHS in Scotland 2024: Finance and performance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
- NHS in Scotland 2024: Finance and performance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
- Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters at Katrina.Venters@Parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Committee 29 January 2025 4th Meeting, 2025

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

- Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Laura Buchan, Policy and Engagement, and Emma Forbes, National Lead for Domestic Abuse, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;
Malcolm Graham, Chief Executive, Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service;
Superintendent Richard Thomas, and Detective Superintendent Adam Brown, Police Scotland;
and then from—
Professor John Devaney, University of Edinburgh;
Professor Neil Websdale, Director of the Family Violence Center, Arizona State University;
Dr Grace Boughton, Criminologist.
- Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 30 January 2025 4th Meeting, 2025

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

- Financial aspects of leaving an abusive relationship (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.
- Post-legislative scrutiny of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

30 January 2025

2nd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Cross-Party Groups Annual Report:** The Committee will consider an annual update on Cross-Party Groups' compliance with the Code of Conduct.
3. **Scottish Information Commissioner Evidence Session:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Hamilton, Euan McCulloch, Head of Enforcement, and Claire Stephen, Head of Policy and Information, Scottish Information Commissioner.
4. **Evidence Session - Scottish Information Commissioner:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
5. **Committee effectiveness:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

30 January 2025

4th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Review of the UK-EU trade and Cooperation Agreement: Part 2:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Lesley Jackson, Deputy Director (Policy), Universities Scotland;
Roy Gardner, Vice Principal, Corporate Development and Innovation, City of Glasgow College, and Colleges Scotland;
Sarah Paterson, Communications and Public Affairs Manager, YouthLink Scotland;
Sai Shraddha S. Viswanathan, President, National Union of Students Scotland.

Proposed future business

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

SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

30 January 2025

2nd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **SPCB supported bodies landscape review:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ian Bruce, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland;
and then from—

Suzanne Vestri, Convener, Standards Commission for Scotland.

2. **SPCB supported bodies landscape review:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Proposed future business

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

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

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

Motions for Debate

***[S6M-16252](#) Jackie Baillie: Supporting Scotland's Health and Social Care Workforce**—That the Parliament deeply regrets that there is a continuing crisis in both the NHS and social care; recognises that staff are the backbone of the NHS and that the Scottish Government has failed to effectively workforce plan; understands that the consequences of this failure are that patients are suffering from poorer outcomes, hard-working staff are experiencing moral injury, and NHS graduates are not being employed, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently bring forward a 10-year health and social care workforce plan that meets the needs of the people of Scotland.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Carol Mochan*

***[S6M-16237](#) Neil Gray: Investing in Public Services Through the Scottish Budget**—That the Parliament welcomes the investment in Scotland's public services through the draft Scottish Budget 2025-26; notes that £21.7 billion for health and social care investment and over £15 billion in funding for local authorities is being provided; calls on the UK Government to fully fund the additional cost of its increase in employer national insurance contributions, noting the significant impacts on public services, including social care, if it does not fund it in full; notes the importance of the public service reform programme to drive future financial sustainability, and celebrates the key role that the Scottish public service workforce plays in delivering these services across Scotland.

Supported by: Maree Todd*, Jenni Minto*, Ivan McKee*

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-16231](#) Michael Marra: Dundee's Unicorn Preservation Society Secures National Lottery Heritage Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates the Unicorn Preservation Society on securing an initial fund of £796,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, which will be

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critical to support the next phase of Project Safe Haven; understands that this award is the first stage in a potential £4,096,001 award from the National Lottery Heritage Fund; recognises that Project Safe Haven, first launched in 2014, aims to bring Dundee's B-listed East Graving Dock back into working use, allowing HMS Unicorn to be relocated and enabling additional repair works to the ship; understands that repair works will be crucial for the wider aims of Project Safe Haven, which will see new interpretation installed onboard HMS Unicorn to enhance the visitor experience and tell the ship's story to new generations in Dundee; notes that the Unicorn Preservation Society, which was first formed in 1968, exists to ensure the conservation and preservation of this 19th century ship for future generations; commends the work of the organisation, including its education programmes and events, which educate the public on the significance of HMS Unicorn as a piece of maritime heritage in Dundee, and wishes the Unicorn Preservation Society every success with its fundraising and restoration work.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Murdo Fraser*, Martin Whitfield*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Stuart McMillan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Foyso Choudhury*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*

***S6M-16208 Annie Wells: Glasgow Student First Scottish Voice on Ring Doorbells**—That the Parliament congratulates Azkah Sardar, a 23-year-old medical student from Glasgow, whose voice will feature on Ring doorbells, following a casting search at the Silverburn shopping centre; understands that Scotland's "voice of the nation" search was launched after Ring's research found the Scottish accent to be one of the most endearing in the UK, with 44% of people considering it one of the friendliest; further understands that this is the first time that Ring has worked with a member of the public to voice its replies, and the first time that a Scottish accent will be heard on the video doorbells; acknowledges that, to celebrate the launch, Sardar also recorded a bespoke Scots language reply, which says "We're no in the noo, but haud on! Afore ye go it'd be pure dead brilliant if you'd leave a wee message. Haste ye back"; understands that people can use the Ring app to set up the Scottish accent quick reply, and further understands that Ring wanted to celebrate regional dialects and is thrilled to start in Scotland.

***S6M-16193 Tess White: Grampian Hospital Radio Shortlisted for Five Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Grampian Hospital Radio on being shortlisted for five awards at the Hospital Broadcasting Association Awards 2025; understands that Grampian Hospital Radio has been nominated in the categories of Male Presenter of the Year, Specialist Programme Backstage, Best Newcomer, Best Special Event and Best Speech Package; notes that the Hospital Broadcasting Association is a national organisation that supports and promotes hospital broadcasting across the UK; recognises that Grampian Hospital Radio is a registered charity, which is run by volunteers, and, since 1981, has been broadcasting to patients of NHS Grampian in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital and Roxburghe House, and wishes those shortlisted every success at the Hospital Broadcasting Association Awards ceremony in April 2025.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-16242 Maree Todd: Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] (lodged on 27 January 2025)

New Support: Jenni Minto*, Neil Gray*

S6M-16241 Jim Fairlie: National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] (lodged on 27 January 2025)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Fiona Hyslop*

[S6M-16213](#) Rona Mackay: Families Outside Launches its No Easy Journey Travel Campaign (lodged on 24 January 2025)

New Support: Clare Haughey*, John Mason*, Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Ross Greer*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*

[S6M-16207](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Set to Host Huge Strip the Willow (lodged on 24 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16206](#) Clare Adamson: In Memory of Captain David Anderson, 20th Motherwell Boys' Brigade (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*

[S6M-16205](#) Clare Adamson: Fir Park Corner 2014 (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*

[S6M-16204](#) Clare Adamson: Hugh Black & Sons Wins Three Gold Smithfield Awards (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-16203](#) Clare Adamson: Grampa's Memory by Linzi Bowden (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

[S6M-16200](#) Martin Whitfield: VoiceBox 2025 Joke-telling Competition Launched (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16199](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Welcoming the 21st Edition of Glasgow Film Festival (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*, Foysol Choudhury*

[S6M-16198](#) Ruth Maguire: Specsavers Investment at Irvine Branch (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*

[S6M-16197](#) Ruth Maguire: Bourtreehill Supermarket's Big Breakfast Event (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*

[S6M-16196](#) Sharon Dowey: Prestwick Post Office Customers Fundraise for Charity (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-16191](#) Finlay Carson: The Crichton Trust Gains Funding from The Open University
(lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-16189](#) Neil Bibby: Abbeycare Scotland Becomes First Rehab Centre in UK to Earn BSI Accreditation (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Bill Kidd*, Foysoi Choudhury*

[S6M-16188](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Company Retains Award for Helping its Young People Get on in the Workplace (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16183](#) Tim Eagle: Congratulating Local Newspapers in the North of Scotland (lodged on 22 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-16182](#) Colin Beattie: Lorna Greig Appointed an MBE (lodged on 22 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-16181](#) Sandesh Gulhane: SWG3 in Glasgow Wins VIBES Best Medium Business Award 2024 (lodged on 22 January 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16178](#) Alexander Burnett: New Farm Shop and Café at Deeside Activity Park (lodged on 22 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16176](#) Kevin Stewart: Befriend A Child Giving Tree Appeal (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

[S6M-16175](#) Kevin Stewart: Business Concern Highlighted in Quarterly Economic Survey (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S6M-16174](#) Ariane Burgess: Recognising Hugh Falconer: Scientist, and Colleague and Friend of Darwin (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Lorna Slater*

[S6M-16173](#) Katy Clark: Fire Service Reform (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16169](#) Paul Sweeney: Time to Talk Day is Back for 2025 (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Martin Whitfield*

[S6M-16168](#) Kenneth Gibson: The Impact of Increased Employers National Insurance Contributions (lodged on 22 January 2025)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Ash Regan*, Gordon MacDonald*, Ross Greer*, Lorna Slater*

[S6M-16167](#) James Dornan: Congratulating Newlands Park Community Tennis Centre
(lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-16165](#) Jackie Dunbar: Denis Law, the King (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Gordon MacDonald*

[S6M-16164](#) Douglas Lumsden: Recognising the Passing of Denis Law, Football Legend
(lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Gordon MacDonald*

[S6M-16161](#) Rhoda Grant: Recognition of Scottish Powerlifting Team Success in Home Nations Championships (lodged on 23 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Foyso Choudhury*, Alex Rowley*

[S6M-16157](#) Stuart McMillan: Recognition of Long-Serving Care Staff at Bagatelle and Glenfield Care Homes (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-16155](#) Mark Ruskell: Save Local Libraries (lodged on 22 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Foyso Choudhury*, Alex Rowley*, Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-16154](#) Katy Clark: ScotRail's Plans to Reduce Ticket Office Opening Hours (lodged on 21 January 2025)

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

[S6M-16150](#) Bill Kidd: UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Lorna Slater*

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

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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

New Support: Gordon MacDonald*

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Questions Ceistean				

Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 28 January 2025

1. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the number of unauthorised absences from schools. ([S6T-02302](#))

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 30 January 2025

1. Russell Findlay: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03745](#))

2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03746](#))

3. Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S6F-03751](#))

4. Kevin Stewart: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the recent CBI report, which reportedly suggests that businesses are preparing to "cut staff and raise prices". ([S6F-03764](#))

5. Jackson Carlaw: To ask the First Minister whether he will join HM The King and other world leaders in commemorating the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz extermination camp and offer his reflections on the theme of this year's Holocaust Memorial Day, "For a Better Future". ([S6F-03762](#))

6. Collette Stevenson: To ask the First Minister, in light of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation report, *UK Poverty 2025*, whether he will provide an update on the Scottish Government's actions to tackle poverty in Scotland, including in relation to any potential impact of planned UK Government welfare reforms. ([S6F-03773](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 05 February 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 29 January 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 30 January 2025.

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

1. Richard Leonard
2. Tim Eagle
3. Graham Simpson
4. Edward Mountain
5. Foyso Choudhury
6. Emma Harper
7. Ben Macpherson
8. Sandesh Gulhane

Finance and Local Government

1. Fulton MacGregor
2. Carol Mochan

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Questions Ceistean				

3. Bob Doris
4. Annabelle Ewing
5. Craig Hoy
6. Jackie Baillie
7. James Dornan
8. Alex Rowley

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 06 February 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 29 January 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 30 January 2025.

Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

1. Clare Haughey
2. Annie Wells
3. Fergus Ewing
4. Kenneth Gibson
5. Ash Regan
6. Roz McCall
7. Douglas Ross
8. Finlay Carson

Members selected for General Questions on 06 February 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 29 January 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 30 January 2025.

1. Sue Webber
2. Daniel Johnson
3. Oliver Mundell
4. Michelle Thomson
5. Evelyn Tweed
6. Pam Gosal
7. Jeremy Balfour
8. Colin Smyth

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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 27 January 2025

[S6W-34320](#) Keith Brown: To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the 2025 Education Improvement Plan, which was referenced to in the 2025 National Improvement Framework (NIF) that was published in December 2024.

[S6W-34323](#) Emma Roddick: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to bring forward legislation to change the close season for female deer.

Written questions lodged on 27 January 2025

[S6W-34022](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government which national flags it owns.

[S6W-34023](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has cost to maintain the national flags that it owns in each of the last 10 years.

[S6W-34024](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government which national flags it has purchased in each of the last 10 years.

[S6W-34025](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many flagpoles it has, broken down by height, and what the maintenance costs have been in each of the last 15 years.

[S6W-34026](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many of the national flags that it owns have (a) gone missing and (b) been wilfully damaged in each of the last 15 years.

[S6W-34027](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent on hospitality for visitors to its buildings in each of the last five years.

[S6W-34028](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures value for money regarding hospitality provision for visitors to its buildings.

[S6W-34033](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33096 by Ivan McKee on 21 January 2025, what the cost of maintaining the fleet was in each of the last five years.

[S6W-34036](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question by S6W-33053 by Shona Robison on 21 January 2025, what the cost was of contracting media planning and buying agencies in each of the last five years.

[S6W-34037](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33011 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, what oversight or guidance it provides to railway station owners and operators to ensure the safety of passengers and staff, and how it monitors the effectiveness of these measures.

[S6W-34038](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33178 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, how many of the 227 street lights were (a) replacements and (b) upgrades in each year.

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New Subordinate Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following draft instruments were laid before Parliament on 27 January 2025 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

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Members' Bills Proposals Molaidhean airson Bilean Buill				

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](#):

[Proposals for Bills – Scottish Parliament | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

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 acts, 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 Adhartas Reachdais				

Progress of Legislation

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the website at:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 28 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)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 4 February 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (2nd Report, 2025)

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 29 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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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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)

Before Stage 2 (evidence (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)), 28 January 2025

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

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Royal Assent, 27 January 2025

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 28 January 2025

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

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

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

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 25 February 2025

Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 19 February with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Passed, 15 January 2025

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

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)

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 29 January 2025

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

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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
[\(\[legislationteam@parliament.scot\]\(mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot\)\)](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Introduced, 17 December 2024

Lead committee – Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments

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
[\(\[legislationteam@parliament.scot\]\(mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot\)\)](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 January 2025

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)), 29 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

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 28 January 2025

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

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