

Wednesday 29 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
Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and
Parliamentary Business
Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Labour Party 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

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

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Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is undertaking to reopen historic sites that are managed by Historic Environment Scotland over the coming months. ([S6O-04250](#))
- 2. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to cultural organisations in rural areas. ([S6O-04251](#))
- 3. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to cultural venues and theatres across the Lothian region. ([S6O-04252](#))
- 4. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working to support galleries. ([S6O-04253](#))
- 5. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the National Galleries, in light of reports that some of its flagship attractions may have to close. ([S6O-04254](#))
- 6. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the culture secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding how it delivers support for community ownership of heritage assets. ([S6O-04255](#))
- 7. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the culture secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the potential impact on the provision of library services in Mid-Scotland and Fife of the proposed local government settlement for 2025-26. ([S6O-04256](#))
- 8. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture budget for 2024-25 was spent outside of the United Kingdom. ([S6O-04257](#))

Justice and Home Affairs

- 1. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the public inquiry into the investigation of Emma Caldwell's murder. ([S6O-04258](#))
- 2. Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service regarding the setting of mandatory timescales for decisions relating to the charging and prosecution of criminal proceedings. ([S6O-04259](#))
- 3. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to prevent death by suicide in prison. ([S6O-04260](#))
- 4. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the uplift in the Scottish Prison Service budget for 2025-26 will be spent on improving the prison estate. ([S6O-04261](#))
- 5. Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it gives to Police Scotland to increase visibility in remote and rural communities and deliver the community policing model, as outlined in the Chief Constable's 2030 vision for safer communities, less crime, supported victims, and a thriving workforce. ([S6O-04262](#))

6. Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the replacement of HMP Barlinnie, including in relation to the delivery date and cost. ([S6O-04263](#))

7. Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how its draft Budget 2025-26 will help enable individuals and communities to access justice. ([S6O-04264](#))

8. Emma Roddick: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to the Scottish Prison Service to help give people in custody the best chance of reintegrating into the community at the end of their sentence. ([S6O-04265](#))

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Supporting Scotland's Health and Social Care Workforce

[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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-16252.1 Neil Gray: Supporting Scotland's Health and Social Care Workforce](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-16252 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Supporting Scotland's Health and Social Care Workforce), leave out from "there is a continuing crisis" to end and insert "current high wait times mean that too many are waiting too long for treatment; thanks hardworking NHS and social care staff who provide extraordinary care across the country; recognises that there are crises facing too many parts of the NHS; notes investment of over £11 billion in the NHS workforce and an estimated £950 million to ensure that adult social care workers, including those in the third and private sectors, are paid at least the real Living Wage; recognises that the biggest threat to the health and social care workforce comes from the UK Government's decision to increase employer national insurance contributions, and demands that the UK Labour administration reimburse the Scottish Government in full; supports the calls for the publication of a medium-term approach to health and social care reform, including workforce planning, before the Parliament's 2025 summer recess, and believes that the aim of the medium-term reforms must be to ensure that everyone can access the treatment and care that they require, in the right place, at the right time."

[S6M-16252.2 Sandesh Gulhane: Supporting Scotland's Health and Social Care Workforce](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-16252 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Supporting Scotland's Health and Social Care Workforce), insert at end " ; notes that the Scottish National Party administration has failed to deliver improvements to social care in Scotland, despite wasting nearly £30 million and years of civil servants' time on its failed National Care Service, and calls on Neil Gray to resign as Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, following his disastrous tenure in office."

followed by Business Motions

S6M-16265 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—

That the Parliament agrees—

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 3 February 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-16266](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 19 September 2025.

[S6M-16267](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 28 March 2025.

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[S6M-16268](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SI—That the Parliament agrees that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

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followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-16002](#) Jackson Carlaw: Holocaust Memorial Day 2025, For a Better Future—That the Parliament recognises that 27 January 2025 will mark Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD); understands that the Holocaust was the brutal, barbaric and inhumane murder of six million Jewish men, women and children from 1941 to 1945 in concentration and death camps, mass shootings and ghettos; acknowledges that HMD takes places on 27 January each year as the date represents the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, which was the largest concentration camp; notes that the official theme for HMD 2025 is “For a better future”; recognises that there are many actions that people can take to make a contribution towards achieving a better future for all, such as confronting prejudice, reinforcing the importance of learning about both the Holocaust and the more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur, and challenging Holocaust denial, distortion and trivialisation whenever such narratives arise; acknowledges that 2025 marks both 80 years since Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia; accepts that the Holocaust is an incredibly dark chapter in human history, and considers that HMD is a crucially important event in the annual calendar, which aims to highlight why its lessons can never be forgotten and why a zero tolerance approach must always be taken against antisemitism and all forms of prejudice.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 4th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Deer working group report:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Malcolm Combe, external advisor to the Deer Working Group;
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.
3. **Deer working group report:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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](#)

5. **Data (Use and Access) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic (LCM(S6)52).

Education, Children and Young People Committee 4th Meeting, 2025

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

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

Public Audit Committee 4th 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, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Criminal Justice Committee 4th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **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.

2. **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.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 22 January 2025

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

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Thursday 6 February 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

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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>

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

1. **Financial aspects of leaving an abusive relationship (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.
2. **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-16275](#) Gillian Martin: Appointment of Board Members to Environmental Standards Scotland** —That the Parliament notes the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's consideration of the re-appointment of four board members to the board of Environmental Standards Scotland at its meeting on 26 November 2024; welcomes the committee's recommendation that the Parliament approves the re-appointment of Marie Fallon and Dr Paul McAleavey for a further four years, and Dr Richard Dixon and Dr Annalisa Savaresi for a further three years, in accordance with schedule 1, paragraph 2(5) and (6) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, and approves the appointments as required by schedule 1, paragraph 2(2) of the Act.

Supported by: Alasdair Allan*

[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

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Supported by: Maree Todd*, Jenni Minto*

***[S6M-16239](#) Kenneth Gibson: Scottish Budget 2025-26**—That the Parliament notes the pre-budget scrutiny undertaken by the Finance and Public Administration Committee, and other parliamentary committees.

Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

***[S6M-16219](#) Mercedes Villalba: Amnesty International Report Accuses Israel of Genocide Against Palestinians in Gaza**—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Amnesty International report, *'You Feel Like You Are Subhuman': Israel's Genocide Against Palestinians In Gaza*; is gravely concerned that Amnesty's research has, it believes, found a sufficient basis to conclude that the Israeli Government has committed, and is continuing to commit, genocide against Palestinians in the occupied Gaza Strip; understands that the report documents how, during its military offensive launched in the wake of the deadly Hamas-led attacks in southern Israel on 7 October 2023, the Israeli Government has unleashed what it sees as hell and destruction on the Palestinians in Gaza and it considers that this has been done brazenly, continuously and with total impunity; notes the view that, as a state party to the genocide convention, the UK must uphold its legal obligation to help prevent this crime and immediately end all arms transfers to Israeli forces, while pressing the UN Security Council to impose a comprehensive arms embargo on all parties to the conflict; understands that Amnesty's findings have implications for the Scottish Government, and recognises concerns, in the North East Scotland region and across the country, that Scottish Enterprise's reported continued support for arms companies manufacturing weapons and components that could be supplied to rights-violating states, including Israel, might place Scotland at risk of complicity with the most serious of international humanitarian law violations.

Supported by: Maggie Chapman*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-16268](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 3 February 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-16247](#) Kevin Stewart: Mile End Primary and the Net Zero Technology Centre**—That the Parliament congratulates pupils from Mile End Primary School in Midstocket, Aberdeen, on their successful visit to the Net Zero Technology Centre’s (NZTC) Innovation Hub on 23 January 2025; understands that the visit gave 30 P6 pupils the opportunity to explore science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) in action at the Centre, learning about cutting-edge clean energy projects and participating in interactive workshops designed to spark their interest in STEM subjects and green energy careers; further understands that the event was part of a broader STEM programme aimed at inspiring future scientists and engineers across the north east, working alongside the Young Workforce, Career Ready and the Russell Anderson Foundation to offer internships, mentorship schemes and graduate opportunities; believes that these kind of schemes are vital in ensuring that Scotland has the workforce necessary to take full advantage of its abundant clean energy resources, and hopes that the pupils involved have been given the motivation to become part of the next generation of Scottish scientists and engineers.

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***[S6M-16246](#) Kevin Stewart: Apache Fundraising for the Archie Foundation** —That the Parliament congratulates the Apache Corporation for donating £40,000 to The Archie Foundation to help fund a new Storz endoscope kit at NHS Grampian’s neonatal unit in Aberdeen; understands that the donation, from Apache’s bond committee, was raised through the sale of confectionery and other items on its North Sea installations in the Beryl and Forties fields, and that is the first major gift to the Archie Foundation in the charity’s 25th anniversary year; notes that the Storz endoscope kit allows staff to monitor and manage the airwaves of premature babies or other newborns who have difficulty breathing on their own; understands that this new equipment will be used in the new Baird Family Hospital, which is currently under construction at the Foresterhill site; believes that this donation will help ensure the Baird Family Hospital will provide first class care and treatment for newborn babies, and hopes that the partnership between Apache and the Archie Foundation continues to go from strength to strength.

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***[S6M-16242](#) Maree Todd: Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]**—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Jenni Minto, Neil Gray

***[S6M-16241](#) Jim Fairlie: National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft]**—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Fiona Hyslop

***[S6M-16240](#) Murdo Fraser: Call for Pilot Project Providing Venison on School Menus to be Rolled Out Nationally**—That the Parliament congratulates Argyll and Bute Council on launching a

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pilot project, in collaboration with Wild Jura, in which venison is supplied to six schools on islands; notes that it uses wild venison from the Ardlussa, Barnhill, Tarbert and Ruantallain estates and that children from the Small Isles Primary on Jura tried wild venison meatballs and burgers, which now feature on the school menu, and asks other local authorities, including those in Mid-Scotland and Fife, to consider rolling this initiative out on a national level, given what it sees as the real health benefits of venison as a nutrient-dense meat, which is rich in protein and low in saturated fat, and the economic benefits to venison producers and Scotland's rural economy.

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***S6M-16236 Jackie Baillie: Raising Awareness of How Vital Kidneys Are and the Need for Early Identification of Chronic Kidney Disease**—That the Parliament recognises the importance of diagnosing chronic kidney disease at an early stage; understands that over 600,000 people in Scotland have chronic kidney disease (CKD), with around a third thought to be living with the condition undiagnosed; notes with concern the reported lack of public awareness of the signs of CKD, with one in four people being unable to identify any of the seven main signs of a loss of kidney function; further notes that people with diabetes and/or high blood pressure are at an increased risk of developing CKD, but understands that most do not currently receive the recommended annual testing; commends charities, including Kidney Care UK, for raising awareness of the signs and risks of CKD, including through the Bloody Amazing Kidneys campaign, with a reported over 130,000 people having completed their kidney health care checker, with 50% of those completing it found to be at higher risk of CKD, and notes the recommendations for action made by Kidney Care UK in its *Let's Talk Kidneys* report, which include adopting targets for early detection of chronic kidney disease, ensuring that every NHS board develops a chronic kidney disease prevention and management strategy to better identify and reduce the risk among people, enhancing local primary care management of CKD and ensuring that healthcare professionals are supported to communicate the risks of CKD progression.

***S6M-16235 Stuart McMillan: SP Energy Networks Net Zero Fund Supports 1st Gourock Scout Group**—That the Parliament congratulates 1st Gourock Scout Group on being awarded £169,562.50 through the SP Energy Networks Net Zero Fund to support its efforts to decarbonise and achieve net zero targets; understands that the group, which meets in and manages the Coppermine Community Centre in Gourock, has utilised the funding to install an air source heat pump, improve insulation in the roof and cavity walls, upgrade doors and windows, and replace the mechanical ventilation system; acknowledges the significant contribution that it understands these improvements will make to reducing carbon emissions and enhancing energy efficiency at the community centre; commends SP Energy Networks for its commitment to supporting community-led decarbonisation projects, and wishes 1st Gourock Scout Group continued success in its environmental and community initiatives.

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***S6M-16234 Tom Arthur: Tied Pubs (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]**—That the Economy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Tied Pubs (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Richard Lochhead, Kate Forbes

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***[S6M-16233](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft]**—That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Kaukab Stewart, Paul McLennan

***[S6M-16232](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]**—That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Paul McLennan, Kaukab Stewart

***[S6M-16229](#) Michael Marra: Relationships Scotland Supporting Families and Communities in Dundee**—That the Parliament recognises the excellent work done by Relationships Scotland in Dundee; understands that a range of services are offered in Dundee, including counselling for children and young people, family mediation, conflict mentoring and child contact centre services; believes that this work is an essential resource to many families and communities in the city of Dundee; commends the staff in Dundee for their hard work and compassion in the service of their community; understands that Relationships Scotland is Scotland's largest provider of relationship counselling, family mediation and child contact centre services; notes that the organisation operates nationwide, with details available on Relationships Scotland's website of services available in each of Scotland's 32 local authorities, and sends its best wishes to the organisation for continued success in supporting families across Scotland.

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***[S6M-16228](#) Douglas Ross: Jean Pryde Named as One of the UK's Most Inspiring Female Entrepreneurs**—That the Parliament congratulates Jean Pryde from Rafford, in Moray, who was named as one of the UK's most inspiring female entrepreneurs by F:Entrepreneur at the Small Business Britain event in January 2025; understands that Jean is co-founder of Moray greeting card publisher, Brilliantly Brave, and also the wellbeing and mental health facilitation service, Green Ribbons; notes that Jean holds a number of additional roles and responsibilities ranging from community organiser and facilitator, conservation worker as well as being a qualified digger driver; understands that Brilliantly Brave was founded in 2024 and that the company designs greeting cards that celebrate diversity, promotes mental wellbeing and directly supports community health initiatives by channelling 100% of its profits into local services; further understands that Green Ribbons is a service that provides mental health training and support and empowers individuals to recognise and deal with mental health challenges, and wishes Jean continued success as she supports community groups and service users in Moray and beyond.

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***[S6M-16227](#) Douglas Lumsden: Commemorating the Legacy of Stewart Spence MBE**—That the Parliament mourns the passing of Stewart Spence MBE, a distinguished Aberdeen hotelier who, it understands, significantly contributed to the region's tourism and hospitality sector; recognises his 55-year career marked by what it considers as exceptional leadership and vision; acknowledges his founding role in the Grampian Hotel and Catering Training Association; commends his commitment to Aberdeen's economic growth through the oil industry era;

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celebrates his achievements in establishing the Marcliffe Hotel and Spa as a landmark of luxury, and pays tribute to his enduring impact on Scotland's hospitality industry.

***[S6M-16225](#) Karen Adam: Retirement of Susan and Euan, Proprietors of The Station Hotel, Portsoy**—That the Parliament wishes Susan and Euan, proprietors of The Station Hotel in Portsoy, a long and happy retirement; commends them for what it sees as their exemplary management of the hotel, which has seen both the establishment and themselves play such an active and valued role in the Portsoy community; thanks them for their hard work, dedication, and numerous acts of kindness over the past 20 years; recognises their significant contribution to both the hospitality sector and the local community, and wishes them every happiness in the years to come.

***[S6M-16224](#) Tim Eagle: Loch Fyne Candles Opens First Shop in Tarbert, Argyll**—That the Parliament congratulates Carolyn and Gary Cairns on recently opening the new Loch Fyne Candles shop in Tarbert, Argyll; understands that they received support from Business Gateway, which helped in securing funding and giving advice on marketing and branding, leading them to develop their business to the point where they have been able to open a physical store, having initially operated their business, which was established in November 2023, through a website and selling from home; acknowledges that Carolyn and Gary were successful in securing a UK Shared Prosperity Fund grant with the help of Business Gateway to support the next stage of their business, and wishes Carolyn and Gary every possible success with their business in the future.

***[S6M-16223](#) Jackie Dunbar: Commemorating Muriel Jaffrey as a True Aberdonian**—That the Parliament notes with great sadness the passing of Muriel Jaffrey; notes that Muriel was an Aberdeen City Councillor for 18 years, representing the city's Donmouth ward from 1999 to 2007 and the Bridge of Don ward from 2007 until she stood down at the 2017 election; further notes that, during this time, she chaired the city's Licensing Board for five years, was appointed a Baillie, and was admitted as a Burgess of Guild of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen; recognises that Muriel gained a reputation across her ward as someone who would work tirelessly for them, and believes that this commitment to her constituents and to public service helped secure countless improvements for the communities that she represented; notes that Muriel was a member of the Scottish National Party for 69 years, having reportedly joined the party on her 16th birthday, the earliest that she could join the party at the time, and understands that throughout Muriel's lifetime of campaigning for Scottish independence she went from receiving hostile responses when campaigning in the 1950s and 1960s to leading thousands of independence supporters in a march along Aberdeen's Union Street in 2019; believes that Muriel has made tremendous contributions to Aberdeen, in particular the Bridge of Don, and to the cause of Scottish independence, and extends its condolences to Muriel's family and her many friends.

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***[S6M-16222](#) Karen Adam: 25th Anniversary of The Portsoy Thrift Shop**—That the Parliament celebrates the 25th anniversary of the opening of The Portsoy Thrift Shop; recognises that the shop has been operated by a dedicated team of volunteers, with funds raised used to support the Portsoy community, local charities and community groups; acknowledges what it considers to be the invaluable contribution of the volunteers, whose efforts have made the thrift shop a true community asset, and thanks these community champions for their commitment to making a positive difference, and wishes The Portsoy Thrift Shop continued success in its work in supporting the community in the years to come.

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***[S6M-16221](#) Alexander Burnett: Banchory Gymnastics Coach Lauded for Decades of Work**—That the Parliament congratulates Melanie Stewart-Wills, from Banchory, Aberdeenshire, on her nomination for community coach of the year at the British Gymnastics Awards; notes that Melanie has been shortlisted as a finalist in the British Gymnastics Awards 2025 for her work in spreading the joy of gymnastics; understands that Melanie started her journey coaching gymnastics more than 45 years ago and has seen, first-hand, the difference that sport makes to the lives of all who she coaches; commends Melanie for her continued coaching in the local community, and in delivering British Gymnastics' core values, and wishes her continued success.

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***[S6M-16220](#) Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating Buchanan High School Choir on Raising Minibus Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates Buchanan High School's choir in Coatbridge on raising an impressive £441 for the school's minibus fund through a series of festive performances at Asda Coatbridge; acknowledges the hard work, dedication, and talent of the students involved in these performances, which it believes brought joy to shoppers during the holiday season; commends the staff and volunteers who supported the choir and organised the event; recognises what it regards as the importance of the minibus fund in enhancing educational and extracurricular activities available to students of Buchanan High School; appreciates the generosity of the local community and the support provided by Asda Coatbridge in making the fundraiser a success, and extends its best wishes to the choir and the wider school community for continued success in future projects and initiatives.

***[S6M-16217](#) Douglas Lumsden: Welcoming the Restoration of the Bruce Miller's Union Street Clock**—That the Parliament welcomes the restoration of the iconic drum-shaped clock on Aberdeen's Union Street, originally designed by legendary music shop owner Bruce Miller; recognises the £15,000 restoration project, undertaken by Robin Miller, to preserve this unique piece of Aberdeen's heritage; acknowledges the collaborative funding support from the Miller family and Aberdeen City Council conservation grants; notes the clock's historical significance as a reminder of the Bruce Miller music store, which served Aberdeen until 2011; commends what it sees as Robin Miller's dedication to preserving this memorable feature of the Granite Mile upon his return to the north east; appreciates the craftsmanship involved in restoring the rotating marching band feature; believes that this restoration is a positive contribution to Union Street's regeneration efforts, and hopes that this project will inspire further preservation of Aberdeen's unique architectural and cultural heritage.

***[S6M-16216](#) Claire Baker: Nurina Sharmin, Engineering Graduate, Receives UHI Perth 2024 Alumni of the Year Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Nurina Sharmin, an engineering graduate, on receiving UHI Perth's 2024 Alumni of the Year award; understands that Nurina, now an integration engineer with BAE Systems, was presented with the award by UHI principal and vice-chancellor Vicki Nairn during an online ceremony in December 2024; notes that the award recognises her professional success, dedication to her community, and continued support for UHI as an alumni ambassador; understands that Nurina graduated from UHI Perth in 2020 with a BEng (Hons) in Aircraft Engineering and Air Transport Operations and, during her studies, held leadership roles including vice-president for education and engagement with the Highlands and Islands Student Association and as a student member on the UHI Perth Board of Management, and later completed a master's degree in aerospace engineering at the University of Leeds;

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acknowledges that Nurina led the Falcon 2 project (2022–23), funded by Boeing and the UK Department for Transport, which involved students in designing an inclusive flight simulator; understands that Nurina is a member of the Women in Aviation Aerospace and Space Committee, is chair of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers West Yorkshire Young Members, serves as an aviation ambassador for the UK Department for Transport, promoting careers and pathways within aviation and aerospace, is a school governor with the Trinity Multi-academy Trust, overseeing a primary school and supporting local education and social mobility, and is also a civilian instructor with the Royal Airforce Air Cadets; acknowledges that Nurina has remained closely connected to UHI since her graduation, serving as an alumni ambassador and supporting prospective and current students; commends Nurina's work and accomplishments in aerospace, and believes that her contributions are a great example of the success and impact graduates can achieve in Scotland, and extends its very best wishes to Nurina for continued success in the future.

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***S6M-16215 David Torrance: 50 Years of Radio Forth**—That the Parliament celebrates Radio Forth on 50 years of broadcasting, with the station's first transmission being on 22 January 1975; highlights its mission to entertain, inform and connect with its listeners; commends Radio Forth's commitment to charitable fundraising over its 50-year history, and commends what it sees as the station's valuable contribution to the community in Edinburgh, the Lothians, Fife and Falkirk.

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***S6M-16214 David Torrance: Restoration Forth Wins Coasts and Waters Award at Nature of Scotland Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Restoration Forth on winning the Coasts and Waters Award at the 2024 Nature of Scotland Awards; understands that the Nature of Scotland Awards recognise the very best in Scottish nature conservation; notes that Restoration Forth is a partnership of 10 organisations, with the goal to plant four hectares of seagrass and reintroduce 30,000 oysters to the Firth of Forth by spring 2025; understands that it works to empower communities around the Firth of Forth to become champions for their local environment; highlights the work done by the Ecology Centre, Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, the Edinburgh Shoreline Project, the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh, the Heart of Newhaven Community Trust and the Scottish Seabird Centre in their role as Hubs for achieving the environmental goals of Restoration Forth, and commends also the good work of the other organisations that were shortlisted for the Coasts and Waters Award.

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***S6M-16211 Annabelle Ewing: Benarty Bitez**—That the Parliament congratulates Dannielle Duncan and Laura McComish on the opening of Benarty Bitez, which is a community café hosted at the Benarty Centre; notes that the café will be open every Tuesday lunchtime; recognises that Dannielle and Laura already run a tuck shop in the Benarty Centre every Wednesday; believes that this additional development will further help to tackle social isolation, and wishes the venture every success.

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***S6M-16210 Tim Eagle: Oban Mountain Rescue Team Members Complete Britain's Most Brutal Race**—That the Parliament congratulates Oban Mountain Rescue Team members Joe Farnell and Chris Davies on their completion of the Montane Winter Spine race, which, it understands, has been dubbed "Britain's most brutal race"; understands that, in order to complete the race, runners must complete a 268-mile trail from the Peak District to the Scottish Borders, with limited breaks for rest and food; recognises that Chris participated in the southern portion of the race, between Edale in the Peak District to Hawes in North Yorkshire, while Joe completed the northern portion, from Hardraw in North Yorkshire to Kirk Yetholm in the Scottish Borders, and that Joe secured second place overall; notes that Chris and Joe took part in the gruelling race to raise money for the Oban Mountain Rescue Team, raising over £3,600 in donations, and wishes Chris, Joe and all involved with the Oban Mountain Rescue Team well for the future.

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***S6M-16209 Tim Eagle: The Leanne Fund Celebrates its 15-year Anniversary** —That the Parliament congratulates The Leanne Fund, which is based on the Isle of Lewis, on reaching its 15th anniversary; understands that it was founded in 2009 by the Mitchell family as a lasting legacy to their daughter, Leanne, who died of cystic fibrosis, aged 21, and began operating in 2010; recognises that The Leanne Fund works with regional NHS cystic fibrosis teams in 11 NHS board regions across Scotland, including every board in the Highlands and Islands, and that it offers a range of free services to people living with cystic fibrosis, and their families, and wishes all involved with the The Leanne Fund well for the next 15 years and beyond.

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***S6M-16192 Tess White: Wendy Milne Trains Her 100th Guide Dog Pup**—That the Parliament applauds Wendy Milne from Forfar as she fosters her hundredth pup, called Lindsey, for the charity organisation, Guide Dogs; understands that Wendy has been a volunteer with Guide Dogs and fostering pups for 20 years, beginning in 2004 with her first pup, Clara; understands that, as a fosterer, Wendy spends evenings and weekends with her guide dog puppy, getting them used to her home environment as well as introducing them to new environments and familiarising them with all of the different sights and sounds when out and about; further understands that pups-in-training then spend their days at the Guide Dogs regional training centre in Forfar where they are prepared for their future and being partnered with a person with sight loss; believes that, as well as fostering one hundred pups, Wendy has also raised vital funds for Guide Dogs through making and selling dog beds and Christmas decorations, and wishes Wendy many congratulations as she continues volunteering as a guide dog-in-training fosterer.

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***S6M-16131 Douglas Lumsden: Congratulating Aaron Cardno's Victory at the PolarNorth Half Marathon**—That the Parliament congratulates Aaron Cardno from Inverurie on his remarkable victory at the 2025 PolarNorth Half Marathon in Tromsø, Norway; notes the

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outstanding achievement of the 18-year-old University of Edinburgh student in completing the race in one hour, 13 minutes and 34 seconds, despite challenging Arctic conditions of -9C; recognises the unique nature of this race, taking place during the polar night when the sun never rises above the horizon; commends the former Inverurie Academy pupil's dedication to running since beginning his university studies; celebrates what it sees as this inspiring example of young Scottish sporting talent competing successfully on the international stage, and wishes Aaron continued success in his future sporting endeavours and academic studies.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-16276 Natalie Don-Innes: Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Graeme Dey*

S6M-16237.3 Michael Marra: Investing in Public Services Through the Scottish Budget (lodged on 27 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-16231 Michael Marra: Dundee's Unicorn Preservation Society Secures National Lottery Heritage Funding (lodged on 27 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-16219 Mercedes Villalba: Amnesty International Report Accuses Israel of Genocide Against Palestinians in Gaza (lodged on 27 January 2025)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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

New Support: Maggie Chapman*, Evelyn Tweed*, Elena Whitham*

S6M-16212 Paul Sweeney: International Year of Co-operatives (lodged on 24 January 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*, Graham Simpson*, Martin Whitfield*, Monica Lennon* **R**, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam McArthur*, Foyso Choudhury* **R**, Rhoda Grant*, Miles Briggs*, Brian Whittle*

S6M-16208 Annie Wells: Glasgow Student First Scottish Voice on Ring Doorbells (lodged on 27 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Craig Hoy*, Meghan Gallacher*, Alexander Stewart*, Liam Kerr*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Fulton MacGregor*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Douglas Ross*, Jamie Greene*, Sharon Dowey*, Brian Whittle*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Pam Gosal*, Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*, Foyso Choudhury*, Bill Kidd*, Tess White*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

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

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New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Sharon Dowey*, Evelyn Tweed*

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

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Evelyn Tweed*

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

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Evelyn Tweed*

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

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Evelyn Tweed*, Tess White*

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

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*, Evelyn Tweed*, Tess White*, Elena Whitham*

[S6M-16194](#) Elena Whitham: Common Ground Forum on Deer (lodged on 22 January 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16193](#) Tess White: Grampian Hospital Radio Shortlisted for Five Awards (lodged on 27 January 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Alexander Stewart*, David Torrance*, Meghan Gallacher*, Kevin Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackie Dunbar*, Brian Whittle*

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

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

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*, Elena Whitham*

[S6M-16172](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Football Club Reaches Scottish Cup Fourth Round (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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Motions Glusadan				

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

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16166](#) Kevin Stewart: Scotland Legend Denis Law Passes Away at 84 (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16163](#) Monica Lennon: Welcoming the Nick Sheridan Memorial Bursary Scheme (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-16159](#) Stuart McMillan: Launch of Help for Veterans in Inverclyde (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-16158](#) Stuart McMillan: Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Greenock Cut Visitor Centre (lodged on 21 January 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Brian Whittle*, Evelyn Tweed*

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

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

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Questions Ceistean				

Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 28 January 2025

[S6W-34029 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) plastic, (b) paper, (c) metal and (d) glass straws it has procured in each of the last 10 years, and what the average cost was.

[S6W-34030 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33252 by Alasdair Allan on 23 January 2025, who attended each meeting; whether it will publish any formal minutes that were taken, and what plans there are to next meet.

[S6W-34034 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33142 by Neil Gray on 21 January 2025, what the cost was of training Foundation Year 2 doctors in each of the last five years.

[S6W-34035 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33142 by Neil Gray on 21 January 2025, what the cost was of training Foundation Year 1 doctors in each of the last five years.

[S6W-34039 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it works with with the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service to ensure accountability and continuous improvement.

[S6W-34041 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to questions S6W-33478 and S6W-33530 by Neil Gray on 22 January 2025, whether it will contact the chief executive of NHS Grampian to request the information asked for in the questions.

[S6W-34042 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33168 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, what specific criteria are used to determine that all 140 overbridges and overpasses on the A90 are in an "acceptable condition."

[S6W-34043 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33168 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, how many inspections were carried out on the overbridges and overpasses on the A90 in each of the last three years, and what the main findings of these were.

[S6W-34044 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33168 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, what funding has been allocated for maintenance and repair work on the A90 overbridges and overpasses over the last five years.

[S6W-34045 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33168 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, whether Transport Scotland or its operating companies have identified any of the A90 overbridges and overpasses as requiring significant structural upgrades or replacement.

[S6W-34046 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33168 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, what specific challenges were encountered in repairing the A90 Glencarse overpass following the vehicle strike in March 2023, and how these were addressed.

[S6W-34047 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33168 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, what the expected (a) timeline and (b) costs are for completing ongoing repairs to the A90 Finavon Bridge, which was damaged during Storm Babet.

[S6W-34048 Douglas Lumsden](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33168 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, whether Transport Scotland has conducted any assessments on the potential impact of severe weather events, such as those experienced during Storm Babet, on the structural integrity of the A90 overbridges and overpasses.

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[S6W-34049 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33168 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, how it ensures that regular inspections of A90 overbridges and overpasses are carried out in compliance with relevant safety standards and best practices.

[S6W-34050 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33168 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, whether there have been any reported safety concerns or incidents involving overbridges and overpasses along the A90 in the last five years, and what actions were taken to address these concerns.

[S6W-34051 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33168 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, what plans are in place to ensure that all overbridges and overpasses on the A90 meet future traffic and load-bearing requirements.

[S6W-34052 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33161 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, how many of the 2,297 street lights on the A90 are fitted with LED bulbs.

[S6W-34053 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33161 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, what the total electricity cost is for powering the 2,297 street lights on the A90, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-34054 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33161 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, how much has been spent on maintaining the 2,297 street lights on the A90 in each of the last five years, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-34055 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33161 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, how much has been spent on upgrading the 2,297 street lights on the A90 in each of the last five years, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-34056 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33161 by Fiona Hyslop on 22 January 2025, what plans are in place to further upgrade street lighting along the A90, including (a) timelines and (b) estimated costs.

[S6W-34057 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what criteria are used to determine when the the Scottish Government Resilience Room should be activated.

[S6W-34058 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many times the Scottish Government Resilience Room has been activated in each of the last five years, and for what specific events.

[S6W-34059 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the total cost of operating the Scottish Government Resilience Room has been in each of the last five years.

[S6W-34060 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what resources and facilities are available within the Scottish Government Resilience Room to support decision making during emergencies.

[S6W-34061 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how often exercises or drills are conducted to test the effectiveness of the Scottish Government Resilience Room's crisis response capabilities.

[S6W-34062 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the process is for coordinating with local authorities and public bodies through the Scottish Government Resilience Room during emergencies.

[S6W-34063 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what steps are taken to ensure the confidentiality and security of information discussed during meetings in the Scottish Government Resilience Room.

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Questions Ceistean				

S6W-34065 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what role the Scottish Government Resilience Room has in coordinating with the UK Government during emergencies that have a cross-border impact.

S6W-34066 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it provides to local authorities and other stakeholders on how to engage with the Scottish Government Resilience Room during an emergency.

S6W-34067 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks; what was discussed, who attended, and when the next meeting will take place.

S6W-34068 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish a list of Energy Consent Unit decisions made in the last year, and which of its ministers made each determination.

S6W-34069 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many pieces of (a) physical and (b) email correspondence (i) the First Minister (ii) each cabinet secretary, (iii) each minister and (iv) each law officer has received in each of the last five years.

S6W-34075 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to increase public confidence in the achievability of the Clean Power 2030 target, in light of the reported findings of the True North survey.

S6W-34077 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the True North survey's reported findings regarding public attitudes toward managing the transition away from oil and gas while protecting jobs and investment.

S6W-34078 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is considering to align public energy policy with the reported findings of the True North survey on domestic energy production and import dependence.

S6W-34079 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to address the reported challenge, identified in the True North survey, of public scepticism over the effectiveness of the Clean Power 2030 target within the stated timeframe.

S6W-34080 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what the objectives were for the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy's attendance at the Handelsblatt Energy Summit in Berlin, in January 2025.

S6W-34081 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what outcomes were achieved from the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy's meetings with German energy companies during her recent trip to Berlin.

S6W-34082 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy had with international energy firms in Berlin regarding investment opportunities in Scotland's offshore wind, green hydrogen, and carbon capture sectors.

S6W-34083 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what role the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy's attendance at the Handelsblatt Energy Summit will play in strengthening Scotland's renewable energy supply chain.

S6W-34084 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what actions it will take following the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy's recent discussions with German energy firms to develop Scotland's renewable energy workforce.

S6W-34085 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions took place during the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy's recent visit to Berlin regarding collaboration between Scotland and Germany on achieving net zero targets.

S6W-34086 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what international partnerships the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy sought to establish or enhance during her recent trip to Berlin.

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[S6W-34092 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what specific areas of renewable energy innovation were discussed during the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy's recent engagements at the Handelsblatt Energy Summit.

[S6W-34093 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what role the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy's recent meetings with German energy firms will play in achieving Scotland's Clean Power 2030 targets.

[S6W-34094 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to follow up on the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy's recent discussions in Berlin with German energy firms to facilitate joint projects in offshore wind and carbon capture.

[S6W-34095 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it will build on the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy's recent discussions at the Handelsblatt Energy Summit to improve energy interconnectivity between Scotland and Europe.

[S6W-34096 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what commitments were made during the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy's recent meetings with German energy companies to support Scotland's just transition to renewable energy.

[S6W-34097 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many NHS-issued pagers, or so-called bleeps, are currently in use, broken down by NHS board.

[S6W-34098 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential impact on patient safety of any continued reliance on pagers in the NHS.

[S6W-34099 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to phase out the use of pagers in the NHS and replace them with more modern communication technology devices.

[S6W-34100 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what research it has undertaken into any alternative communication systems that could replace the use of pagers in the NHS.

[S6W-34101 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what costs are associated with maintaining and operating NHS-issued pagers, and whether it has estimated the comparable cost of any alternative communication technologies.

[S6W-34102 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it has issued to NHS boards regarding the use of pagers in critical care and emergency situations.

[S6W-34103 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what recent analysis it has carried out on how the use of pagers potentially impacts on NHS staff efficiency and response times in emergencies.

[S6W-34104 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it has sought feedback from NHS staff on their experiences of using NHS-issued pagers, including what alternative technologies they would recommend.

[S6W-34332 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will make a representation to the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth requesting that it reviews its Standing Rules and considers admitting devolved parliaments and legislative assemblies to its membership.

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New Subordinate Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following draft instrument was laid before Parliament on 28 January 2025 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Provision of Early Learning and Childcare \(Specified Children\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

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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 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 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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*Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

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)*

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 completed, 28 January 2025

*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged 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)

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)

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

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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

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 Supplementary LCM-S6-48a

Lodged on 28 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

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

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

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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

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

Subject to approval by 26 February 2025

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

Subject to approval by 3 March 2025

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

[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)

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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)

Subject to approval by 13 March 2025

[Tied Pubs \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(24 January 2025\)](#) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(24 January 2025\)](#) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(24 January 2025\)](#) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 16 March 2025

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(27 January 2025\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(27 January 2025\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 17 March 2025

[Provision of Early Learning and Childcare \(Specified Children\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(28 January 2025\)](#) (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
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[Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/371\)](#) (12 December 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subject to annulment 6 March 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

Subject to annulment 12 March 2025

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[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/8\)](#) (23 January 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/9\)](#) (23 January 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 28 January 2025—

Criminal Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 729)

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Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 28 January 2025—

Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Great British Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-48a)

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