

Wednesday 5 March 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Royal Assent

The Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Act 2025 received Royal Assent on 4 March 2025.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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 Debate:
Achieving a Fair Balance in the UK's
Economy

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 — S6M-
16524 Colin Beattie: Three Years of Solidarity
with Ukraine

Committee Meetings

9:00am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:00am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public
Petitions Committee

9:30am Criminal Justice Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Finance and Local Government – Questions 2 and 4.

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

- 1. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to incentivise businesses to seek opportunities for scaling up. ([S6O-04378](#))
- 2. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the calls in public petition PE1979 for gaps in the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry to be addressed and for an independent whistleblowing officer for education and children's services to be established. ([S6O-04379](#))
- 3. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is facilitating direct links with markets to promote economic development. ([S6O-04380](#))
- 4. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding any economic impact of delaying the full dualling of the A96, in light of the Moray and Inverness chambers of commerce calling for the road to be dualled in full and raising concerns that delays to delivering this are "constraining economic growth" in the area. ([S6O-04381](#))
- 5. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions economy ministers have had with ministerial colleagues regarding what steps it is taking to improve regulatory clarity and reduce compliance costs for self-catering accommodation businesses. ([S6O-04382](#))
- 6. Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting Edinburgh's economy. ([S6O-04383](#))
- 7. Foysoyl Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what resources it has allocated to projects in the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal, including transport projects. ([S6O-04384](#))
- 8. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to further support Gaelic at a local level, in light of the announcement of North Lanarkshire's first ever local Mòd, which will take place this September. ([S6O-04385](#))

Finance and Local Government

- 1. Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors the ways in which local authorities engage with stakeholders regarding the implementation of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024. ([S6O-04386](#))
- 2. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting Aberdeen City Council to manage the impact of the UK Government's increase to employer national insurance contributions. ([S6O-04387](#))
- 3. Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Institute for Fiscal Studies' assessment in its Scottish Budget 2025-26 report that "it is particularly important that the front-loaded increases in investment and public service spending planned are undertaken effectively". ([S6O-04388](#))

- 4. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Government increasing employer national insurance contributions, how it is supporting local authority finances. ([S6O-04389](#))
- 5. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported comment by the Scottish Information Commissioner that Scotland's non-departmental public bodies, also known as quangos, are costing taxpayers £6.6 billion annually. ([S6O-04390](#))
- 6. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of the cross-government co-ordination of infrastructure, what discussions the finance secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding what consideration is given to national security in its infrastructure policy. ([S6O-04391](#))
- 7. Marie McNair:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting local authorities, such as West and East Dunbartonshire councils, that have to make PFI and PPP payments. ([S6O-04392](#))
- 8. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government how the total funding that it has provided for local government has changed over the last decade in real terms and as a proportion of total spending. ([S6O-04393](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Achieving a Fair Balance in the UK's Economy

[S6M-16667](#) **Kate Forbes: Achieving a Fair Balance in the UK's Economy**—That the Parliament recognises that Scotland's many high-growth sectors, which are driven by world class innovation, deserve greater recognition from, and promotion by, the UK Government, which must not unfairly focus investment in the south-east of England, or the so-called golden triangle of Oxford, Cambridge and London, or treat Scotland as an afterthought, especially when announcing or developing policy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-16667.3](#) **Murdo Fraser: Achieving a Fair Balance in the UK's Economy**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16667 in the name of Kate Forbes (Achieving a Fair Balance in the UK's Economy), leave out from "deserve" to end and insert "benefit significantly from an abundance of direct investment initiatives established under the former UK Conservative administration, including £3 billion in Levelling Up funding, City Region and Growth Deals, Green Freeports, the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, and the British Business Bank; recognises that the importance and significance of these investments demonstrate the commitment that was held by the former UK Conservative administration to supporting economic growth in Scotland; acknowledges the full responsibility that is held by the Scottish Government for economic outcomes deriving from its devolved powers, and calls on the UK Labour administration to hold to the critical pledges made by its predecessors to level up Scotland's economic prosperity."

[S6M-16667.1](#) **Daniel Johnson: Achieving a Fair Balance in the UK's Economy**—As an amendment to motion S6W-16667 in the name of Kate Forbes (Achieving a Fair Balance in the UK's Economy), leave out from "deserve" to end and insert "must gain greater recognition in order to reach their potential, attract investment and deliver growth and opportunity across Scotland; welcomes the UK Government's commitment to investing in Scotland since July 2024, which includes £200 million to secure the future of Grangemouth, £125 million for Great British Energy, based in Aberdeen, £5 million to support the Scotch Whisky industry, £1.4 billion in important local growth projects of which there is at least £200 million to revive specific Scottish towns, support for Glasgow City Region and North East Scotland Investment Zones and a commitment that Glasgow

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followed by Business Motions

[S6M-16686](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—
That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Hospitals Inquiry Interim Report on the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People and Department of Clinical Neuroscience Edinburgh

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Adoption of Innovation in Health and Social Care

followed by Business Motions

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Tuesday 18 March

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followed by Business Motions

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5.00 pm Decision Time

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Wednesday 19 March 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 March 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Rural Affairs and Islands Committee Debate: Salmon Farming in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 10 March 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-16687](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulated Roles with Children and Adults (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

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followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-16524](#) Colin Beattie: Three Years of Solidarity with Ukraine—That the Parliament renews its solidarity with the people of Ukraine, three years on from what it understands was Russia's

illegal full-scale invasion on 24 February 2022; praises the bravery and resilience of the Ukrainian people as, it believes, they continue to resolutely defend their sovereign nation from Russian aggression; condemns absolutely the reported war crimes that have been committed in Ukraine by the regime of Vladimir Putin; notes the support for the European Parliament resolution of 23 January 2025, which called on the Russian Federation to immediately terminate all military activities and withdraw from Ukraine; welcomes the news that European neighbours, including the Baltic states, have made what it sees as significant progress in detaching themselves from dependence on Russian energy; reinforces Scotland's place among the democratic nations of Europe in their support for Ukraine against what it considers is Russian authoritarianism; notes that a reported over 28,000 displaced people have arrived in the UK from Ukraine with a sponsor in Scotland, and that over 21,000 of them came through the Scottish Government's Super Sponsor Scheme; praises the hard work and compassion of communities, including in Midlothian North and Musselburgh, as they welcome displaced Ukrainian people to settle in Scotland; considers that these Ukrainian people have made a rich contribution to Scotland's communities; notes the support for a warm Scottish future for displaced Ukrainian people, including through continued investment by the Scottish Government and local authorities in longer-term resettlement for displaced Ukrainians; further notes the call on the UK Government to provide security and clarity through further extensions to the Homes for Ukraine schemes, as well as provide the fair and proportionate allocation of "thank you" payments to hosts in Scotland, and celebrates what it believes has been Scotland's long history of solidarity with displaced people, refugees and asylum seekers from around the world.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy and Fair Work Committee 8th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Tied Pubs (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] from—
Tom Arthur, Minister for Employment and Investment, Mairead McCrossan, Lawyer, and Aileen Bearhop, Head of Industry Development, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Tom Arthur Minister for Employment and Investment to move—
S6M-16234— That the Economy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Tied Pubs (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
3. **Correspondence (in private):** The Committee will consider correspondence from Consumer Scotland on its draft Work Programme 2025-2026.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 8th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Widening Access Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jacqui Brasted, Interim Director of Access, Learning and Outcomes, Fiona Burns, Assistant Director, Student Interests and Access, Daniel Proudfoot, Senior Data Analyst, and Erica Russell-Hensens, Deputy-Director, Student Interests, Access and Quality, Scottish Funding Council;
and then from—
Graeme Dey, Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans, Shirley Laing, Director for Lifelong Learning and Skills, and Clara Pirie, Senior Policy Manager, Student Equalities and Fair Access, Scottish Government.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 8th 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 items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Jack Bloodworth, Principal Science Adviser, Rural and Environmental Science and Analytical Services Division, Leia Fitzgerald, Head of Nature Division Bill Unit, Lisa McCann, Head of Biodiversity Unit, Norman Munro, Solicitor, Marine, Planning and Natural Resources Division, and Joanne Napier, Senior Policy Officer, Offshore Energy Environmental Legislative Reform Unit, Scottish Government;
and then from—
Hugh Dignon, Head of Wildlife Management Unit, Leia Fitzgerald, Head of Nature Division Bill Unit, Norman Munro, Solicitor, Marine, Planning and Natural Resources

Division, and Brodie Wilson, Policy Manager, Wildlife Management Unit, Scottish Government.

3. **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 4th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE1964: Create an independent review of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman;
 - PE2006: Review and simplify the legislation in relation to dismissal of property factors;
 - PE2033: Introduce a full ban on disposable vapes;
 - PE2067: Improve data on young people affected by conditions causing Sudden Cardiac Death;
 - PE2071: Take action to protect people from airborne infections in health and social care settings;
 - PE2073: Ensure accurate information is used when issuing court summons;
 - PE2084: Allow alkaline hydrolysis; and
 - PE2086: Recognise the vaccine injured and offer appropriate treatment.
2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE2130: Make it illegal to remove all the hair from a horse's tail;
 - PE2131: Grant Scottish rivers, including the River Clyde, the legal right to personhood; and
 - PE2137: Fair regulation for non-medical aesthetic injectors.

Criminal Justice Committee 8th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

Public Audit Committee 8th 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 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take its meeting on Wednesday 12 March 2025 in private .
3. **Fiscal sustainability and public reform in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - John-Paul Marks, Permanent Secretary, Lesley Fraser, Director-General Corporate, Joe Griffin, Director-General Strategy and External Affairs, and Alyson Stafford, Director-General Scottish Exchequer, Scottish Government.

4. **Fiscal sustainability and public reform in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carole Grant, Audit Director, Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, and Fiona Diggle, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **Fiscal sustainability and public reform in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 26 February 2025

Thursday 6 March 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-16536 Marie McNair: Impact of UK Welfare Reforms in Scotland

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Covid-19 Day of Reflection

followed by Portfolio Questions
Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Criminal Justice Committee, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee and Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: The People's Panel Report on Reducing Drug Harm and Deaths in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:15 pm Decision Time

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followed by Scottish Government Business

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Wednesday 12 March 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 March 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

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2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Business

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

6 March 2025

8th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **UK Internal Market Act 2020 - Consultation and Review:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor Thomas Horsley, Professor of Law, University of Liverpool;
Professor Aileen McHarg, Professor of Public Law and Human Rights, Durham University;
Professor Jo Hunt, Professor in Law, Cardiff University;
Dr Coree Brown Swan, Lecturer, British Politics, University of Stirling;

and then from—

Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy, National Farmers Union Scotland;
Lloyd Austin, Convener of the LINK Governance Group, Scottish Environment LINK.

Proposed future business

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

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

6 March 2025

7th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \[draft\]](#) and the [Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \[draft\]](#) from—

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Kyle Murray, Procedural and International Policy Team Leader, and Gemma MacAllister, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice) to move—

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

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice) to move—

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

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/24\)](#)
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

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Motions Gluasadan				

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-16667 Kate Forbes: Achieving a Fair Balance in the UK's Economy—That the Parliament recognises that Scotland's many high-growth sectors, which are driven by world class innovation, deserve greater recognition from, and promotion by, the UK Government, which must not unfairly focus investment in the south-east of England, or the so-called golden triangle of Oxford, Cambridge and London, or treat Scotland as an afterthought, especially when announcing or developing policy.

Supported by: Richard Lochhead, Tom Arthur

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***S6M-16667.2 Lorna Slater: Achieving a Fair Balance in the UK's Economy**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16667 in the name of Kate Forbes (Achieving a Fair Balance in the UK's Economy), insert at end "; believes that a fair and balanced economy must be one that is sustainable for the future and challenges inequality, and recognises that such investment should be prioritised in sectors that will enable Scotland to rapidly reduce its carbon emissions, restore the natural environment and build a wellbeing economy through community, inclusive and democratic ownership models and fair work practices."

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

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followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Hospitals Inquiry Interim Report on the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People and Department of Clinical Neuroscience Edinburgh

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Adoption of Innovation in Health and Social Care

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 March

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

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Motions Glusadan				

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 March 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 March 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Rural Affairs and Islands Committee Debate: Salmon Farming in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 10 March 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-16671](#) Annie Wells: Girlguiding Scotland Celebrates Own Your Path Pilot**—That the Parliament commends the efforts of Girlguiding Scotland to support its members to identify and celebrate their strengths through its Own Your Path pilot events, as part of its efforts to support volunteers and leaders of the future; understands that the events seek to help Guides aged 13 and over, Rangers and Young Leaders consider their future paths and understand how skills gained

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Motions Gluasadan				

through guiding can help them in their future careers; recognises that the organisation is powered by 9,000 volunteers, with some of them speaking at an Own Your Path event to show how the skills that they have developed through Girlguiding have supported them in their careers and enhanced their employability; notes that the first event took place in Aberdeen in February 2025 and the second event will take place in Glasgow in March, which will be supported by the CashBack for Communities programme, where attendees will consider their own path for the future and learn about how a variety of people have used skills gained through Girlguiding in their professional journeys, while also participating in fun activities and crafts; understands that Girlguiding Scotland empowers its 40,000 young members to develop their skills and help them know they can do anything; welcomes Girlguiding Scotland's approach to investing in the skills of its young members, and wishes Girlguiding Scotland, and its members, all the best in the future.

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***S6M-16670 Sharon Dowey: South Ayrshire "Build Your Future" Event Success**—That the Parliament welcomes the first South Ayrshire "Build Your Future" event, held at Prestwick Academy on 25-26 February 2025; understands that the event featured industry businesses demonstrating construction skills, including masonry, roof slating, demolition and health and safety; further understands that the event was a collaboration through the Ayrshire Construction Training Group, with support from Kerr Roofing & Building (Ayr) Ltd, the National Federation of Roofing Contractors, Go-Wright Ltd, Stone Federation GB, Developing the Young Workforce, National Demolition Training Group, McTaggart Construction, Scottish Traditional Building Forum and South Ayrshire Council; recognises that the event aims to raise the profile of the options available to young people when considering a career in the construction industry, and believes that the event highlighted the collaborative approach of these organisations to address the skills gaps in the sector.

***S6M-16669 Sue Webber: Men and Women Rugby Teams from Broughton Rugby Club Win League Titles in Year of Club's Centenary**—That the Parliament congratulates Broughton Rugby Club on proudly celebrating its 100th year of delivering rugby in north Edinburgh; understands that its centenary year of 2025 has been made all the more special with league title winning seasons for both the Men's (East Region 1) and Women's (Caledonia Midlands East Region League 1) XV's teams; wishes the Women's XV well in its forthcoming Shield competition fixtures; recognises the work that the club undertakes in offering an inclusive, safe and encouraging environment at its Wardie Playing Fields base; acknowledges the community engagement undertaken by its members as the club continues with achieving success both on and off the pitch, and wishes all those involved with the club well for its next one hundred years.

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***S6M-16668 Neil Bibby: Congratulating Gleniffer High School's Cameron Keay on Scoring Four Goals Against England**—That the Parliament congratulates the Gleniffer High School pupil, Cameron Keay, on scoring four goals for the Scottish Schools boys under-18s football team against England in the first Centenary Shield fixture of the season; understands that Cameron, who plays as a striker for Morton under-18s, not only contributed to Scotland's 6-2 victory over England at Cappielow Park in Greenock by scoring, but also captained the team; recognises that Cameron's coach gave him the opportunity of a standing ovation from all who attended as he was

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Motions Glusadan				

substituted in the 88th minute to a rapturous reception, and notes that he will soon join his teammates in playing another home nation, as they look to build on their fantastic start, when they play an away match against Wales.

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***S6M-16666 Alexander Stewart: Jack Vettriano OBE**—That the Parliament notes with great sadness what it regards as the untimely passing of the Scottish artist, Jack Vettriano OBE, on 1 March 2025 at his apartment in Nice; understands that Jack, who was born Jack Hoggan on 17 November 1951 in Methil, Fife, was a self-taught artist; notes that he left school at 16 years of age to become a mining engineer and, for his 21st birthday, was given a set of watercolour paints and, from then on, spent much of his spare time teaching himself to paint; further notes that he drew inspiration from works at Kirkcaldy Galleries, studying paintings from artists such as Samuel Peploe and William McTaggart; believes that his breakthrough came in 1998 when he submitted two paintings to the Royal Scottish Academy's annual show and both sold on the first day, thus inspiring him to become a full-time artist; considers that, while often dismissed by critics, his works garnered international acclaim, leading to exhibitions in cities such as Edinburgh, London, Hong Kong, Johannesburg and New York; acknowledges that his OBE was awarded in 2003 for services to visual arts; notes that his work rarely fails at auction, which was exemplified by *The Singing Butler*, which sold at auction in 2004 for £744,500, a record at the time, while reproductions of the painting remain the best-selling art print in the UK, and posthumously commends Mr Vettriano for, it considers, being the nation's most successful artist during his lifetime, with his prints outselling those from artists such as Klimt and Monet.

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***S6M-16665 Paul Sweeney: Celebrating the Glasgow Fort**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the British Land and the Federation of Small Businesses report, *The True Value of Space Report*; notes that the report highlights what it sees as the positive impact of British Land's Really Local Stores programme; understands that it explains British Land's approach to providing small businesses, start-ups and entrepreneurs with access to shopping centres and retail parks, including those across Scotland; considers that providing small businesses, start-ups and entrepreneurs with prime locations creates a fantastic opportunity to experiment and expand with very low risk; believes that Glasgow Fort retail centre directly supports 2,000 jobs, with over 65% of employees living within 5km of the location, supporting employment in areas with some of the highest rates of deprivation in Scotland; understands that, since 2020, it has supported over 200 people through meaningful employment support in partnership with the local skills centre, FARE, with over 50 people successfully securing jobs; notes that British Land uses the space at Glasgow Fort to support local groups, and congratulates it for supporting and encouraging new entrepreneurs to move into prime retail locations such as Glasgow Fort.

***S6M-16664 Annabelle Ewing: Cardenden Community Development Forum Lottery Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Cardenden Community Development Forum on its success in being awarded a £6,500 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; believes that this money will be used to improve a local site to offer the community the opportunity to engage in free outdoor activities, as well as raise people's environmental awareness, and wishes the organisation continued success in making improvements for the community of Cardenden.

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Motions Gluasadan				

***[S6M-16663](#) Annabelle Ewing: Cardenden Scouts Lottery Success**—That the Parliament congratulates the 4th Fife Cardenden Scout Group on its success in being awarded a £2,690 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; believes that this money will be used to equip its newly built hall so that it can be used by a range of other community groups, and welcomes what it believes will be a wonderful resource for the area.

***[S6M-16662](#) Annabelle Ewing: Inverkeithing Community Garden Lottery Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Inverkeithing Community Garden on its success in being awarded a £20,000 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; believes that the money will be used to employ a community garden co-ordinator for the ongoing facilitation of activities and volunteering events at the community garden, and wishes the group well with its endeavours.

***[S6M-16661](#) Liam Kerr: New RNLI Coxswain for Aberdeen**—That the Parliament congratulates Grant Gregor on officially passing out as coxswain for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI); understands that, in 2021, Grant became Aberdeen's youngest all-weather lifeboat mechanic to pass out and, in 2022, qualified as helm of the inshore lifeboat; further understands that, in 2024, Grant took on a full-time position as a regional resilience mechanic, in which he provides vital support across lifeboat stations throughout Scotland; notes that the RNLI relies on the dedication of its volunteers to ensure that lifeboat stations across the country remain fully operational, and wishes Grant and his colleagues safe operations and all the best for the future.

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***[S6M-16660](#) Clare Adamson: Borrow Cup, an Initiative by Reposit and Hubbub**—That the Parliament congratulates the Wishaw-based reuse platform, Reposit, and the creative charity, Hubbub, on launching Borrow Cup; notes that, in partnership with Hubbub, Reposit launched Borrow Cup in Glasgow on 27 January 2025 to demonstrate how a collaborative model can improve the success of a returnable cup scheme, and help understand how it can become environmentally, commercially and operationally viable; understands that, according to Zero Waste Scotland, 388 million disposable cups are used in Scotland each year and, in Glasgow, they make up over 30% of drinks waste in on-street bins; notes that Reposit and Hubbub will endeavour to establish pioneering collaborations with independent cafes and major brands, to create a critical mass of participating stores and a high density of return points; further notes that Reposit and Hubbub plan to use cup tracking, reporting data and independent lifecycle analysis to measure uptake, returns and environmental impact, to determine how the system can become environmentally and financially viable; recognises that the brand new returnable cup scheme is available at over 40 locations across Glasgow, including local cafes and popular chains; congratulates Reposit on receiving the prestigious STV Green Fund Award at The VIBES Scottish Environment Business Awards; understands that The VIBES Scottish Environment Business Awards, which are led by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), reward and recognise organisations that have demonstrated significant business benefits from good environmental practice, and commends Reposit for its innovative approach and the action that it has taken to build a sustainable circular economy.

***[S6M-16659](#) Miles Briggs: Young Carers Action Day 2025**—That the Parliament acknowledges Young Carers Action Day 2025 and its theme, "Give Me a Break", which focuses on the importance of breaks for young carers; understands that a recent report by Carers Trust Scotland found that 52% of young carers surveyed "always" or "usually" felt stressed, and considers,

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therefore, that young carers often struggle with school and finding employment; agrees that schools and employers must support young carers better so that they can take respite from their caring responsibilities and have an equal opportunity to thrive in life, and understands that there is a meeting of the Cross Party Group on Carers on 12 March 2025, with a Members' Business debate on Young Carers Action Day 2025 being proposed in the same week.

***[S6M-16643](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Recognising Broxburn Academy Students for Winning Schools' Mace Debating Competition**—That the Parliament congratulates Luke Robertson and Emma Chow of Broxburn Academy for being declared winners at the Young Speakers Scotland Schools' Mace Debating Competition, beating eight other teams in the grand final; understands that the Young Speakers Scotland final was held on 22 February 2025 at the Faculty of Advocates in Edinburgh, featuring teams from across Scotland participating in a day of debates; recognises that teams qualified for the competition after taking part in a series of preliminary rounds, with 39 schools taking part; acknowledges that Young Speakers Scotland, which organised the event, delivers free workshops to state schools to build confidence through public speaking; congratulates Luke and Emma once more for their incredible achievement, and hopes that they continue to develop their skills in research and debate.

***[S6M-16642](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Inspirational Primary School Pupils Raise Money for Charity by Selling Handmade Soap**—That the Parliament commends the incredible work of Robyn and Orla Thistlewaite, from South Lanarkshire, who raised money for a local charity by selling homemade soap; understands that Robyn and Orla learnt to make handmade soap with a friend and sold it at the Kirklandpark Primary School Christmas Fair in East Kilbride, and gave the proceeds to the Loaves and Fishes volunteer food bank, which received £100; further understands that Robyn and Orla did more to support their community by volunteering at Loaves and Fishes, sorting food and seeing what the donation would be going towards; understands that 650 families were able to get Christmas presents in 2024 due to the generosity of Robyn, Orla and others; notes that Robyn and Orla live in Strathaven, but have strong family connections to north Edinburgh, where their mother and grandparents are from; thanks Robyn, Orla and all those who volunteer and raise money for charity, and hopes for the continued recognition of such kindness and generosity.

***[S6M-16568](#) John Mason: Building Bridges through Sport**—That the Parliament welcomes that sport can be a bridge between countries with wildly differing political views; further welcomes that countries such as China and Iran, with what it considers to be appalling human rights records, are allowed to take part in international sporting competitions; believes that Israel is treated with much greater hatred, despite what it sees as its democratic system and much better human rights record; considers that there has been no genocide in Gaza by what it views as all normal definitions of that word; believes that it was right for Israel to be established as a safer haven for Jews, who had been for centuries widely persecuted in both Europe and in the Arab world, and hopes that, by building bridges through sport and dialogue, no country or people will be isolated and that negotiations on borders and other issues can be meaningfully progressed.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-16658](#) Jackie Baillie: Moral Distress Experienced by Healthcare Professionals (lodged on 03 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Martin Whitfield*, Sarah Boyack*, Foysoil Choudhury*, Liam McArthur*, Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-16657.2](#) Sarah Boyack: Scotland's Renewable Future (lodged on 03 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-16655](#) Elena Whitham: Shelter Scotland-commissioned Research Regarding Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation (lodged on 03 March 2025)

New Support: Lorna Slater*, Mark Ruskell*

[S6M-16653](#) Jackie Dunbar: NHS Grampian Catering Team Wins Green Star Award (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-16652](#) Jackson Carlaw: Maidenhill Site Manager, David McClure, Wins Prestigious National Award (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16650](#) Tess White: Sam Grove-White Makes Six Nations Debut as an Assistant Rugby Referee (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Liam Kerr*, Craig Hoy*, Pam Gosal*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Murdo Fraser*, Douglas Lumsden*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-16649](#) Tess White: Brechin High School Pupils Compete in the First Scottish Esports Tournament (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Craig Hoy*, Pam Gosal*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Douglas Lumsden*, Russell Findlay*, Murdo Fraser*, Brian Whittle*, Colin Beattie*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-16648](#) Tess White: Dr Gerald Lip, Consultant at NHS Grampian, Appointed President of the British Society of Breast Radiology (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Meghan Gallacher*, Sandesh Gulhane* R, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Liam Kerr*, Colin Beattie*, Russell Findlay*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Edward Mountain*, Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Douglas Ross*, Pam Gosal*, Douglas Lumsden*, Brian Whittle*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-16646](#) Liam Kerr: Celebrating the Success of the Taste of Buchan Festival 2025 (lodged on 28 February 2025)

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

[S6M-16644](#) Daniel Johnson: Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-16641](#) Foysoyl Choudhury: 75th Anniversary of the British Holiday and Home Parks Association (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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[S6M-16640](#) Jackie Dunbar: Cummings Park Community Flat Marks Over 10 Years of Intergenerational Working (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16639](#) Jackie Dunbar: Fersands and Fountain Community Project Awarded £98,166 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16635](#) Audrey Nicoll: The Port of Aberdeen Launches its 2025 SupPORT-all Charity Programme (lodged on 28 February 2025)

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

[S6M-16634](#) Foyso Choudhury: Brain Tumour Awareness Month 2025 (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-16633](#) George Adam: Celebrating the University of the West of Scotland's Groundbreaking Foundation Academy (lodged on 03 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-16632](#) Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Youth Movement Awarded the 2025 Anne Frank Award (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16631](#) Emma Harper: Brain Tumour Awareness Month 2025 (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Foyso Choudhury*, James Dornan*, Emma Roddick*, Rona Mackay*, Audrey Nicoll*, Colin Beattie*, Evelyn Tweed*, Miles Briggs*, Marie McNair*, Liam McArthur*, Clare Haughey* R, Martin Whitfield*, Annabelle Ewing*, Ross Greer*, Kenneth Gibson*, Clare Adamson*, Rachael Hamilton*, Jackie Baillie*, Kevin Stewart*, Ariane Burgess*, John Mason*, Beatrice Wishart*, Colin Smyth*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Elena Whitham*, Gillian Mackay*, Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-16630](#) Kevin Stewart: George Boyne (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16628](#) Michael Matheson: Alzheimer Scotland's Shooting Stars Event at The Falkirk Stadium (lodged on 27 February 2025)

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

[S6M-16627](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow Association for Mental Health Receives National Lottery Community Funding (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16626](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy North Primary School Recognised as Language Friendly (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-16625](#) Nicola Sturgeon: Congratulating Community Renewal Rom Romeha on its Social Enterprise Scotland Award (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16624](#) Sandesh Gulhane: National Lottery Community Funding for Headway Glasgow (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16623](#) Bill Kidd: International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness Day (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16622](#) Bob Doris: YoMo's Food Pantry at The Base, Gilshochill (lodged on 27 February 2025)

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

[S6M-16621](#) Christine Grahame: Stow Station House Celebrates (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16620](#) Alexander Stewart: 24/7 Thrombectomy Services in Scotland (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16619](#) Alexander Stewart: No Smoking Day 2025 (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16617](#) Craig Hoy: Praising Airhouses (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16616](#) Craig Hoy: Recognising Farmstrong (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16615](#) Collette Stevenson: Concerns Over UK Government Foreign Aid Reductions (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Rona Mackay*, George Adam*, Clare Haughey*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Evelyn Tweed*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*

[S6M-16614](#) Ruth Maguire: ASN Support - Ayrshire Donates to Crosshouse Children's Fund (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16613](#) Ruth Maguire: 1st & 6th Ayrshire (Irvine) Scout Group (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16612](#) Ruth Maguire: David Mann, Director of Scottish Maritime Museum, Irvine, Set to Retire (lodged on 27 February 2025)

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New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16611](#) Ruth Maguire: Kelvin TOP-SET Community Support (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16610](#) John Mason: UK's Foreign Aid Budget (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*

[S6M-16608](#) Sue Webber: Currie Community High School Debaters Win the Novice Final of the Schools' Mace Debate Competition 2025 (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16607](#) Sue Webber: Broxburn Academy Debaters Win the Schools' Mace Debate Competition 2025 (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16603](#) Alexander Burnett: Amazing Fundraising Efforts by the Parent Teacher Association of Gordon Primary School, Huntly (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16602](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr Salon Triumphs at Company Awards (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16601](#) Sharon Dowey: Troon Man Triumphs in National Songwriting Contest (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16600](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Girl Wins Gold at Golden Gloves Championships (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16599](#) Emma Roddick: 2025 SP Energy Networks Warriors School Championship (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16596](#) Emma Roddick: Seachdain na Gàidhlig 2025 (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16594](#) Alexander Stewart: Forth Valley College Open Evening and Careers Fair Coincide with Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2025 (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16593](#) Alexander Stewart: Alva Academy Competes for the First Time in the 2025 SP Energy Networks Glasgow Warriors Rugby Championship (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Douglas Lumsden*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-16591](#) Douglas Lumsden: Scottish Parliament's Rugby Team Wins Coldstream Cup
(lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

[S6M-16590](#) Clare Adamson: Ruairidh and Hayley Harper's Automated External Defibrillator Fundraiser (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16580](#) Annie Wells: Barmulloch Community Development Company Receives £3,250 Grant (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16577](#) Foyso Choudhury: Milan Senior Welfare Organisation (lodged on 26 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16553](#) Pam Gosal: Anti-drugs Campaigner and Founder of Maxie Richards Foundation Passes Away (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16552](#) Pam Gosal: Raja Rani Restaurant of Bearsden Wins Curry Restaurant of the Year – Scotland (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16544](#) Meghan Gallacher: Blantyre Stonemason Earns Prestigious Trade Award
(lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16535](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Pollok Man Launches Football Team for Older Men
(lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16517](#) Maggie Chapman: Celebrating Queer Memories of Aberdeen (lodged on 20 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16510.1](#) Jamie Greene: Calling for a Boycott on Israel's Sporting Participation (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-16505](#) Jackie Baillie: Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Cove Park (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16494](#) David Torrance: Autism Rocks Purchases Parish Church, Secures Future
(lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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[S6M-16492](#) Stuart McMillan: Congratulations to Inverclyde Band, Slix, on Winning Best Live Act (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16486](#) James Dornan: Organisations across Glasgow Cathcart Benefit from National Lottery Funding (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16484](#) Claire Baker: Welcoming the New Bike Pump Track and Jump Loop in in King George V Park in Clackmannan (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16483](#) Bob Doris: Summerston Netball Club Wins Glasgow Lord Provost Award 2024 (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16480](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Finalists Announced in Fife Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2025 (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-16453](#) Fulton MacGregor: Brodie Young Sets New Scottish 400m Indoor Record (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16452](#) Sharon Dowey: Improving Access to Hearing Care for Scotland's Ageing Population (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Brian Whittle*, Douglas Lumsden*, Russell Findlay*, Karen Adam*, Tim Eagle*, Elena Whitham*

[S6M-16444](#) Clare Haughey: 1st Class Credit Union Wins Second Award for Excellent Service (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16443](#) Rona Mackay: Bishopbriggs Choir and Orchestra Raises Over £500,000 for CHAS (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16440](#) Ruth Maguire: 40 Years of Service by NHS Ayrshire and Arran Staff (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16432](#) Ben Macpherson: Scotland's Seabirds (lodged on 18 February 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-16430](#) Brian Whittle: Welcoming Support for Take a Bow Development Trust (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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[S6M-16427](#) Brian Whittle: National Lottery Funds Stewarton Annick Youth and Community Association (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16426](#) Brian Whittle: National Lottery Supports Recovery Enterprises Scotland CIC (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16424](#) Brian Whittle: Welcoming National Lottery Support for Newmilns Regeneration Association (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16418](#) Brian Whittle: National Lottery Award for East Ayrshire Churches Homeless Action (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16417](#) Brian Whittle: National Lottery Funding for Darvel Area Regeneration Team (DART) (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16406](#) Ash Regan: Speak with One Voice to Protect Scotland's National Refinery Capacity at Grangemouth (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

[S6M-16405](#) Clare Adamson: Cathedral Primary School and Parish Celebrates 150th Anniversary (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16403](#) Clare Adamson: North Fest Family Receives £7,000 National Lottery Community Fund Grant (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16402](#) Clare Adamson: The Miracle Foundation SCIO Receives £20,000 National Lottery Community Fund Grant (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16401](#) Clare Adamson: Support for Ordinary Living Receives £165,727 National Lottery Community Fund Grant (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16400](#) Clare Adamson: Made4U in ML2 Receives £43,396 National Lottery Community Fund Grant (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16399](#) Clare Adamson: Craigneuk Lifelong Learning Association Receives £20,000 National Lottery Community Fund Grant (lodged on 12 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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[S6M-16388](#) Audrey Nicoll: Welcoming the New Bon Accord Whisky Distillery in Aberdeen
(lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16375](#) Evelyn Tweed: Recognising the Achievement of Bannockburn's Sabrina Simpson in the World's Toughest Row (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-16286](#) Pam Gosal: Recognising Rhu Man's Volunteer Work at Glenarn Garden (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-16240](#) Murdo Fraser: Call for Pilot Project Providing Venison on School Menus to be Rolled Out Nationally (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[S6M-16210](#) Tim Eagle: Oban Mountain Rescue Team Members Complete Britain's Most Brutal Race (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[S6M-16209](#) Tim Eagle: The Leanne Fund Celebrates its 15-year Anniversary (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

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

New Support: Colin Beattie*

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 04 March 2025

[S6W-35335](#) Foyso Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the availability of unscheduled care services in the NHS, and how it ensures that people can access these.

[S6W-35350](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to S6W-34287 by Neil Gray on 27 January 2025, on what date it will publish data showing whether the targets were met by March 2026 for (a) 95% of radiology referrals to be seen within six weeks, (b) no one waiting longer than a year for treatment and (c) the delivery of over 150,000 extra appointments and procedures, and whether the final outcome of these targets will be announced before 7 May 2026.

[S6W-35354](#) Beatrice Wishart: To ask the Scottish Government with regard to Walls, Hillswick and Bressay fire stations in Shetland, which were served with improvement notices by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), what discussions it has had with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding how this situation arose, and how it will support SFRS in making the necessary changes to meet the deadline of 22 August 2025 set by the HSE.

[S6W-35367](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to reduce the number of women who leave the workforce due to experiencing menopause.

[S6W-35369](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to raise awareness of gastrointestinal conditions and symptoms.

[S6W-35370](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government how it is improving knowledge and training regarding gastrointestinal issues for primary care professionals to improve their awareness of asymptomatic, vague, acute or non-colorectal symptoms.

[S6W-35372](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring that the most beneficial pathways are in place across the country for people with alcohol-use problems to ensure that their alcohol treatment plans are having long-term results.

[S6W-35375](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Competition and Markets Authority's final recommendations from its infant formula and follow-on formula market study, as they relate to Scotland.

[S6W-35376](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to support parents on lower incomes who are disproportionately affected by infant formula pricing due to reported higher rates of formula feeding, in light of the evidence heard by the Competition and Markets Authority during its infant formula and follow-on formula market study.

[S6W-35379](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason NatureScot is reportedly planning to remove the practical element of muirburn training from the approved training course for muirburn in (a) 2025-26 and (b) future years. **R**

[S6W-35380](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether (a) it has and (b) any of its agencies have consulted muirburn training providers about NatureScot's reported plans to remove the requirement for the completion of practical muirburn training from the approved training course for muirburn in (i) 2025-26 and (ii) future years. **R**

[S6W-35381](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to imposing a grace period in respect of the requirement to complete an approved muirburn training course, in order to avoid minimising or otherwise diluting the importance of practical muirburn training. **R**

[S6W-35384](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what work it has undertaken to explore any reforms of the energy performance certificate (EPC) regime in (a) general and (b)

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relation to the EPC appraisal of (i) cavity walls and associated insulation measures and (ii) energy efficiency improvement recommendations, and what advice it has sought regarding any EPC reforms.

[S6W-35385 Ariane Burgess](#): To ask the Scottish Government what work it has undertaken to expand the supply chain for natural construction materials, such as hemp and wood fibre.

[S6W-35386 Ariane Burgess](#): To ask the Scottish Government what research it has commissioned or undertaken into the toxicity of manmade materials and chemicals used in the construction and insulation of housing in Scotland.

[S6W-35387 Sue Webber](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether its guidance on the Peer Approved Clinical System (PACS) issued to NHS boards in March 2018 remains valid, and what modifications to the guidance have been issued since that date.

[S6W-35388 Sue Webber](#): To ask the Scottish Government under what circumstances an application can be made to prescribe a medicine under the Peer Approved Clinical System (PACS) Tier (a) One and (b) Two process.

[S6W-35389 Sue Webber](#): To ask the Scottish Government what (a) oversight is exercised and (b) data collection is undertaken by ministers regarding the Peer Approved Clinical System (PACS).

[S6W-35390 Sue Webber](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many applications to prescribe medicines have been made under the Peer Approved Clinical System (PACS) Tier Two process in each NHS board in each year since the accompanying guidance was issued in March 2018.

[S6W-35391 Sue Webber](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many applications to prescribe medicines have been granted under the Peer Approved Clinical System (PACS) Tier Two process in each NHS board in each year since the accompanying guidance was issued in March 2018.

[S6W-35392 Ariane Burgess](#): To ask the Scottish Government by what date it will (a) publish and (b) respond to the findings from the call for evidence on the Inshore Fisheries Management Improvement programme, which concluded on 18 February 2025.

[S6W-35393 Ariane Burgess](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of inshore fisheries and conservation authorities in England as a potential model for inshore fisheries management in Scotland.

[S6W-35394 Neil Bibby](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many times it has raised human rights concerns, including individual cases, with representatives of international governments since January 2023.

[S6W-35395 Neil Bibby](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to implement its policy on taking a feminist approach to international relations.

[S6W-35396 Neil Bibby](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting human rights defenders in its partner countries, as part of its work through its International Development Fund.

[S6W-35397 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the declaration of a national housing emergency, what (a) measures beyond rent adjudication and (b) emergency measures it has considered to protect private rented sector tenants.

[S6W-35398 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022, what legal consideration it gave when setting the permitted rate of rent increase to 3% for private rented sector tenancies.

[S6W-35399 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022, what legal consideration it gave in relation to the permitted rate of rent increase of 3% for private rented sector tenancies expiring on 31 March 2024.

[S6W-35400 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the Rent Adjudication (Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2024, what legal consideration it gave when setting the determination of rent payable for private residential tenancies.

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[S6W-35401 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the Rent Adjudication (Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2024, what legal consideration it gave in relation to the determination of rent payable for private residential tenancies expiring on 31 March 2025.

[S6W-35402 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the Housing (Scotland) Bill, what contact it has had with (a) individual landlords and (b) representative landlord bodies.

[S6W-35403 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the Housing (Scotland) Bill, what contact it has had with (a) individual tenants and (b) representative tenant bodies.

[S6W-35404 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the Rent Adjudication (Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 and the Housing (Scotland) Bill, whether it has considered any impact of tenants potentially being left without any protections between the expiration of rent adjudication on 31 March 2025 and the proposed introduction of rent control areas.

[S6W-35405 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the continuing cost of living crisis, what (a) measures beyond rent adjudication and (b) emergency measures it has considered to protect private rented sector tenants.

[S6W-35406 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the gender pain gap, where chronic pain is reportedly 10% more prevalent in women than in men.

[S6W-35407 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the gender arthritis gap, where women are reportedly two to three times more likely to develop rheumatoid arthritis and a third more likely to develop osteoarthritis than men.

[S6W-35408 Annie Wells](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether the new iteration of the Women's Health Plan will include a focus on the gender pain gap and the gender arthritis gap.

[S6W-35413 Richard Leonard](#): To ask the Scottish Government what training is provided to agricultural officers regarding their inspection duties, and whether this includes modules on (a) trauma-informed interviews and (b) working with interpreters.

[S6W-35414 Richard Leonard](#): To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding what proportion of an agricultural officer's time is dedicated to (a) agricultural wages inspection and (b) rural payments.

[S6W-35415 Willie Rennie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what the value of the 85% per person funding floor, as described in the Scottish Public Finance Manual, would be if assumed council tax revenues are excluded and funding for all local authorities in Scotland is included.

[S6W-35416 Willie Rennie](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it calculates the average per person funding for the purposes of the policy, as stated in the Scottish Public Finance Manual, that each local authority receives at least 85% of the Scottish average revenue funding per head.

[S6W-35417 Willie Rennie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it excludes the funding for any local authorities for the purposes of calculating average per person funding for local authorities as part of the policy, as stated in the Scottish Public Finance Manual, that each local authority receives at least 85% of the Scottish average revenue funding per head, and, if so, which local authorities; when they were first excluded, and for what reason.

[S6W-35418 Willie Rennie](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it first began including assumed council tax revenues in its calculation of average per person funding for local authorities as part of the policy, as stated in the Scottish Public Finance Manual, that each local authority receives at least 85% of the Scottish average revenue funding per head.

[S6W-35419 Willie Rennie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether any local authority's per person funding would be below the 85% floor described in the Scottish Public Finance Manual if

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assumed council tax revenues were excluded from the calculation, and, if so, which local authorities.

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New Bills introduced or reprinted on 4 March 2025

Care Reform (Scotland) Bill (*introduced as the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill*)—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2 (SP Bill 17A) (Government Bill)

Amendments

Amendments to Bills lodged on 4 March 2025

Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

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Section 41

Alexander Stewart

1008 In section 41, page 52, leave out lines 16 and 17 and insert—

<() for subsections (1) to (3) substitute—

“(1) A person is homeless if that person—

- (a) has no accommodation in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, which that person is entitled to occupy, or
- (b) has accommodation but—
 - (i) it is not reasonable to continue to occupy it,
 - (ii) the person cannot secure entry to it,
 - (iii) it is probable that occupation of it will lead to abuse or threats of abuse from some other person who lives there,
 - (iv) it is probable that occupation of it will lead to abuse or threats of abuse from some other person who previously resided with that person, whether in that accommodation or elsewhere,
 - (v) it is moveable and there is no place the person is entitled to place it and reside in it,
 - (vi) it is overcrowded and may endanger the health of the occupants.”>

Alexander Stewart

1009 In section 41, page 52, line 18, at end insert—

<() leave out subsection (5).>

Alexander Stewart

1010 In section 41, page 55, line 14, at end insert—

<36E Right to request review

- () A person who considers themselves to be homeless or threatened with homelessness may request a review of any decisions or actions taken by one or more relevant bodies in relation to that person in the exercise of duties under sections 36B and 36C.”>

Meghan Gallacher

1011 In section 41, page 55, line 14, at end insert—

<36E Continuing professional development

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision for or in connection with the continuing professional development of persons who provide advice or services to prevent homelessness.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may include provision about continuing professional development activities which the persons mentioned in subsection (1) may or must undertake (“CPD activities”), such as—
 - (a) requiring the persons mentioned in subsection (1) to undertake particular, or a particular amount of, CPD activities,
 - (b) the form and content of CPD activities,
 - (c) the accreditation of CPD activities and the persons providing CPD activities,
 - (d) requiring that any person providing CPD activities or any particular description of CPD activities in accordance with the regulations holds such qualifications as may be specified in the regulations,
 - (e) the minimum criteria for successful completion of CPD activities,
 - (f) how successful completion of CPD activities is recorded.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may make provision for persons other than the Scottish Ministers carrying out functions in relation to CPD activities.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”.>

After section 41

Alexander Stewart 1012

After section 41, insert—

<Report on the progress of duties

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must report on progress in relation to the implementation of the duties of relevant bodies in relation to homelessness under section 41, including—
 - (a) the timescale for the full implementation of the duties, if not yet fully implemented, and
 - (b) estimated costs to the Scottish Government and relevant bodies in relation to the implementation of the duties.
- (2) The report referenced in subsection (1) must be published and laid before the Scottish Parliament within the period of six months beginning with the day after Royal Assent.>

Section 43

Alexander Stewart

1013 In section 43, page 57, line 3, leave out subsection (3)

After section 45

Alexander Stewart

1014 After section 45, insert—

<Homelessness prevention strategy

Gypsy and traveller homelessness prevention strategy

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable, prepare a homelessness prevention strategy for Gypsies and Travellers.
- (2) The strategy mentioned in subsection (1) must set out—
 - (a) the Scottish Ministers' objectives with regards to homelessness prevention for Gypsies and Travellers,
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers' plans for meeting those objectives (including priorities for action),
 - (c) arrangements for monitoring progress towards meeting the objectives.
- (3) The strategy may include such other information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (4) In preparing the strategy, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) Gypsies and Travellers, and
 - (b) any other persons they consider appropriate.
- (5) The strategy prepared under subsection (1) must be published and laid before the Scottish Parliament.>

Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

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Section 1

Meghan Gallacher

133 In section 1, page 1, line 17, at end insert—

<() the impact that the level of rent and rate of increase in rent payable under relevant tenancies of properties has on properties, tenants and landlords in rural areas within the local authority where applicable, and>

Section 13

Meghan Gallacher

134 In section 13, page 9, line 10, at end insert—

<() Regulations under subsection (1) must include in the definition of an exempt property any property under a relevant tenancy for which the landlord has no more than two other let properties.>

After section 51

Meghan Gallacher

135 After section 51, insert—

<Private Rented Sector Charter

Private Rented Sector Charter

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within twelve months of the coming into force of this section, publish a document to be known as the Private Rented Sector Charter (“the Charter”).
- (2) The Charter must set out a summary of—
 - (a) the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants under a private residential tenancy,
 - (b) the processes for dispute resolution between landlords and tenants under a private residential tenancy.
- (3) The Charter may also include standards and outcomes which landlords should aim to achieve when performing housing activities in relation to a private residential tenancy.
- (4) Nothing in the Charter is to—
 - (a) give rise to any new rights,
 - (b) impose any new responsibilities, or
 - (c) alter (in any way) an existing right or responsibility.
- (5) The Charter is to be published in such form and manner as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate and laid before the Scottish Parliament.>

Meghan Gallacher

136 As an amendment to amendment 135, line 4, leave out <twelve> and insert <six>

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

After section 29

Siobhian Brown

172 After section 29, insert—

<PART

VICTIMS’ RIGHT TO RECEIVE INFORMATION

Single victim notification system

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended by subsections (2) to (4).
- (2) In section 16 (victim’s right to receive information concerning release etc. of offender)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) in the opening words, the words “Subject to subsection (2),” are repealed,
 - (ii) in paragraph (a), the words “for a period of 18 months or more” are repealed,
 - (iii) paragraph (b) is repealed,
 - (b) subsection (4)(a) is repealed.
- (3) In section 17 (release on licence: right of victim to receive information and make

representations), subsection (12)(b), and the word “or” immediately preceding it, are repealed.

- (4) In section 17ZA (release on licence: provision of information to person supporting victim), subsection (5)(b) is repealed.
- (5) The 2014 Act is amended by subsections (6) to (9).
- (6) Section 27A (notification of victims in relation to release etc. of short term prisoners) is repealed.
- (7) Section 27B (provision of information to person supporting victim) is repealed.
- (8) In section 29A (exercise of functions where victim is a child), in subsection (1), in the opening words, for “, 8A or 27A” substitute “or 8A”.
- (9) In section 29B (application of Act where victim’s death caused by offence), in subsection (3), in the opening words, for “, 3G or 27A” substitute “or 3G”.>

Siobhian Brown

173 After section 29, insert—

<Co-operation with the Scottish Ministers for the purposes of sharing information with victims

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 17DA insert—

“17DB Co-operation with the Scottish Ministers for the purposes of this Part

- (1) The Lord Advocate may co-operate with the Scottish Ministers in relation to the exercise of the Scottish Ministers’ functions under sections 16 to 17DA.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), co-operation includes in particular the provision of such information as the Scottish Ministers reasonably require for the purpose of exercising those functions.”.>

Siobhian Brown

174 After section 29, insert—

<Standards of service

- (1) The Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 2 (standards of service), in subsection (3)(b)—
 - (a) the words from “prisons” to the end become sub-paragraph (i),
 - (b) after sub-paragraph (i), insert—

“(ii) persons who are subject both to a compulsion order under either section 57(2)(a) or 57A(2) of the 1995 Act and to a restriction order under section 59 of that Act,

(iii) persons who are subject to a hospital direction under section 59A of the 1995 Act,

(iv) persons in respect of whom a transfer for treatment direction under section 136(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 has been made.”.>

Siobhian Brown

175 After section 29, insert—

<Victim’s right to receive information concerning offender subject to compulsion order by virtue of cross-border transfer

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 16A (victim’s right to receive information concerning offender subject to compulsion order)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)(a)—
 - (i) the words from “has” to end become sub-paragraph (i),
 - (ii) after sub-paragraph (i) insert “or
() is a person to whom subsection (1A) applies,”
 - (b) after subsection (1), insert—

“(1A) This subsection applies to a person who—

 - (a) has been made subject to a compulsion order and a restriction order in proceedings in respect of the offence mentioned in subsection (1)(a),
 - (b) has been removed from Scotland in accordance with regulations made under section 290 of the Mental Health Act,
 - (c) has been made subject to corresponding measures, as described in section 290(8) of the Mental Health Act, in the place to which O has been removed,
 - (d) has been subsequently received in Scotland in accordance with regulations made under section 290 of the Mental Health Act, and
 - (e) is treated as subject to a compulsion order and a restriction order by virtue of having been subject to corresponding measures in relation to the orders mentioned in paragraph (a).”.
- (3) In section 18B (power to modify Part), after subsection (3), insert—

“(4) The Scottish Ministers may by order amend section 16A so that information may be given under that section where—

 - (a) a person has been received in Scotland in accordance with regulations made under section 290(1)(c) of the Mental Health Act, and
 - (b) by virtue of having been subject to corresponding measures, as described in section 290(8) of the Mental Health Act, in the place from which the person was received—
 - (i) that person is treated as subject to a compulsion order and a restriction order, or
 - (ii) where an order has been made under subsection (2) which would allow information to be given under section 16A had the person been made subject to a compulsion order in Scotland, that person is treated as subject to a compulsion order.”.>

Siobhian Brown

176 After section 29, insert—

<Victim’s right to receive information under section 17D after representations

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 17D (right to information after section 17B decision)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)(c), after “section” insert “16 or”,
 - (b) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) the words “that the decision has been taken” become paragraph (a),
 - (ii) after paragraph (a), insert “, and
() what that decision is.”,
 - (c) after subsection (4), insert—
 - “(5) Subsection (6) applies where—
 - (a) in accordance with subsection (2), the Scottish Ministers have informed V that the Tribunal has decided to make no order under section 193 of the Mental Health Act, and
 - (b) an appeal against that decision has been made.
 - (6) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) inform V that the decision to make no order—
 - (i) is being appealed against, or
 - (ii) cannot competently be appealed against and is therefore final, and
 - (b) give V the information that they would have had to give V by virtue of section 16C(4) had the appeal related to a decision to revoke a compulsion order or a restriction order, and reference in that subsection—
 - (i) to a decision to revoke the order is to be read as a decision to make no order,
 - (ii) to O once more being subject to the order is to be read as O no longer being subject to the order.”.>

Siobhian Brown

177 After section 29, insert—

<Conditional discharge: relevant conditions

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 18A (interpretation of Part), after subsection (3), insert—
 - “(3A) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, amend subsection (3) so as to vary the circumstances in which a condition is relevant to V or, as the case may be, a supporter.
 - (3B) Regulations under subsection (3A)—
 - (a) may make incidental, supplemental, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision,
 - (b) may make different provision for different purposes,
 - (c) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”.>

Siobhian Brown

178 After section 29, insert—

<SUS within hospital grounds

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 18A (interpretation of Part)—
 - (a) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) in paragraph (b), after “certificate” in the first place where it appears insert “other than a certificate to which subsection (2A) applies”,
 - (ii) after paragraph (b) insert—

“() to such a certificate, being a certificate to which subsection (2A) applies, being granted for the first time is to the first time such a certificate is granted which has the effect of allowing the person to leave the hospital of which the unit forms part since—

 - (i) the person was so detained,
 - (ii) in a case where the person, while subject to that order or direction, has been recalled to a hospital unit under section 202 of the Mental Health Act, since the person was so recalled (or most recently so recalled if it has happened more than once).”
 - (b) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) This subsection applies to certificates which relate to the detention of a person under an order or direction which specified that the person was to be detained in a hospital unit.

(2B) For the purposes of this section, “hospital unit” means any part of a hospital which is treated as a separate unit.”>

After section 33

Audrey Nicoll

179 After section 33, insert—

<PART

ACCESS TO COURT TRANSCRIPTS

Access to court transcripts: victims in sexual offence cases

- (1) The 1995 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 94 (transcripts of record and documentary productions)—
 - (a) in subsection (2), in the opening words, after “subsection” insert “(2ZA) and”,
 - (b) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2ZA) Where—

 - (a) the person who requests a transcript is a victim of an offence to which section 288C applies, and

(b) proceedings took place in—

- (i) the High Court of the Justiciary, or
- (ii) the Sexual Offences Court,

the Clerk of Justiciary must direct that the transcript be made and sent to the person who requested it without payment of any charge.”.>

Section 39

Angela Constance

180 In section 39, page 22, line 15, leave out <trial diet commences,> and insert <indictment is served,>

Angela Constance

181 In section 39, page 22, line 17, leave out subsection (3)

Angela Constance

182 In section 39, page 22, line 25, after <attempting> insert <or conspiring>

Angela Constance

183 In section 39, page 22, line 25, at end insert—

<() aiding, abetting, counselling, procuring or inciting the commission of an offence listed for the time being in schedule 3.>

Before section 40

Angela Constance

184 Before section 40, insert—

<Judges of the Sexual Offences Court: Lord Commissioners of Justiciary and temporary judges

- (1) Each person who—
 - (a) holds a relevant high judicial office, and
 - (b) has completed an approved course of training on trauma-informed practice in sexual offence cases,also holds office as a Judge of the Sexual Offences Court.
- (2) A person holding a relevant high judicial office ceases to hold office as a Judge of the Sexual Offences Court if they cease to hold the relevant judicial office.
- (3) If a person holding a relevant high judicial office is suspended from that office for any period they are also suspended from office as a Judge of the Sexual Offences Court for the same period.
- (4) In this section, “relevant high judicial office” means—
 - (a) Lord Commissioner of Justiciary,
 - (b) temporary judge.
- (5) In this section and in section 40, “approved course of training” means a training course which is

approved by the Lord Justice General for the purpose of appointment to the office of Judge of the Sexual Offences Court.>

Section 40

Angela Constance

185 In section 40, page 22, line 31, leave out <Lord Justice General> and insert <Scottish Ministers>

Angela Constance

186 In section 40, page 22, line 33, leave out subsection (2)

Angela Constance

187 In section 40, page 23, line 1, leave out <Lord Justice General> and insert <Scottish Ministers>

Angela Constance

188 In section 40, page 23, line 2, after <Court> insert <under this section>

Angela Constance

189 In section 40, page 23, line 7, after <office> insert <and has recommended that person for appointment>

Angela Constance

190 In section 40, page 23, line 8, after <Court> and insert <under this section>

Angela Constance

191 In section 40, page 23, leave out lines 9 and 10 and insert—
<(a) is for a period of 5 years,>

Angela Constance

192 In section 40, page 23, line 12, at end insert—

- <(4A) A Judge of the Sexual Offences Court whose appointment comes to an end by virtue of the expiry of the 5 year period mentioned in subsection (4)(a) is to be reappointed unless—
- (a) the Judge of the Sexual Offences Court declines reappointment,
 - (b) the Lord Justice General has made a recommendation to the Scottish Ministers against the reappointment, or
 - (c) the Judge of the Sexual Offences Court has sat for fewer than 50 days in total in that 5 year period.
- (4B) This section (apart from subsection (3)) applies to a reappointment under subsection (4A) as it applies to an appointment under subsection (1).
- (4C) A Judge of the Sexual Offences Court appointed under this section may resign at any time by giving notice to that effect to the Lord Justice General.
- (4D) A Judge of the Sexual Offences Court whose appointment comes to an end by resignation may be

reappointed.

- (4E) This section applies to a reappointment under subsection (4D) as it applies to an appointment under subsection (1).>

Angela Constance

- 193 In section 40, page 23, line 15, after <Court> insert <under this section>

Angela Constance

- 194 In section 40, page 23, line 18, leave out subsections (7) to (9)

Angela Constance

- 195 In section 40, page 23, leave out lines 27 to 29

Angela Constance

- 196 In section 40, page 23, leave out lines 31 and 32

After section 40

Angela Constance

- 197 After section 40, insert—

<Remuneration and expenses of Judges of the Sexual Offences Court

- (1) The Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (“the SCTS”) may pay to a person appointed under section 40 such remuneration and allowances as the Scottish Ministers may determine.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may determine different amounts of remuneration and different amounts of allowances for—
 - (a) different persons so appointed, or
 - (b) different descriptions of persons so appointed.
- (3) The SCTS may pay to a person appointed under section 40 such sums as it may determine in respect of expenses reasonably incurred by the person in the performance of, or in connection with, the person’s duties.
- (4) The SCTS may—
 - (a) determine the circumstances in which such sums may be paid, and
 - (b) determine different circumstances for different persons.>

Section 45

Angela Constance

- 198 In section 45, page 27, line 23, after <trial> insert <diet>

Section 46

Angela Constance

199 In section 46, page 28, line 22, after <trial> insert <diet>

Section 47

Angela Constance

200 In section 47, page 29, line 7, leave out <the offence of murder, rape, or both> and insert <one or more offence mentioned in subsection (2A)>

Angela Constance

201 In section 47, page 29, line 11, at end insert—

<(2A) The offences are—

- (a) the offence of—
 - (i) murder,
 - (ii) attempted murder,
 - (iii) rape,
 - (iv) attempted rape,
- (b) an offence under section 1(1) of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 where the alleged course of behaviour includes behaviour which would amount to an offence under section 1 of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009,
- (c) an offence in relation to which the minimum sentence which may be imposed (whether by virtue of enactment or otherwise) is a period of imprisonment of at least 5 years,
- (d) an offence in relation to which the accused is being retried as a result of an application by the Lord Advocate under section 4(3)(b) of the Double Jeopardy (Scotland) Act 2011.>

Angela Constance

202 In section 47, page 29, line 22, at end insert—

<(7) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, modify the list in subsection (2A) so as to—

- (a) add an offence or description of an offence,
 - (b) remove an entry listed in it,
 - (c) amend an entry listed in it.
- (8) Before making regulations under subsection (7), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
- (a) the Lord Justice General,
 - (b) the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service,
 - (c) the Scottish Legal Aid Board,
 - (d) the Law Society of Scotland,
 - (e) the Faculty of Advocates,
 - (f) such persons providing victim support services as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.

- (9) In this section and in section (*rights of audience: review*), “victim support services” has the meaning given by section 3D(5) of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014.>

After section 49

Angela Constance

203 After section 49, insert—

<Rights of audience: review

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable following the expiry of the review period—
- (a) carry out a review in relation to legal representation in the Sexual Offences Court including, in particular, in relation to—
 - (i) rights of audience,
 - (ii) legal representation of accused persons, and
 - (iii) the provision of legal aid to accused persons, including the granting of sanction for counsel,
 - (b) publish a report setting out the findings of the review, and
 - (c) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (2) In carrying out the review, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
- (a) the Lord Justice General,
 - (b) the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service,
 - (c) the Scottish Legal Aid Board,
 - (d) the Law Society of Scotland,
 - (e) the Faculty of Advocates,
 - (f) such persons providing victim support services as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) In this section, “review period” means the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which this Part comes fully into force.>

Section 54

Angela Constance

204 In section 54, page 32, line 24, after <Court> insert <of Justiciary>

Angela Constance

205 In section 54, page 32, line 25, after <Keeper> insert <of the Records of Scotland>

Section 55

Angela Constance

- 206 In section 55, page 33, line 10, after <Court> insert <for the purpose of ensuring the proper functioning of the Court>

Section 59

Angela Constance

- 207 In section 59, page 36, line 11, at end insert—

<(ia) the admission of the record of a prior examination of the vulnerable complainer as the vulnerable complainer's evidence in accordance with section (*admission of the record of a prior examination of vulnerable complainer as evidence*),>

Angela Constance

- 208 In section 59, page 36, line 25, leave out from <if> to end of line 30 and insert <—

() if—

- (i) the vulnerable complainer is aged under 18 on the date of commencement of the proceedings in which the hearing is being or is to be held (“the date of commencement”),
- (ii) having had access to such relevant information as may be prescribed by Act of Adjournal, the vulnerable complainer expresses a wish to give evidence at the hearing, and
- (iii) it would be in the vulnerable complainer's best interests to give evidence at the hearing, or

() if the vulnerable complainer is aged 18 or over on the date of commencement and, having had access to such relevant information as may be prescribed by Act of Adjournal, expresses a wish to give evidence at the hearing.>

Angela Constance

- 209 In section 59, page 36, line 39, after <section 60> insert <, (*admission of the record of a prior examination of vulnerable complainer as evidence*)>

Angela Constance

- 210 In section 59, page 37, line 3, leave out from <, or> to end of line 5

Angela Constance

- 211 In section 59, page 37, line 5, at end insert—

<() In this section and in section (*admission of the record of a prior examination of vulnerable complainer as evidence*), a “prior examination” means a hearing at which the vulnerable complainer gave evidence before a commissioner.>

Section 60

Angela Constance

- 212 In section 60, page 37, line 27, at end insert—

<(6A) Subsection (6B) applies where a vulnerable complainer is to give evidence at or for the purposes of a hearing in the Sexual Offences Court.

(6B) It is not necessary for an indictment to have been served before—

- (a) a party may lodge a vulnerable witness notice under section 271A(2) of the 1995 Act (as it applies in relation to a vulnerable complainer giving evidence at or for the purposes of a hearing in the Sexual Offences Court by virtue of section 59(5)) which specifies the giving of the vulnerable complainer's evidence by commissioner as the special measure or one of the special measures which the party considers to be the most appropriate for the purpose of taking the vulnerable complainer's evidence in advance,
- (b) the Sexual Offences Court may make an order under section 59(2)(a)(i), whether on its own or in combination with any other order,
- (c) a court may appoint a commissioner under subsection (1),
- (d) proceedings may take place before the commissioner appointed under subsection (1).>

Angela Constance

213 In section 60, page 38, leave out lines 1 and 2

After section 60

Angela Constance

214 After section 60, insert—

<Admission of the record of a prior examination of vulnerable complainer as evidence

- (1) This section applies where an order is made under section 59(2)(a)(ia) for the admission of the record of a prior examination of the vulnerable complainer as the vulnerable complainer's evidence in full.
- (2) A record of a prior examination which is lodged in evidence by or on behalf of the prosecution in accordance with this section is admissible as the vulnerable complainer's evidence without the vulnerable complainer being required to adopt or otherwise speak to the record in giving evidence in the Sexual Offences Court.
- (3) The record of the prior examination is to be received in evidence without being sworn to by witnesses.
- (4) The prior examination must have taken place before a commissioner—
 - (a) in the course of proceedings other than the proceedings to which the order relates, and
 - (b) under—
 - (i) section 271I of the 1995 Act, in respect of prior proceedings in the High Court of Justiciary or the sheriff court, or
 - (ii) section 60 of this Act, in respect of prior proceedings in the Sexual Offences Court.
- (5) Subsection (6) applies where a vulnerable witness notice is lodged under section 271A(2) of the 1995 Act specifying admission of the record of a prior examination as evidence in accordance with this section as the special measure by which the vulnerable complainer's evidence is to be given.
- (6) Where this subsection applies, the Sexual Offences Court may, on application by a party to the

proceedings, allow questioning of the vulnerable complainer to take place only if satisfied that—

- (a) there are questions relevant to the proceedings which were not put to the vulnerable complainer, and could not reasonably have been expected to have been put to the vulnerable complainer, in the course of the prior examination,
 - (b) to refuse the application would give rise to a significant risk of prejudice to the fairness of the proceedings or otherwise to the interests of justice, and
 - (c) that risk would significantly outweigh any risk of prejudice to the interests of the vulnerable complainer if the application were granted.
- (7) An application to allow questioning of the vulnerable complainer under subsection (6) may be granted in whole or in part.
- (8) Where an application to allow questioning of the vulnerable complainer is granted under subsection (6), the Sexual Offences Court must, unless satisfied that an exception is justified under section 59(4)—
- (a) appoint a Judge of the Sexual Offences Court as commissioner to take the evidence of the vulnerable complainer,
 - (b) fix a date for proceedings before the commissioner.
- (9) Section 60 (other than subsections (1) and (2)) applies to proceedings before a commissioner under subsection (8) as it applies where an order is made under section 59(1)(a)(i) for the taking of evidence by a commissioner.>

After section 61

Angela Constance

215 After section 61, insert—

<Art and part and aiding and abetting

Statutory offences: art and part and aiding and abetting

- (1) The Sexual Offences Court may convict an accused person of a contravention of any enactment notwithstanding that the person was guilty of such contravention as art and part only.
- (2) For the purposes of the Sexual Offences Court, a person who aids, abets, counsels, procures or incites any other person to commit an offence against the provisions of any enactment commits an offence and is liable on conviction, unless the enactment otherwise requires, to the same punishment as if the person had committed the offence against the provisions of the enactment.>

After section 62

Angela Constance

216 After section 62, insert—

<PART

SPECIAL MEASURES FOR VULNERABLE WITNESSES UNDER THE 1995 ACT

Vulnerable witnesses under the 1995 Act: admission of the record of a prior examination as evidence in full

- (1) The 1995 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 271H(1) (the special measures), after paragraph (a), insert—
 - “(aa) the admission of the record of a hearing at which the vulnerable witness gave evidence before a commissioner (“a prior examination”) in accordance with section 271IA,”.
- (3) After section 271I, insert—

“271IA Admission of the record of a prior examination as evidence

 - (1) Where the special measure to be used is the admission of the record of a prior examination, a record of a prior examination which is lodged in evidence by or on behalf of a party to the proceedings in accordance with this section is admissible as the vulnerable witness’s evidence without the vulnerable witness being required to adopt or otherwise speak to the record in giving evidence in court.
 - (2) The record of the prior examination is to be received in evidence without being sworn to by witnesses.
 - (3) The prior examination must have taken place before a commissioner—
 - (a) in the course of proceedings other than the proceedings in respect of which the special measure has been authorised, and
 - (b) under—
 - (i) section 271I of this Act, in respect of prior proceedings in the High Court of Justiciary or the sheriff court, or
 - (ii) section 60 of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Act 2024, in respect of prior proceedings in the Sexual Offences Court.
 - (4) Subsection (5) applies where—
 - (a) a vulnerable witness notice is lodged under section 271A(2) specifying admission of the record of a prior examination as evidence in accordance with this section as the special measure by which the evidence of the vulnerable witness is to be given,
 - (b) a vulnerable witness application is made under section 271C(2) and the court makes an order under section 271C(5)(a) or (7) authorising admission of the record of a prior examination as evidence in accordance with this section as the special measure by which the evidence of the vulnerable witness is to be given, or
 - (c) the court makes an order under section 271D(2)(b) authorising admission of the record of a prior examination as evidence in accordance with this section as the special measure by which the evidence of the vulnerable witness is to be given.
 - (5) Where this subsection applies, the court may, on application by a party to the proceedings, allow questioning of the vulnerable witness to take place only if satisfied that—
 - (a) there are questions relevant to the proceedings which were not put to the vulnerable witness, and could not reasonably have been expected to have been put to the vulnerable witness, in the course of the prior examination,
 - (b) to refuse the application would give rise to a significant risk of prejudice to the fairness of the proceedings or otherwise to the interests of justice, and
 - (c) that risk would significantly outweigh any risk of prejudice to the interests of the

vulnerable witness if the application were granted.

- (6) An application to allow questioning of the vulnerable witness under subsection (5) may be granted in whole or in part.
- (7) Where an application to allow questioning of the vulnerable witness is granted under subsection (5), the court must, unless satisfied that an exception is justified under subsection (8), appoint a commissioner to take the evidence of the vulnerable witness in respect of whom the special measure is to be used.
- (8) An exception is justified under this subsection—
 - (a) if—
 - (i) the vulnerable witness is aged under 18 on the date of commencement of the proceedings in which the hearing is being or is to be held (“the date of commencement”),
 - (ii) having had access to such relevant information as may be prescribed by Act of Adjournal, the vulnerable witness expresses a wish to give evidence at the hearing, and
 - (iii) it would be in the vulnerable witness’s best interests to give evidence at the hearing, or
 - (b) if the vulnerable witness is aged 18 or over on the date of commencement and, having had access to such relevant information as may be prescribed by Act of Adjournal, expresses a wish to give evidence at the hearing.
- (9) Section 271I (other than subsections (1) and (4A)) applies to proceedings before a commissioner under subsection (7) as it applies where the special measure to be used is taking of evidence by a commissioner.
- (10) In this section, “vulnerable witness” includes witnesses in respect of whom the court has made an order under section 271C(5)(a) or (7) or 271D(2)(b) authorising the use of special measures for the purpose of taking the witness’s evidence.”.>

Angela Constance

217 After section 62, insert—

<Child witnesses under the 1995 Act: exception to presumption in favour of special measures

- (1) The 1995 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 271BZA(8) (child witnesses in certain solemn cases: special measures), paragraph (a) is repealed.
- (3) In section 271BZB(5) (child witnesses in certain solemn cases: modifications of section 271A), in inserted subsection (10F), paragraph (a) is repealed.
- (4) In section 271BZC(2) (child witnesses in certain solemn cases: modifications of section 271D), in inserted subsection (4H), paragraph (a) is repealed.>

Angela Constance

218 After section 62, insert—

<Double jeopardy

Exception to rule against double jeopardy in the Sexual Offences Court: new evidence

- (1) The Double Jeopardy (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 4 (new evidence)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), after “High Court” insert “or the Sexual Offences Court”,
 - (b) in subsection (3)(b)(ii), after “High Court” insert “or, as the case may be, the Sexual Offences Court”.
- (3) In section 9(2) (plea in bar of trial: nullity of previous trial)—
 - (a) before paragraph (a) insert—

“() the Sexual Offences Court”,
 - (b) in the closing words, before “sheriff” insert “Judge of the Sexual Offences Court,”.>

Section 64

Angela Constance

- 219 In section 64, page 45, leave out lines 10 to 29

Angela Constance

- 220 In section 64, page 45, line 31, leave out <section 275ZA> and insert <sections 275ZA to 275ZC>

Angela Constance

- 221 In section 64, page 45, line 32, after <274> insert <except that it does not include a person who is deceased>

Angela Constance

- 222 In section 64, page 46, line 3, at end insert—
<(1A) Where the complainer engages a legal representative for purposes relating to the application, the complainer’s legal representative must give the court and the prosecutor notice of that fact—
(a) as soon as reasonably practicable after being so engaged, and
(b) in writing.>

Angela Constance

- 223 In section 64, page 46, line 4, after <prosecutor> insert <under subsection (1A)>

Angela Constance

- 224 In section 64, page 46, leave out lines 6 to 11

Angela Constance

- 225 In section 64, page 46, line 16, at end insert—
<(3) Where the complainer’s legal representative withdraws or is dismissed by the complainer,

the legal representative must give the court and the prosecutor notice of that fact—

- (a) as soon as reasonably practicable after withdrawing or being dismissed, and
 - (b) in writing.
- (4) For the purposes of subsections (1A) and (3), notice is given to the prosecutor if it is given to—
- (a) in proceedings in the High Court or Sexual Offences Court, the Crown Agent,
 - (b) in any other proceedings, the procurator fiscal for the district in which the trial diet is to be held.>

Angela Constance

226 In section 64, page 46, line 16, at end insert—

<275ZB Rights of complainers in relation to section 275 applications: further provision

- (1) The prosecutor must, where given notice under section 275ZA(1A), send to the complainer’s legal representative as soon as reasonably practicable—
 - (a) a copy of the application made for the purposes of section 275(1),
 - (b) a copy of the complaint or, as the case may be, indictment to the extent that it relates to the application.
- (2) Where, after receipt of the documents mentioned in subsection (1), the complainer’s legal representative requests that the prosecutor provide a copy of any evidence referred to in, or relevant to, the application, the prosecutor must—
 - (a) notify the accused that such a request has been made, and
 - (b) advise the accused of the evidence which has been requested.
- (3) The prosecutor must send the requested evidence to the complainer’s legal representative as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the period (“the objection period”) mentioned in subsection (6), unless subsection (7) applies in relation to that particular evidence.
- (4) Subsection (7) applies in relation to particular evidence if, within the objection period—
 - (a) the accused sends the prosecutor the accused’s objection to that particular evidence being sent or to all of the evidence being sent, or
 - (b) the prosecutor has an objection to that particular evidence being sent or to all of the evidence being sent.
- (5) For the purposes of this section, an objection sent by the accused to the prosecutor must—
 - (a) be in writing,
 - (b) explain why the accused objects to the evidence being sent,
 - (c) state whether the objection is—
 - (i) only to particular evidence being sent and, if so, specify which particular evidence, or
 - (ii) to all of the evidence being sent.
- (6) The objection period is the period—
 - (a) beginning on the day after the day on which the accused is notified of the request

- for evidence, and
- (b) ending on the earliest of—
- (i) the day which falls 7 days after the period begins,
 - (ii) if a preliminary hearing, first diet or intermediate diet is to be held, the day which falls two days before the day that hearing or diet is to be held,
 - (iii) if the accused gives the prosecutor written consent to that particular evidence or all of the evidence being sent and the prosecutor has no objection to it being sent, the day on which that written consent is given.
- (7) Before sending to the complainer's legal representative any particular evidence in relation to which there is an objection in accordance with subsection (4), the prosecutor must—
- (a) apply to the court for a ruling on whether the evidence should be sent or the objection upheld,
 - (b) include in the application a copy of the objection to the evidence being sent,
 - (c) send a copy of the application to the accused and the complainer's legal representative.
- (8) On an application under subsection (7)(a), the court may, after giving the prosecutor, the accused and the complainer's legal representative an opportunity to make representations—
- (a) uphold the objection and refuse to authorise the sending of evidence,
 - (b) require the prosecutor to send the evidence in the form, and subject to any limitations, the court thinks is in the interests of justice.

275ZC Confidentiality of disclosed evidence

- (1) This section applies where, in accordance with section 275ZB, the prosecutor sends the complainer's legal representative a copy of any evidence referred to in, or relevant to, the application made for the purposes of section 275(1).
- (2) Subject to any conditions imposed by the court, by virtue of section 275ZB(8), on disclosure of evidence, the complainer and the complainer's legal representative may use or disclose evidence referred to in subsection (1) for the purposes set out in subsection (3).
- (3) The purposes are making, or preparing to make, representations to the court in relation to the application, in accordance with section 275ZA(2)(b).
- (4) A person must not use or disclose evidence referred to in subsection (1) for any purpose other than those set out in subsection (3).
- (5) Subsection (4) does not apply in relation to the use or disclosure of evidence which is in the public domain at the time of the use or disclosure.
- (6) A person who knowingly uses or discloses evidence in contravention of subsection (4) commits an offence.
- (7) A person who commits an offence under subsection (6) is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both),
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine (or both).>

Angela Constance

227 In section 64, page 46, line 25, at end insert—

<() In section 271I (taking of evidence by a commissioner), in subsection (6)(c), for “7” substitute “21”.>

Schedule 4

Angela Constance

228 In schedule 4, page 60, line 7, at end insert—

<() In section 21, after subsection (4), insert—

“(5) Where an accused in the Sexual Offences Court applies for representation by junior counsel (without senior counsel), and the Scottish Legal Aid Board is satisfied, based on the information available, that if the accused is convicted there is a reasonable expectation that the court will impose—

(a) a custodial sentence in excess of 5 years, or

(b) a risk assessment order under section 210B of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995,

then representation by junior counsel (without senior counsel) is to be treated as appropriate for the purposes of subsection (4)(a).”>

Angela Constance

229 In schedule 4, page 60, line 18, at end insert—

<() In section 34, subsection (1), after “judicial office holder” insert “(other than a Judge of the Sexual Offences Court)”>

Angela Constance

230 In schedule 4, page 60, line 18, at end insert—

<() In section 35, after subsection (2), insert—

“(2A) Where the person holds office as a Judge of the Sexual Offences Court in addition to a judicial office to which this section applies, reference in subsection (1) to inability, neglect of duty or misbehaviour includes any such inability, neglect of duty or misbehaviour relating to the office of Judge of the Sexual Offences Court.”>

Angela Constance

231 In schedule 4, page 60, line 20, leave out <(cab)> and insert <(cb)>

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232 In schedule 4, page 60, line 26, at end insert—

<() In section 21, after subsection (3), insert—

“(3A) Where the person holds office as Judge of the Sexual Offences Court in addition to a judicial office to which this section applies, reference in subsection (1) to

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inability, neglect of duty or misbehaviour includes any such inability, neglect of duty or misbehaviour relating to the office of Judge of the Sexual Offences Court.”>

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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)), 4 February 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)

Passed, 25 February 2025

Care Reform (Scotland) Bill (G) *(introduced as the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill)*

Stage 2 completed, 4 March 2025

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 5 March 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

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Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 26 February 2025

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 2 April 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 27 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 20 March 2025

Any amendments specifically on matters relating to the part 5 homelessness prevention provisions or the part 6 fuel poverty provisions, except any such amendments to the schedule or the long title, should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 14 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 29 April 2025

All amendments other than those that are to be considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 23 April with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 4 March 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)), 18 February 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (12th Report, 2025)

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)), 5 March 2025

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

Royal Assent, 4 March 2025

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 28 January 2025

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Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 4 February 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)

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

Stage 1 Report (Education, Children and Young People Committee) published, 4 February 2025

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)

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (14th Report, 2025)

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 20 February 2025

Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 5 February 2025

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Criminal Justice Committee), 12 March 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 6 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 January 2025

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

Lodged on 22 November 2024

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2nd Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th Report, 2025)

Employment Rights Bill LCM-S6-53

Lodged on 11 December 2024

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 19 February 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (16th Report, 2025)

Great British Energy Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-48c

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Lodged on 24 February 2025
Meeting of the Parliament, 25 February 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-S6-50a

Lodged on 3 March 2025

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024
Meeting of the Parliament, 19 February 2025
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
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (15th Report, 2025)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Made affirmative instrument

Subject to approval by 17 March 2025

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/41\)](#) (19 February 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Affirmative instruments

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

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 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)

Subject to approval by 18 March 2025

[Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Treatment of Qualifications Scotland as Specified Authority\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (29 January 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval by 19 March 2025

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (30 January 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 24 March 2025

[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (4 February 2025) (The Parliament)

Subject to approval by 27 March 2025

[Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 28 March 2025

[Tied Pubs \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (re-laid 10 February 2025) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

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[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (re-laid 10 February 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 29 March 2025

[Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Part 2 Further Extension\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (18 February 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 23 April 2025

[Environmental Authorisations \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (27 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 5 March 2025

Lead committee report due by 3 March 2025

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

Subject to annulment 6 March 2025

Lead committee report due by 3 March 2025

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

Subject to annulment 12 March 2025

Lead committee report due by 10 March 2025

[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)

Subject to annulment 19 March 2025

Lead committee report due by 17 March 2025

[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/18\)](#) (30 January 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rating \(Valuation of Utilities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/19\)](#) (30 January 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 23 March 2025

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[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/24\)](#) (3 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Fees for Scheme Membership and Disclosure Applications \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/25\)](#) (3 February 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Review Application \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/26\)](#) (3 February 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 27 March 2025
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[Environmental Protection \(Injurious Articles\) \(Fixed Penalty Notices and Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/28\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Saving Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/29\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/30\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/31\)](#) (7 February 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 28 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2025 \(SI 2025/124\)](#) (12 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 30 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/36\)](#) (19 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 31 March 2025
Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/37\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/38\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/39\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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[Non-Domestic Rates \(Hospitality Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/40\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/42\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/43\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/44\)](#) (20 February 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 1 April 2025
Lead committee report due by 31 March 2025

[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/48\)](#) (21 February 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 27 April 2025
Lead committee report due by 21 April 2025

[Council Tax Reduction and Council Tax \(Discounts\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/55\)](#) (3 March 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Council Tax \(Exempt Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/56\)](#) (3 March 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Health and Care Professions Council \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Rules Order of Council 2025 \(SI 2025/240\)](#) (3 March 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 4 March 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 16th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Employment Rights Bill (SP Paper 747)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 17th Report 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 4 March 2025 (SP Paper 746)

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Corrections

Member's Correction

Official Report, Meeting of the Parliament, 27 February 2025

The First Minister (John Swinney) has identified an error in his contribution and provided the following correction to the Official Report of 27 February 2025.

First Minister

At col 18, para 1, line 7—

Original text—

This Government has put money in place to support improvement in the lives of young people living in poverty through the Scottish child payment—originally, it was set at £5 for every eligible child; now, it is £26.70—which is helping to lift hundreds of thousands of children out of poverty.

Corrected text—

This Government has put money in place to support improvement in the lives of young people living in poverty through the Scottish child payment—originally, it was set at £5 for every eligible child; now, it is £26.70—which it is estimated is helping to keep 100,000 children out of relative poverty in 2024-25.

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