

Monday 10 March 2025

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

### Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Today's Business  
*Gnothaichean an-diugh*

Future Business  
*Gnothaichean ri teachd*

Motions & Questions  
*Gluasadan agus Ceistean*

Legislation  
*Reachdas*

Other  
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## Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

## Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 5 March 2025

### Tuesday 11 March 2025

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Kayleigh Brown (nee Haggo)

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Households with Cost of Living Pressures and Rising Energy Bills

**followed by** Appointment of Chair to Environmental Standards Scotland

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-15955 Alexander Stewart: Additional Support Needs in Scotland

### 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: Equalities

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**5:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-16573 Audrey Nicoll: International Women's Day 2025

### Thursday 13 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-16302 Paul O'Kane: Young Carers Action Day 2025

**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 2025**

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** 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

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**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

## Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

11 March 2025

10th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#)
3. **Work programme:** The Committee will review its work programme.
4. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

#### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 85232 or at [peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot](mailto:peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot)

### Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

11 March 2025

7th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Clare Gallagher, Human Rights Officer, CEMVO (Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations) Scotland;  
Jatin Haria, Executive Director, Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights (CRER);  
Lindsey Millen, Head of Policy and Development, Close the Gap;  
Jill Wood, Policy Manager, Engender;  
and then from—  
Dr Pauline Nolan, Head of Policy and Engagement, Inclusion Scotland;  
Rohini Sharma Joshi, Diversity and Inclusion Manager, Age Scotland;  
Vic Valentine, Scottish Trans Manager, Equality Network.
3. **Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Civil Legal Aid Inquiry:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

#### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85204 or at [ewan.donald@parliament.scot](mailto:ewan.donald@parliament.scot)

## Finance and Public Administration Committee

11 March 2025

9th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Douglas Ross, Member in Charge of the Bill, and Neil Stewart, Senior Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, Scottish Parliament.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2025 [draft] from—  
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, and Jonathan Waite, Aggregates Tax Bill Team Leader, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—  
S6M-16546—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/41) be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Further Extension) Order 2025 [draft] from—  
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, and Angus MacLeod, Head, Public Bodies Support Unit, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—  
S6M-16547—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Further Extension) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
6. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, at [FPA.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:FPA.committee@parliament.scot).

## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

11 March 2025

9th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Environmental Authorisations \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/44)  
[Council Tax Reduction and Council Tax \(Discounts\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/55)  
[Council Tax \(Exempt Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/56)

[Health and Care Professions Council \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Rules Order of Council 2025](#) (SI 2025/240)

4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Bail and Release from Custody \(Scotland\) Act 2023 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/52 (C.6))
5. **Framework legislation and Henry VIII powers:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

**Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black at [Greg.Black@parliament.scot](mailto:Greg.Black@parliament.scot)

**Health, Social Care and Sport Committee**  
**11 March 2025**  
**8th Meeting, 2025**

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **sportscotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Maureen Campbell, Chair, and Forbes Dunlop, Chief Executive Officer, sportscotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)  
[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)  
[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#)
4. **sportscotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

**Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at [Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot](mailto:Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot)

**Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee**  
**11 March 2025**  
**8th Meeting, 2025**

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Public petitions:** The Committee will consider the following petitions—  
PE1743: Amend the law to protect the rights of pre-1989 Scottish Secure Tenants  
PE1778: Review the Scottish Landlords Register scheme  
PE1912: Funding for council venues
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2025](#) (2025/37)  
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (2025/38)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(2025/39\)](#)  
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Hospitality Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(2025/40\)](#)  
[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025 \(2025/48\)](#)

4. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee and the Finance and Public Administration Committee.
5. **Heat in Buildings:** The Committee will consider an approach to the proposed bill on heat in buildings and forthcoming draft climate change plan.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jenny Mouncer at [localgov.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:localgov.committee@parliament.scot)

### **Rural Affairs and Islands Committee**

**12 March 2025**

**9th 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. **A climate transition for Scottish agriculture:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Jonnie Hall, Deputy CEO and Director of Policy, National Farmers Union Scotland;  
Pete Ritchie, Director, Nourish Scotland;  
Kate Rowell, Chair, Quality Meat Scotland;  
Jim Walker, Chair, Suckler Beef Climate Group Programme Board;  
Neil Wilson, Executive Director, Institute of Auctioneers and Appraisers in Scotland.
3. **A climate transition for Scottish agriculture:** 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.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at [emma.johnston@parliament.scot](mailto:emma.johnston@parliament.scot)

### **Criminal Justice Committee**

**12 March 2025**

**9th Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at [Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot](mailto:Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot)

## Education, Children and Young People Committee

12 March 2025

9th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2025](#)
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Qualifications Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2025 [draft] from—  
Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, and Clare Hicks, Director, Education Reform, Scottish Government;  
Nico McKenzie-Juetten, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Jenny Gilruth Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills to move—S6M-16297—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Qualifications Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
4. **Scottish Attainment Challenge Inquiry: Post-Legislative Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Scottish Government;  
David Gregory, Strategic Director - Scottish Attainment Challenge, Education Scotland;  
David Leng, Head of Scottish Attainment Challenge, and Alison Taylor, Deputy Director for Improvement, Attainment and Wellbeing, Scottish Government.
5. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at [Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot](mailto:Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot)

## Public Audit Committee

12 March 2025

9th Meeting, 2025

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

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

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters at [Katrina.Venters@Parliament.scot](mailto:Katrina.Venters@Parliament.scot)

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## Motions

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

### Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S6M-16732](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Citizens Theatre Reopening in Summer 2025 After Extensive Refurbishment**—That the Parliament celebrates the upcoming reopening of Glasgow’s historic Citizens Theatre; understands that the multi-million pound refurbishment of the theatre is nearing completion and that the theatre will reopen to the public in summer 2025; recognises that the refurbishment is the first comprehensive redevelopment of the building since it began life as a working theatre in 1878; notes that the renovation features include the creation of welcoming social and rehearsal spaces, a new studio with flexible seating, allowing performance in the round for the first time in Glasgow’s recent history, increased seating capacity in the auditorium, improved backstage facilities, and improvements to sustainability and weather-proofing; recognises that the refurbishment improves accessibility to the theatre while retaining its unique Victorian features, and welcomes the reopening of the theatre, which will secure the future of this treasured building for the people of Glasgow for generations to come.

**\*[S6M-16731](#) Liam Kerr: Volunteer Group NERVS Takes Delivery of New Vehicle**—That the Parliament congratulates the members of the North East Rider Volunteers Scotland (NERVS) Blood Bikes on taking delivery of a new vehicle; understands that the volunteer group transports urgent medical supplies between NHS Grampian hospitals, such as medicine and medical equipment; further understands that, thanks to funding from the Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation, the community has expanded its fleet with a new car, which will be invaluable when motorbikes are unsafe for use; notes that many of the NERVS volunteers are committed members of the local motorcycle scene; further notes that Blood Bikes offers NHS Grampian a free service, saving the NHS board money that would otherwise be spent on transport costs, and extends its best wishes to all the volunteers for safe travels ahead.

**\*[S6M-16730](#) Fulton MacGregor: Brodie Young Breaks Scottish 400m Record for a Second Time**—That the Parliament congratulates the Chryston athlete, Brodie Young, on his latest sporting achievement by surpassing his own recent Scottish 400m indoor record, with a new record time of 45.46 seconds; notes that this performance has set a new British and European under-23 record; recognises that Brodie also set a programme record for both the 200m and 400m while representing the University of New Mexico; acknowledges Brodie’s hard work, agility and commitment, which continue to serve as an inspiration to athletes across Scotland; commends the

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support of Brodie's family, and praises the role of the Airdrie Harriers, based at Langloan in Coatbridge, in his development as an athlete; recognises the contributions of Scottish Athletics in nurturing talent, and wishes Brodie continued success as he continues to set impressive standards for Scottish athletics.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Marie McNair\*

**\*[S6M-16729](#) Liam Kerr: Hazlehead School in Aberdeen Listed in The Sunday Times League Table for Top Performing Schools**—That the Parliament commends Hazlehead School in Aberdeen on being the only primary school in the North East Scotland region to feature in a new league table, published by *The Sunday Times*; understands that the list compiles 50 top performing schools in Scotland and that each school's position is determined by data submitted by teachers; further understands that Hazlehead School came 28th on the list; notes that Hazlehead School is home to approximately 400 pupils, including nursery; further notes that the school's motto is "When you believe in yourself anything is possible", and wishes all the pupils and staff continued success in the future.

**\*[S6M-16727](#) Sandesh Gulhane: World Kidney Day 2025**—That the Parliament recognises World Kidney Day on 13 March 2025; understands that chronic kidney disease is one of the most prevalent health conditions affecting people in Scotland, with many who are known to be at risk not being routinely tested and diagnosis often coming too late to prevent kidney failure; acknowledges reports that there are persistent inequalities in diagnosis and outcomes for people in Scotland with chronic kidney disease, including in the Glasgow region, based on their economic backgrounds and ethnicity; welcomes the publication of the Kidney Research UK publication, *Chronic Kidney Disease: An Action Plan for Scotland*, following its year-long engagement with patients and their advocates, families, clinicians, researchers, NHS leaders and policymakers; notes the recommendations within the plan for improved prevention, diagnosis, treatment and collection and use of data; considers that opportunities to improve kidney care in Scotland have been missed over the last 20 years, and encourages the Scottish Government, its agencies and the NHS in Scotland to work alongside the kidney patient and clinical community to deliver their shared ambitions for better outcomes for the 600,000 people in Scotland reportedly living with chronic kidney disease. **R**

**\*[S6M-16726](#) Douglas Ross: Scottish Wildlife Trust Acquires the Inverbroom Estate**—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Wildlife Trust on its acquisition of the Inverbroom Estate, in Wester Ross, thanks to its largest ever private donation in the Trust's 60-year history; understands that the Inverbroom Estate comprises 7,618 hectares and will become its largest ever reserve; notes that the Trust plans to restore a healthy mosaic of habitats that will allow more native species to flourish while also bringing benefits to the local community; acknowledges the Trust's ambition to regenerate native woodlands and temperate rainforest habitat, along with peat restoration, removal of invasive species and support for nature-friendly farming; commends the Trust for its efforts to create a sustainable future for Inverbroom, and wishes the Trust continued success at all of its sites across Scotland.

**\*[S6M-16725](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Amore Ristorante e Pizzeria Wins Let Glasgow Flourish Robertson Silver Spade Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Amore Ristorante e Pizzeria, which is on Ingram Street, Glasgow, on winning The Robertson Silver Spade award at the 2025 Let Glasgow Flourish Awards; understands that the awards, now in their 42nd year, are presented to commercial or other organisations in the city that create and maintain an arboreal or floral display of a high standard, which enhances the surrounding area; recognises that Amore Ristorante e Pizzeria received the award in recognition of its impressive floral displays outside the

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restaurant, focusing on the red, white and green of the Italian flag, Il Tricolore; notes that the awards ceremony, which took place at the Trades Hall in February, were attended by representatives from the Incorporation and the wider Trades House crafts and associated organisations, along with people representing 75 Glasgow businesses and organisations; commends the restaurant for all its efforts to brighten up Ingram Street with what it sees as its beautiful floral displays, and wishes it and its staff all the best for their continued success.

**\*[S6M-16724](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow Knitters to Provide 850 Blankets for Homeless People**—That the Parliament commends the members of the Church of Scotland's Glasgow presbytery and the homeless charity, the Lodging House Mission, on launching the project, Glasgow Close Knit; understands that the project encourages church members across the presbytery to knit or crotchet 850 blankets to help people in need and to mark the 850th anniversary of the City of Glasgow; recognises that the blankets will be distributed to men and women using hostel accommodation across the city; congratulates all involved with the project, including the city's knitting and craft groups, for their efforts, and wishes them all the best in completing the challenge.

Supported by: Annie Wells\*, Liam Kerr\*, Monica Lennon\*, Bill Kidd\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Douglas Ross\*, Craig Hoy\*, Edward Mountain\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Brian Whittle\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Annabelle Ewing\*

### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S6M-16728](#) Mercedes Villalba: Fire Brigades Union "Fight for 52" Campaign and International Women's Day 2025** (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Carol Mochan\*, Monica Lennon\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-16723](#) Fulton MacGregor: Dads' Survey 2024 Report Published** (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Foysoyl Choudhury\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-16720](#) Jackie Dunbar: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Hosts Fire Skills Course for Northfield Academy Students** (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-16719](#) Alexander Burnett: Hollie Davidson Receives Referee Cap** (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Foysoyl Choudhury\*, Bill Kidd\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Tess White\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Brian Whittle\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-16718](#) Alexander Burnett: Cromar Community Council Provides 1,400 Meals Through its Christmas Food Help Run** (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-16717](#) Fulton MacGregor: Baby Loss Retreat Recognised at the People's Choice Awards 2025.** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Gillian Mackay\*

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**[S6M-16716](#) Finlay Carson: Curler Katie Wins Back-to-back National Titles** (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Tess White\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-16715](#) Monica Lennon: Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*, Liam McArthur\*, Foyso Choudhury\*, David Torrance\*, Marie McNair\*, Miles Briggs\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Craig Hoy\*, Pauline McNeill\*, Carol Mochan\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Gillian Mackay\*, Colin Smyth\*, Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16714](#) Marie McNair: Golden Jubilee Conference Hotel Wins Two Categories at the National Hotel of the Year Awards** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Bill Kidd\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, David Torrance\*, Bob Doris\*, Annabelle Ewing\*

**[S6M-16713](#) Miles Briggs: Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2025** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Brian Whittle\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-16711](#) Liam McArthur: Green Marine UK Secures Investment for New Subsea Services Department** (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper\*, Foyso Choudhury\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Bill Kidd\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-16710](#) Foyso Choudhury: Ramadan 2025** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Gillian Mackay\*

**[S6M-16709](#) Maggie Chapman: Young Traditional Musician of the Year** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*, Emma Roddick\*, Foyso Choudhury\*, Ross Greer\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Monica Lennon\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Sarah Boyack\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Miles Briggs\*, Rona Mackay\*, Gillian Mackay\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S6M-16708](#) Alexander Stewart: 100th Birthday for May Cameron from Menstrie** (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper\*, Bill Kidd\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Tess White\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Bob Doris\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-16705](#) Tess White: Addressing Sexual Violence in Scotland's Hospitals** (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-16704](#) Clare Haughey: Codfather Named Best Fish and Chip Shop in the Glasgow Region** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-16703](#) Jackson Carlaw: Busby Bowling Club Celebrates 150-year Anniversary in 2025** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Brian Whittle\*

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**[S6M-16702](#) Jackson Carlaw: Williamwood High Wins National Badminton Tournament for Two Years in a Row** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-16701](#) Jackson Carlaw: Giffnock's Glasgow Hutcheson's Aloysians Rugby Team Wins League Title Undefeated** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-16700](#) Jackson Carlaw: Cathcart Castle Golf Club Raises £14,600 for Charity** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-16699](#) Jackson Carlaw: Eastwood High Achieves SCQF School Ambassador Gold Award** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Paul O'Kane\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-16698](#) Jackson Carlaw: Newton Mearns Care Home Launches Warm Cafe Initiative** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Paul O'Kane\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-16697](#) Jackson Carlaw: Busby Lawn Tennis Club Raises Money to Support Cancer Charity** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Paul O'Kane\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-16696](#) Jackson Carlaw: Education Scotland Delivers Excellent Inspection Report for St Joseph's Primary School in Eastwood** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-16695](#) Gordon MacDonald: Edinburgh Pentlands Primary Schools Top Sunday Times Primary School League Table** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Miles Briggs\*, Emma Harper\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, George Adam\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, David Torrance\*, Annabelle Ewing\*

**[S6M-16694](#) John Mason: Education in Pakistan** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*, Kenneth Gibson\*

**[S6M-16693](#) Kevin Stewart: University of Aberdeen, Greener Clinical Trials** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16683](#) Stuart McMillan: Cholangiocarcinoma Awareness Month** (lodged on 04 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Marie McNair\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-16682](#) Kevin Stewart: University of Aberdeen, Cutting the NHS Carbon Footprint** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

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**[S6M-16681](#) Kevin Stewart: Tall Ships Quayside Concerts** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16680](#) Clare Haughey: Rutherglen Café, Buon Appetito, Celebrates 50 Years** (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Bill Kidd\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Bob Doris\*

**[S6M-16679](#) Alexander Burnett: Generous Farming Brothers Legacy to The Archie Foundation** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-16678](#) Alexander Burnett: Cairngorms Glamping Wins the Channel 4 Show, Four in a Bed** (lodged on 06 March 2025)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-16674](#) Mark Ruskell: Annual BeeWalk Report** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*, Liam McArthur\*

**[S6M-16671](#) Annie Wells: Girlguiding Scotland Celebrates Own Your Path Pilot** (lodged on 04 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16668](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating Gleniffer High School's Cameron Keay on Scoring Four Goals Against England** (lodged on 04 March 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane\*

**[S6M-16666](#) Alexander Stewart: Jack Vettriano OBE** (lodged on 04 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16664](#) Annabelle Ewing: Cardenden Community Development Forum Lottery Success** (lodged on 04 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16663](#) Annabelle Ewing: Cardenden Scouts Lottery Success** (lodged on 04 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16662](#) Annabelle Ewing: Inverkeithing Community Garden Lottery Success** (lodged on 04 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16660](#) Clare Adamson: Borrow Cup, an Initiative by Reposit and Hubbub** (lodged on 04 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16659](#) Miles Briggs: Young Carers Action Day 2025** (lodged on 04 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Rhoda Grant\*

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

New Support: Paul O'Kane\*

**[S6M-16651](#) Tess White: Strathmore Primary School Receives Scotland's First ADHD Friendly School Award** (lodged on 28 February 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-16643](#) Foyso! Choudhury: Recognising Broxburn Academy Students for Winning Schools' Mace Debating Competition** (lodged on 04 March 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16642](#) Foyso! Choudhury: Inspirational Primary School Pupils Raise Money for Charity by Selling Handmade Soap** (lodged on 04 March 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

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

New Support: Gillian Mackay\*

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

New Support: Sarah Boyack\*, Colin Smyth\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*

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

New Support: George Adam\*

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

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16573](#) Audrey Nicoll: International Women's Day 2025** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16570](#) John Mason: Celebrating World Wildlife Day 2025** (lodged on 25 February 2025)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-16569](#) Emma Harper: New Community Service Partnership, ELVES CIC in Dumfries** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

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New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Bill Kidd\*

[\*\*S6M-16557\*\*](#) **Stuart McMillan: Bladder Cancer in Scotland** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Bill Kidd\*, Brian Whittle\*

[\*\*S6M-16326\*\*](#) **Martin Whitfield: Children's Mental Health Week 2025** (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane\*

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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 07 March 2025

**[S6W-35458](#) Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-35095 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 5 March 2025, how many staff are in Social Security Scotland's counter fraud branch; whether the full and undivided work attentions of all the staff in that branch are towards the work of countering fraud in social security, and whether the Scottish Government has any way of determining what proportion of work done by Social Security Scotland's counter fraud branch goes into identifying fraudulent applications.

**[S6W-35459](#) Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34366 by Shona Robison on 28 February 2025, for what reason more contingent workers are consistently recorded under the Director General for Communities than any other Director General, and what the cause was of the decrease in the number of contingent workers recorded under the Director General for Communities between 2022-23 and 2024.

**[S6W-35460](#) Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34366 by Shona Robison on 28 February 2025, for what reason there was a decrease in the number of contingent workers recorded under the Director General for Corporate Services between 2022 and 2023.

**[S6W-35461](#) Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34366 by Shona Robison on 28 February 2025, what value was provided by employing 989 contingent workers in the 2021-22 financial year.

**[S6W-35462](#) Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34347 by Maree Todd on 28 February 2025, what its position is on whether its Psychiatry Recruitment and Retention Working Group (a) is a sufficient response to the reported workforce crisis in psychiatry and (b) will result in the reported workforce crisis in psychiatry being resolved, and, if so, by when; through what means; how many new psychiatrists this will require, and where these psychiatrists will be sourced from.

**[S6W-35463](#) Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34349 by Maree Todd on 28 February 2025, whether it anticipates that its reported trend of increases in spend on mental health and child and adolescent mental health services as a proportion of NHS board spending will continue at their present rate, and what the reasons are for its position on this matter.

**[S6W-35465](#) Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34348 by Maree Todd on 28 February 2025, what its position is on the extent to which it is responsible for the use of locum psychiatrists in NHS Scotland, in light of its authorities and powers regarding the relevant labour market and regulatory conditions, and its authorities and powers regarding the direction of NHS boards.

**[S6W-35466](#) Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34780 by Shona Robison on 26 February 2025, what its response is to reported concerns that its approach to aiming to help first time buyers does not work towards increasing the underlying supply of housing units, and whether it has done or commissioned any work to analyse the impact of (a) the non-proceeding of the Additional Dwelling Supplement transactions referred to on supply in the private rental sector and (b) each of its changes to the Additional Dwelling Supplement and Land and Buildings Transaction Tax to the overall supply of housing units in the Scottish housing market.

**[S6W-35467](#) Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34603 by Shona Robison on 26 February 2025, whether all of its assessments of the long-term

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impacts of behavioural responses to its income tax policies pertain to measurements of past and present impacts, and not to future, projected impacts.

**[S6W-35482](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Scottish Prison Service has requested an extension of the public consultation period into the proposal to designate the Victorian buildings at HMP Barlinnie as category A-listed.

**[S6W-35483](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what future capital funding will be allocated to the clinical waste disposal site at Hassockrigg Eco Park.

**[S6W-35484](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has reportedly not carried out an environmental impact assessment into the procurement of clinical waste disposal contracts.

**[S6W-35485](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has reportedly not sought to develop a high temperature incineration plant in Scotland to dispose of NHS Scotland clinical waste.

**[S6W-35514](#) Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance or direction it has offered to its agencies and departments in relation to prioritising community-owned enterprises in arrangements for the generation of electricity on land in their ownership or management.

**[S6W-35515](#) Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements the national forest estate has in place with private sector providers for wind, hydro and solar electricity generation on land in its ownership or management; what the current capacity in megawatts is of any generation installed; what the most recently recorded annual income was for the national forest estate from any such arrangements, and when each of the arrangements will come to an end.

**[S6W-35516](#) Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements the national forest estate has in place with community-owned organisations for wind, hydro and solar electricity generation on land in its ownership or management; what the current capacity in megawatts is of any generation installed; what the most recently recorded annual income was for the national forest estate from any such arrangements, and when each of the arrangements will come to an end.

**[S6W-35517](#) Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements Scottish Water has in place with private sector providers for wind, hydro and solar electricity generation on land in its ownership or management; what the current capacity in megawatts is of any generation installed; what the most recently recorded annual income was for Scottish Water from any such arrangements, and when each of the arrangements will come to an end.

**[S6W-35518](#) Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements Scottish Water has in place with community-owned providers for wind, hydro and solar electricity generation on land in its ownership or management; what the current capacity in megawatts is of any generation installed; what the most recently recorded annual income was for Scottish Water from any such arrangements, and when each of the arrangements will come to an end.

**[S6W-35519](#) Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements Crown Estate Scotland has in place with private sector providers for wind, hydro and solar electricity generation on land in its ownership or management; what the current capacity in megawatts is of any generation installed; what the most recently recorded annual income was for Crown Estate Scotland from any such arrangements, and when each of the arrangements will come to an end.

**[S6W-35520](#) Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements Crown Estate Scotland has in place with community-owned providers for wind, hydro and solar electricity generation on land in its ownership or management; what the current capacity in megawatts is of any generation installed; what the most recently recorded annual income was for Crown Estate Scotland from any such arrangements, and when each of the arrangements will come to an end.

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**[S6W-35521](#) Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements it has in place with private sector providers for wind, hydro and solar electricity generation on land in its direct ownership or management; what the current capacity in megawatts is of any generation installed; what the most recently recorded annual income was for it from any such arrangements, and when each of the arrangements will come to an end.

**[S6W-35522](#) Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements it has in place with community-owned providers for wind, hydro and solar electricity generation on land in its direct ownership or management; what the current capacity in megawatts is of any generation installed; what the most recently recorded annual income was for it from any such arrangements, and when each of the arrangements will come to an end.

**[S6W-35523](#) Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what installed electricity generating capacity Scottish Water directly owns in relation to wind, hydro and solar electricity generation, and what the current estimated annual revenue value is of any such capacity in (a) cash terms and (b) savings from the use of the grid.

**[S6W-35529](#) Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding establishing a youth mobility scheme with the EU.

**[S6W-35530](#) Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made with the development of the SaxaVord and Sutherland spaceports, and whether it is its understanding that the business sector plans to consolidate around a single launch location.

**[S6W-35531](#) Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to facilitate the development of domestic space launch capabilities, and the growth of associated business sectors.

## Amendments

### Amendments to Bills lodged on 7 March 2025

#### Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

*Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee Daily List*

#### After section 23

**Maggie Chapman**

186 After section 23, insert—

<PART

RENT CONTROL: TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

#### **Rent control: transitional provision**

- (1) Schedule (*Rent control: transitional provision*) makes transitional rent control provision.
- (2) This section expires on the day before the day on which provision in Part 1 of this Act comes into force.>

#### After section 27

**Maggie Chapman**

187 After section 27, insert—

<*Eviction: notice periods*

#### **Eviction: notice periods**

- (1) The 2016 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 54 (restriction on applying during the notice period), in subsection (2)(b) for subparagraphs (i) and (ii), substitute—
  - “(i) 12 months after it begins if subsection (2A) applies,
  - (ii) 4 months after it begins if subsection (2A) does not apply.”.
- (3) After subsection (2), insert—

“(2A) This subsection applies if the eviction ground relied upon is that named in paragraph 1, 1A or 2 of schedule 3.”.
- (4) Subsection (3) is repealed.
- (5) After subsection (4), insert—

“(4A) In subsection (2), the reference to a period of 12 or 4 months is to a period which ends in the month which falls 12 or 4 months, as the case may be, after the month in which it began, either—
  - (a) on the same day of the month as it began, or
  - (b) if the month in which the period ends has no such day, on the final day of that month.”.>

**Maggie Chapman**

**188** After section 27, insert—

*<Protection against eviction*

**Protection against eviction: winter**

- (1) Schedule (*Protection against eviction: winter*) contains modifications to the law in relation to evictions.
- (2) The modifications in schedule (*Protection against eviction: winter*) apply each year between 1 November and 31 March.>

**Before section 31**

**Ross Greer**

**189** Before section 31, insert—

*<Guarantor scheme*

**Guarantor scheme where tenant is estranged**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations set up a scheme for a public body to act as guarantor for a tenant who is—
  - (a) under 26 years of age, and
  - (b) estranged from their family.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must include provision on how to determine whether an individual is estranged from their family.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) must be introduced no later than 1 year after the date of Royal Assent.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must review the scheme no later than 3 years following the day on which regulations under subsection (1) are made.
- (5) A review under subsection (3) must include—
  - (a) the impact of the scheme, and
  - (b) any changes required to improve the scheme.
- (6) In this section—

“guarantor” is a person who enters into a guarantee in relation to a tenancy, “public body” includes further or higher education institutions,  
“tenant” means a person occupying a residential property under a lease, including student lets.>

**After section 40**

**Maggie Chapman**

**190** After section 40, insert—

*<Amounts payable*

**Amounts payable on commencement of a tenancy**

- (1) The Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 89 (avoidance of requirements for advance payment of rent in certain cases), after subsection (2), insert—
  - “(2A) For the avoidance of doubt, any requirement to pay rent prior to the commencement of the tenancy or to secure the grant of the tenancy is a prohibited requirement.”
- (3) In section 90 (interpretation of Part VIII) in subsection (3), for “two months” substitute “one month’s”.>

**After section 51**

**Ross Greer**

**191** After section 51, insert—

*<Council tax: unoccupied dwellings*

**Variation of council tax for unoccupied dwellings**

- (1) The Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 33, subsection (1A) is repealed.>

**Ross Greer**

**192** After section 51, insert—

*<Council tax: unoccupied dwellings*

**Variation of council tax for unoccupied dwellings**

- (1) The Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 is modified by subsection (2).
- (2) In section 33—
  - (a) subsection (1A) is repealed,
  - (b) in subsection (4), paragraph (a) is repealed.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must within 1 year of Royal Assent lay draft regulations under section 33(1)(b) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 which—
  - (a) confer on local authorities powers to provide for the calculation of the amount of a variation to increase the amount of council tax payable within their respective areas, and
  - (b) do not place a limit on the amount of any such variation that can be provided for by local authorities.>

**Ross Greer**

**193** After section 51, insert—

*<The Housing Revenue Account*

**Transfer of funds into the Housing Revenue Account**

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 is modified as follows.

- (2) In schedule 15 (the housing revenue account), in paragraph 2(1)(h), for “except” substitute “including”.>

**Ross Greer**

- 194 After section 51, insert—

*<The Housing Revenue Account*

**Transfer of funds into the Housing Revenue Account**

- (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 15 (the housing revenue account), in paragraph 2(5) the words “, with the consent of the Secretary of State,” are repealed.>

**Section 52**

**Ross Greer**

- 195 In section 52, page 61, line 18, after <18(1)> insert <or, (*Guarantor scheme where tenant is estranged*)(1)>

**Section 56**

**Maggie Chapman**

- 196 In section 56, page 62, line 6, at beginning insert <Section (*Rent control: transitional provision*) and>

**Ross Greer**

- 197 In section 56, page 62, line 6, at beginning, insert <Section (*Variation of council tax for unoccupied dwellings*) and>

**Ross Greer**

- 198 In section 56, page 62, line 6, leave out <comes> and insert <come>

**Before schedule**

**Maggie Chapman**

- 199 Before the schedule, insert—

<SCHEDULE

*(introduced by section (Rent control: transitional provision))*

RENT CONTROL: TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

*Private tenancies*

- 1 (1) The Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 is modified as follows.
- (2) Where a referral to a rent officer under section 24(1) of the 2016 Act is prompted by a rent-increase notice given to a tenant on or after 1 April 2024, the 2016 Act applies in relation to the referral or to any subsequent appeal to the First-tier Tribunal, in accordance with the following modifications.

- (3) Section 25 (rent officer's power to set rent) has effect as if, in subsection (1), for "32" there were substituted "31A".
- (4) Section 29 (First-tier Tribunal's power to set rent) has effect as if, in subsection (1), for "32" there were substituted "31A".
- (5) The 2016 Act has effect as if after section 31 there were inserted—

**"31A Determination of rent payable**

- (1) Where an order maker is to determine the rent payable under section 25(1) or (as the case may be) 29(1), the determination is to be made on the basis that the rent payable is the lowest of—
  - (a) the proposed rent,
  - (b) the open market rent,
  - (c) where the market difference is more than 6%, the permitted rent.
- (2) The permitted rent is—
  - (a) where the market difference is less than 24%, the calculated amount,
  - (b) where the market difference is 24% or more, 12% more than the current rent.
- (3) The calculated amount is the amount (to the nearest £1) determined using the

$$\text{Amount (£)} = C \times \left( 106\% + \frac{D\% - 6\%}{3} \right)$$

formula—

where—

C is the current rent,

D% is the market difference expressed as a percentage.

- (4) In this section—

"the proposed rent" means the rent specified in accordance with section 22(2)(a)(i) in the rent-increase notice which prompted the referral,

"the current rent" means the rent payable under the tenancy immediately before the date on which the rent would have been increased in accordance with section 22(4) had a referral to the rent officer not been made,

"the market difference" means the percentage figure (to the nearest two decimal places) determined using the formula—

The market difference expressed as a percentage (D%) =

$$\left[ \left( \frac{M - C}{C} \right) \times 100 \right] \%$$

where—

C is the current rent,

M is the open market rent,

“the open market rent” means the rent determined in accordance with section 32.

- (5) Section 32 (determination of open market rent) has effect as if in subsection (1) for “rent under” to “29(1)” there were substituted “open market rent for the purpose of section 31A”.
- (6) Section 34 (duty to make information available) has effect as if in subsection (1)—
  - (a) after “about—” there were inserted—
    - “(za) what rents they have determined to be payable in accordance with section 31A,”
  - (b) for paragraph (b) there were substituted—
    - “(b) the open market rents they have determined in accordance with section 32.”

*Statutory assured tenancies*

- 2 (1) Where a referral to the First-tier Tribunal under section 24(3)(a) of the 1988 Act is prompted by a notice served under subsection (1) of that section on or after 1 April 2024, the 1988 Act applies in relation to the referral in accordance with the following amendments.
- (2) Section 25 (determination of rent by the First-tier Tribunal) has effect as if—
  - (a) in subsection (1), for “at which” to the end of the subsection there were substituted “under the tenancy (being an increase to the current rent) in accordance with section 25ZB”,
  - (b) subsections (2) to (4) were repealed.
- (3) The 1988 Act applies as if after section 25ZA there were inserted—

**“25ZB Determination of rent payable**

- (1) Where the First-tier Tribunal is to determine the rent under the tenancy under section 25(1), the determination is to be made on the basis that the rent is the lowest of—
  - (a) the proposed rent,
  - (b) the open market rent,
  - (c) where the market difference is more than 6%, the permitted rent.
- (2) The permitted rent is—
  - (a) where the market difference is less than 24%, the calculated amount,
  - (b) where the market difference is 24% or more, 12% more than the current rent.
- (3) The calculated amount is the amount (to the nearest £1) determined using the formula—

$$\text{Amount } (\pounds) = C \times \left( 106 \% + \frac{D \% - 6 \%}{3} \right)$$

where—

C is the current rent,

*D*% is the market difference expressed as a percentage.

(4) In this section—

“the proposed rent” means the rent specified in accordance with section 24(1) in the rent-increase notice which prompted the referral,

“the current rent” means the rent payable under the tenancy immediately before the date on which the rent would have been increased in accordance with section 24(3) had a referral to the rent officer not been made,

“the market difference” means the percentage figure (to the nearest two decimal places) determined using the formula—

The market difference expressed as a percentage (*D*%) =

$$\left[ \left( \frac{M - C}{C} \right) \times 100 \right] \%$$

where—

C is the current rent,

M is the open market rent,

“the open market rent” means the rent determined in accordance with section 32.

### **25ZC Determination of open market rent**

- (1) Where the First-tier Tribunal is to determine the open market rent for the purpose of section 25ZB, the determination is to be made on the basis that it is the rent at which, subject to subsections (2) and (3), the First-tier Tribunal considers that the house might reasonably be expected to be let in the open market by a willing landlord under an assured tenancy—
  - (a) which begins at the beginning of the period to which the new rent specified in the relevant notice relates,
  - (b) the terms of which (other than those relating to rent) are the same as those of the tenancy to which the relevant notice relates, and
  - (c) in respect of which the same notices, if any, have been given under any of Grounds 1 to 5 of schedule 5, as have been given (or have effect as if given) in relation to the tenancy to which the relevant notice relates.
- (2) In determining the open market rent under subsection (1), the First-tier Tribunal is to disregard any effect on the rent attributable to—
  - (a) the granting of a tenancy to a sitting tenant,
  - (b) an improvement carried out by the tenant or a predecessor in title of the tenant unless the improvement was carried out in pursuance of the terms of the tenancy,
  - (c) a failure by the tenant to comply with any terms of the tenancy.
- (3) Where any rates in respect of the house concerned are borne by the landlord or a superior landlord, the First-tier Tribunal is to make its determination as if the rates were not so borne.

(4) In this section—

“rent” includes any sums payable by the tenant to the landlord on account of the use of furniture or for services or in respect of council tax, whether or not those sums are separate from the sums payable for the occupation of the house concerned or are payable under separate agreements,

“relevant notice” means the notice under subsection (1) of section 24 that prompted the referral to the First-tier Tribunal under subsection (3)(a) of that section.

(5) This section applies in relation to a short assured tenancy as if, in subsection (1), the reference to an assured tenancy were a reference to a short assured tenancy.”.

(4) Section 32 (short assured tenancies) has effect as if subsection (5) were repealed.>

### Maggie Chapman

**200** Before the schedule, insert—

<SCHEDULE (PROTECTION AGAINST EVICTION: WINTER)  
*Introduced by section (Protection against eviction: winter)*

#### PROTECTION AGAINST EVICTION: WINTER

##### *Eviction from residential properties: restrictions on enforcement*

1 (1) Where a decree for removing is granted in proceedings raised after this paragraph comes into force, no person may—

- (a) serve a charge for removing in respect of the decree,
- (b) execute the decree.

(2) Where a decree of removing is or was granted in proceedings raised before this paragraph comes into force in relation to an eviction notice served on or after 1 November in any year or, in proceedings raised on or after that date in any year without the need for an eviction notice, no person may—

- (a) if a charge for removing has not been served in respect of the decree, serve any such charge,
- (b) if the decree has not been executed, execute the decree.

(3) In a case where the decree for removing relates to a student residential tenancy, sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply where the decree is or was granted in respect of circumstances which are the same as those described in either of the following paragraphs—

- (a) paragraph 2 (criminal behaviour),
- (b) paragraph 3 (anti-social behaviour).

(4) In any other case, sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply where the decree for removing is or was granted on the basis of the application of—

- (a) any of the following paragraphs of schedule 3 of the 2016 Act—
  - (i) paragraph 1A (intent to sell property to alleviate financial hardship),
  - (ii) paragraph 2 (property to be sold by lender),
  - (iii) paragraph 4A (intent to live in property to alleviate financial hardship),
  - (iv) paragraph 8 (not an employee),

- (v) paragraph 10 (tenant not occupying let property),
- (vi) paragraph 12A (substantial rent arrears),
- (vii) paragraph 13 (criminal behaviour),
- (viii) paragraph 14 (anti-social behaviour),
- (ix) paragraph 15 (association with person who has relevant conviction or engaged in relevant anti-social behaviour),
- (b) any of the following paragraphs of schedule 2 of the 2001 Act—
  - (i) paragraph 1 (rent arrears) but only so far as it relates to rent lawfully due from the tenant which has not been paid and the amount of such rent specified in the decree is equal to or greater than £2,250,
  - (ii) paragraph 2 (conviction for certain offences),
  - (iii) paragraph 5 (tenant absent or not occupying house),
  - (iv) paragraph 7 (anti-social behaviour or harassment),
  - (v) paragraph 8 (nuisance, annoyance or harassment),
  - (vi) paragraph 10 (demolition of, or substantial work on, the property),
  - (vii) paragraph 14 (islands council as education authority),
- (c) any of the following Grounds in schedule 5 of the 1988 Act—
  - (i) Ground 1A (intent to live in house to alleviate financial hardship),
  - (ii) Ground 2 (house to be sold by lender),
  - (iii) Ground 8A (substantial rent arrears),
  - (iv) Ground 15 (conviction for certain offences, acting in an anti-social manner or pursuing a course of anti-social conduct),
  - (v) Ground 17 (employment with landlord ceases), or
- (d) any of the following Cases in, or paragraphs of, schedule 2 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1984—
  - (i) Case 1A (substantial rent arrears),
  - (ii) Case 2 (nuisance, annoyance or conviction for using or allowing dwelling-house to be used for immoral or illegal purposes),
  - (iii) Case 7 (employment with landlord ceases),
  - (iv) Case 8A (intent to live in house to alleviate financial hardship),
  - (v) paragraph (c)(vi) in Case 11 (owner-occupier's house to be sold by lender),
  - (vi) paragraph (c)(iv) in Case 12 (owner's house to be sold by lender).
- (5) In a case where sub-paragraph (1) or (2) has effect in relation to—
  - (a) an eviction order issued under section 51 of the 2016 Act after this paragraph comes into force, that section has effect in relation to the order as if for subsection (4) there were substituted—
    - “(4) Despite any provision by the Tribunal in the order, the tenancy in question is terminated only if the landlord recovers possession of the let property in pursuance of the order.”,

- (b) an order for recovery of possession made under section 16 of the 2001 Act after this paragraph comes into force, that section has effect in relation to the order as if—
- (i) in subsection (5), paragraph (a) were repealed,
  - (ii) after that subsection there were inserted—
- “(5ZA) Despite any provision by the court in the order, the tenancy in question is terminated only if the landlord recovers possession of the house in pursuance of the order.”,
- (iii) in subsection (5A), paragraphs (a) and (b) were repealed,
  - (iv) in subsection (6), the words “and subsection (5)(a) does not apply in such a case” were repealed,
- (c) an order for recovery of possession made under section 36 of the 2001 Act after this paragraph comes into force, that section has effect in relation to the order as if—
- (i) in subsection (6), paragraph (a) were repealed, and
  - (ii) after that subsection there were inserted—
- “(6ZA) Despite any provision by the court in the order, the tenancy in question is terminated only if the landlord recovers possession of the house in pursuance of the order.”.
- (6) Any period during which sub-paragraph (1) or (2) has effect in relation to an order mentioned in paragraph (c) of section 16(5A) of the 2001 Act (powers of court in possession proceedings) is to be disregarded for the purposes of calculating the period mentioned in that paragraph.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify this paragraph to add, amend or remove circumstances in which sub-paragraph (1) or (2) does not apply.
- (8) Regulations under sub-paragraph (8) are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (9) In this paragraph—
- “the 1984 Act” means the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984,
- “the 1988 Act” means the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988, “the 2001 Act” means the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001,
- “the 2007 Act” means the Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Act 2007, “the 2016 Act” means the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016,
- “charge for removing” means a charge to remove under section 216(1) (service of charge before removing) of the 2007 Act in respect of a decree for removing,
- “decree for removing” means—
- (a) a decree of removing and warrant of ejection obtained in an action of removing in respect of—
    - (i) a protected tenancy (including a short tenancy) or a statutory tenancy under the 1984 Act, or
    - (ii) a student residential tenancy,
  - (b) a decree obtained by virtue of a summary application for removing under section 38 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907 in respect of a student residential tenancy,
  - (c) a decree for recovery of possession of heritable property obtained by virtue of a summary cause under section 35(1)(c) of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 in respect of—

- (i) a Scottish secure tenancy or a short Scottish secure tenancy under the 2001 Act, or
  - (ii) a student residential tenancy,
  - (d) an order for possession (within the meaning of section 55(1) of the 1988 Act) in respect of an assured tenancy (including a short assured tenancy) under the 1988 Act, or
  - (e) an eviction order issued under section 51 of the 2016 Act,
- “eviction notice” means—
- (a) in the case of a short tenancy under the 1984 Act, a notice under section 14(2) of that Act,
  - (b) in the case of an assured tenancy (including a short assured tenancy) under the 1988 Act, a notice under section 19 of that Act,
  - (c) in the case of a short assured tenancy under the 1988 Act, a notice under section 33(1)(d) of that Act,
  - (d) in the case of a Scottish secure tenancy or a short Scottish secure tenancy under the 2001 Act, a notice under section 14(2) of that Act,
  - (e) in the case of a short Scottish secure tenancy under the 2001 Act, a notice under section 36(2) of that Act,
  - (f) in the case of a private residential tenancy under the 2016 Act, a notice under section 50 or 61 of that Act,
  - (g) in the case of a student residential tenancy a notice to quit (however expressed) which must, whether under the tenancy or otherwise, be served on the tenant before the tenancy can be terminated by the landlord,
- “student” has the same meaning as in paragraph 5 of schedule 1 of the 2016 Act, “student residential tenancy” means a tenancy—
- (a) the purpose of which is to confer on the tenant the right to occupy the let property while the tenant is a student, and
  - (b) to which paragraph 5(2) or (3) of schedule 1 (tenancies which cannot be private residential tenancies) of the 2016 Act applies.

*Student residential tenancies: criminal behaviour*

- 2 (1) For the purpose of paragraph 1(3)(a), the circumstances are as follows.
- (2) During the tenancy, the tenant receives a relevant conviction.
  - (3) In sub-paragraph (2), “a relevant conviction” means a conviction for an offence—
    - (a) which was committed by using, or allowing the use of, the let property for an immoral or illegal purpose, or
    - (b) which—
      - (i) was committed within, or in the locality of, the let property, and
      - (ii) is punishable by imprisonment.

*Student residential tenancies: anti-social behaviour*

- 3 (1) For the purpose of paragraph 1(3)(b), the circumstances are as follows.
- (2) During the tenancy—
  - (a) the tenant behaved in an anti-social manner in relation to another person, and
  - (b) the behaviour was within, or in the locality of, the let property.
- (3) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (2), a person is to be regarded as behaving in an anti-social manner in relation to another person by—
  - (a) doing something which causes or is likely to cause the other person alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance, or
  - (b) pursuing in relation to the other person a course of conduct which—
    - (i) causes or is likely to cause the other person alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance, or
    - (ii) amounts to harassment of the other person.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (3)—
 

“conduct” includes speech,

“course of conduct” means conduct on two or more occasions,

“harassment” is to be construed in accordance with section 8 of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997.

*Safeguards for landlords: substantial rent arrears and financial hardship*

- 4 (1) The Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 applies in accordance with the modifications in this paragraph.
- (2) Section 54(3)(b) has effect as if after sub-paragraph (iii) there were inserted— “(iiia) that the tenant has substantial rent arrears,”.
- (3) Schedule 3 has effect as if—
  - (a) after paragraph 1 there were inserted—
 

*“Landlord intends to sell property to alleviate financial hardship*

1A(1) It is an eviction ground that the landlord intends to sell the let property to alleviate financial hardship.

    - (2) The First-tier Tribunal may find that the ground named by sub-paragraph (1) applies if—
      - (a) the landlord—
        - (i) is entitled to sell the let property,
        - (ii) is suffering financial hardship, and
        - (iii) intends to alleviate that hardship by selling the let property for market value, or at least put it up for sale, within 3 months of the tenant ceasing to occupy it, and
      - (b) the Tribunal is satisfied that it is reasonable to issue an eviction order.
    - (3) Evidence tending to show that the landlord has the intention mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(a)(iii) includes (for example)—

- (a) a letter of advice from an approved money advisor or a local authority debt advice service,
- (b) a letter of advice from an independent financial advisor,
- (c) a letter of advice from a chartered accountant,
- (d) a letter of engagement from a solicitor or estate agent concerning the sale of the let property,
- (e) a recently prepared document that anyone responsible for marketing the let property would be required to possess under section 98 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 were the property already on the market, and
- (f) an affidavit stating that the landlord has that intention.”,

(b) after paragraph 4 there were inserted—

*“Landlord intends to live in property to alleviate financial hardship*

4A(1) It is an eviction ground that the landlord intends to live in the let property to alleviate financial hardship.

(2) The First-tier Tribunal may find that the ground named by sub-paragraph (1) applies if—

(a) the landlord—

(i) is suffering financial hardship, and

(ii) intends to alleviate that hardship by occupying the let property as the landlord’s only or principal home for at least 3 months, and

(b) the Tribunal is satisfied that it is reasonable to issue an eviction order.

(3) References to the landlord in this paragraph—

(a) in a case where two or more persons jointly are the landlord under a tenancy, are to be read as referring to any one of them,

(b) in a case where the landlord holds the landlord’s interest as a trustee under a trust, are to be read as referring to a person who is a beneficiary under the trust.

(4) Evidence tending to show that the landlord has the intention mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(a)(ii) includes (for example)—

(a) a letter of advice from an approved money advisor or a local authority debt advice service,

(b) a letter of advice from an independent financial advisor,

(c) a letter of advice from a chartered accountant,

(d) an affidavit stating that the landlord has that intention.”,

(c) after paragraph 12 there were inserted—

*“Substantial rent arrears*

12A(1) It is an eviction ground that the tenant has substantial rent arrears.

(2) The First-tier Tribunal may find that the ground named by sub-paragraph (1) applies if—

(a) the tenant has accrued rent arrears under the tenancy in respect of one or more periods,

- (b) the cumulative amount of those rent arrears equates to, or exceeds, an amount that is the equivalent of 6 months' rent under the tenancy when notice to leave is given to the tenant on this ground in accordance with section 52(3), and
- (c) the Tribunal is satisfied that it is reasonable to issue an eviction order.
- (3) In deciding under sub-paragraph (2) whether it is reasonable to issue an eviction order, the Tribunal is to consider—
  - (a) whether the tenant being in arrears of rent over the period or periods in question is wholly or partly a consequence of a delay or failure in the payment of a relevant benefit,
  - (b) the extent to which the landlord has complied with the pre-action protocol prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under paragraph 12(4)(b) (and continued in force by virtue of section 49 of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022).
- (4) For the purpose of this paragraph—
  - (a) references to a relevant benefit are to—
    - (i) a rent allowance or rent rebate under the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/213),
    - (ii) a payment on account awarded under regulation 93 of those Regulations,
    - (iii) universal credit, where the payment in question included (or ought to have included) an amount under section 11 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 in respect of rent,
    - (iv) sums payable by virtue of section 73 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980,
  - (b) references to delay or failure in the payment of a relevant benefit do not include any delay or failure so far as it is referable to an act or omission of the tenant.”.
- 5 (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 applies in accordance with the modifications in this paragraph.
- (2) Section 18 has effect as if after subsection (4) there were inserted—
  - “(4ZA) In deciding under subsection (4) whether Ground 1A in schedule 5 is established, evidence tending to show that the landlord has the intention mentioned in the Ground includes (for example)—
    - (a) a letter of advice from an approved money advisor or a local authority debt advice service,
    - (b) a letter of advice from an independent financial advisor,
    - (c) a letter of advice from a chartered accountant,
    - (d) an affidavit stating that the landlord has that intention.
  - (4ZB) In deciding under subsection (4) whether it is reasonable to make an order for possession on Ground 8A in schedule 5, the First-tier Tribunal is to consider—
    - (a) whether the tenant being in arrears of rent over the period or periods in question is wholly or partly a consequence of a delay or failure in the payment of a relevant benefit,
    - (b) the extent to which the landlord has complied with the pre-action protocol specified by the Scottish Ministers under subsection (4A)(b) (and continued in

force by virtue of section 49 of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022).

(4ZC) For the purpose of subsection (4ZB)—

(a) references to a relevant benefit are to—

- (i) a rent allowance or rent rebate under the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/213),
- (ii) a payment on account awarded under regulation 93 of those Regulations,
- (iii) universal credit, where the payment in question included (or ought to have included) an amount under section 11 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 in respect of rent,
- (iv) sums payable by virtue of section 73 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980,

(b) references to delay or failure in the payment of a relevant benefit do not include any delay or failure so far as it is referable to an act or omission of the tenant.”.

(3) Section 19(4)(a) has effect as if—

- (a) after “Grounds 1,” there were inserted “1A,” and
- (b) after “7,” there were inserted “8A.”.

(4) Schedule 5 has effect as if—

(a) after Ground 1 there were inserted—

*“Ground 1A*

The landlord who is seeking possession of the let house—

6 (1)

- (a) is suffering financial hardship,
- (b) intends to alleviate that hardship by occupying the let house as the landlord’s only or principal home for at least 3 months.

In this Ground, references to the landlord—

- (a) in a case where two or more persons jointly are the landlord under a tenancy, are to be read as referring to any one of them
- (b) in a case where the landlord holds the landlord’s interest as a trustee under a trust, are to be read as referring to a person who is a beneficiary under the trust.”.

(b) after Ground 8 there were inserted—

*“Ground 8A*

The tenant has accrued rent arrears under the tenancy in respect of one or more periods, and the cumulative amount of those rent arrears equates to, or exceeds, an amount that is the equivalent of 6 months’ rent under the tenancy when notice is served under section 19 on this ground or, if dispensed with, when proceedings are raised for an order of possession on this ground.”.

The Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 applies in accordance with the modifications in this paragraph.

(2) Section 18 has effect as if after subsection (4) there were inserted—

“(4ZA) In deciding under subsection (4) whether Ground 1A in schedule 5 is established, evidence tending to show that the landlord has the intention mentioned in the Ground includes (for example)—

- (a) a letter of advice from an approved money advisor or a local authority debt advice service,
- (b) a letter of advice from an independent financial advisor,
- (c) a letter of advice from a chartered accountant,
- (d) an affidavit stating that the landlord has that intention.

(4ZB) In deciding under subsection (4) whether it is reasonable to make an order for possession on Ground 8A in schedule 5, the First-tier Tribunal is to consider—

- (a) whether the tenant being in arrears of rent over the period or periods in question is wholly or partly a consequence of a delay or failure in the payment of a relevant benefit,
- (b) the extent to which the landlord has complied with the pre-action protocol specified by the Scottish Ministers under subsection (4A)(b) (and continued in force by virtue of section 49 of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022).

(4ZC) For the purpose of subsection (4ZB)—

- (a) references to a relevant benefit are to—
  - (i) a rent allowance or rent rebate under the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/213),
  - (ii) a payment on account awarded under regulation 93 of those Regulations,
  - (iii) universal credit, where the payment in question included (or ought to have included) an amount under section 11 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 in respect of rent,
  - (iv) sums payable by virtue of section 73 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980,
- (b) references to delay or failure in the payment of a relevant benefit do not include any delay or failure so far as it is referable to an act or omission of the tenant.”.

(3) Section 19(4)(a) has effect as if—

- (a) after “Grounds 1,” there were inserted “1A,” and
- (b) after “7,” there were inserted “8A,”.

(4) Schedule 5 has effect as if—

- (a) after Ground 1 there were inserted—

*“Ground 1A*

The landlord who is seeking possession of the let house—

- (a) is suffering financial hardship, and
- (b) intends to alleviate that hardship by occupying the let house as the landlord’s only or principal home for at least 3 months.

In this Ground, references to the landlord—

- (a) in a case where two or more persons jointly are the landlord under a tenancy, are to be read as referring to any one of them,
  - (b) in a case where the landlord holds the landlord's interest as a trustee under a trust, are to be read as referring to a person who is a beneficiary under the trust.”,
- (b) after Ground 8 there were inserted—
- “Ground 8A*
- The tenant has accrued rent arrears under the tenancy in respect of one or more periods, and the cumulative amount of those rent arrears equates to, or exceeds, an amount that is the equivalent of 6 months' rent under the tenancy when notice is served under section 19 on this ground or, if dispensed with, when proceedings are raised for an order of possession on this ground.”.
- 7 (1) The Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 applies in accordance with the modifications in this paragraph.
- (2) Section 11 has effect as if after subsection (1) there were inserted—
- “(1A) In deciding under subsection (1) whether it is reasonable to make an order for possession in the circumstances as are specified in Case 1A in schedule 2, the First-tier Tribunal is to consider whether the tenant being in arrears of rent over the period or periods in question is wholly or partly a consequence of a delay or failure in the payment of a relevant benefit.
- (1B) For the purpose of subsection (1A)—
- (a) references to a relevant benefit are to—
    - (i) a rent allowance or rent rebate under the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/213),
    - (ii) a payment on account awarded under regulation 93 of those Regulations,
    - (iii) universal credit, where the payment in question included (or ought to have included) an amount under section 11 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 in respect of rent,
    - (iv) sums payable by virtue of section 73 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980,
  - (b) references to delay or failure in the payment of a relevant benefit do not include any delay or failure so far as it is referable to an act or omission of the tenant.
- (1C) In deciding under subsection (1) whether the circumstances as are specified in Case 8A in schedule 2 are established, evidence tending to show that the landlord has the intention mentioned in the Case includes (for example)—
- (a) a letter of advice from an approved money advisor or a local authority debt advice service,
  - (b) a letter of advice from an independent financial advisor,
  - (c) a letter of advice from a chartered accountant,
  - (d) an affidavit stating that the landlord has that intention.”.
- (3) Schedule 2 has effect as if—
- (a) after Case 1 there were inserted—

*“Case 1A*

The tenant has accrued rent arrears under the tenancy in respect of one or more periods, and the cumulative amount of those rent arrears equates to, or exceeds, an amount that is the equivalent of 6 months’ rent under the tenancy when proceedings for an order for possession are raised on the basis of these circumstances.”,

- (b) after Case 8 there were inserted—

*“Case 8A*

The landlord who is seeking possession of the let house—

- (a) is suffering financial hardship, and
- (b) intends to alleviate that hardship by occupying the let house as the landlord’s only or principal home for at least 3 months.

In this Case, references to the landlord—

- (a) in a case where two or more persons jointly are the landlord under a tenancy, are to be read as referring to any one of them,
- (b) in a case where the landlord holds the landlord’s interest as a trustee under a trust, are to be read as referring to a person who is a beneficiary under the trust.”.

*Unlawful eviction: notification and determination of damages, etc.*

- 8 (1) The Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 applies in accordance with the modifications in subparagraphs (3) and (4).

- (2) The modifications set out in this paragraph and paragraph 8 have no effect in relation to actions taken by (or on behalf of) a landlord before this paragraph comes into force which result in the landlord being liable for damages by virtue of section 36(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 (damages for unlawful eviction).

- (3) Section 36 (damages for unlawful eviction) has effect as if—

- (a) in subsection (3), for “assessed on the basis set out in” there were substituted “determined in accordance with”,
- (b) subsection (6B) were repealed,
- (c) after subsection (7) there were inserted—

“(7A) Where the court makes an order awarding damages to a former residential occupier by virtue of subsection (3), the court must send a copy of the order to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

(7B) Where the First-tier Tribunal makes an order awarding damages to a former residential occupier by virtue of subsection (3), the First-tier Tribunal must send a copy of the order to—

- (a) the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland, and
- (b) any local authority with which the landlord (or where there is more than one, each of them) is registered as a landlord.

(7C) For the purpose of subsection (7B), a person is registered as a landlord with a local authority if the person is entered in the register prepared and maintained by the local

authority for the purpose of Part 8 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004.”.

- (4) For section 37 (the measure of damages) there were substituted—

**“37 Determination of damages**

- (1) For the purpose of section 36(3), the damages that the court or, as the case may be, the First-tier Tribunal may determine as payable are to be an amount which is—

- (a) not less than 3 months’ rent, and
- (b) not more than 36 months’ rent,

taking into account the manner of the unlawful eviction and the impact that it has had on the tenant.

- (2) But, the court or, as the case may be, the First-tier Tribunal may reduce the amount of damages that would otherwise be payable under subsection (1) to an amount lower than 3 months’ rent if it considers it appropriate to do so having regard to all the circumstances of the case.

- (3) Where two or more persons jointly were the landlord, the court or, as the case may be, the First-tier Tribunal may determine that—

- (a) damages are payable by all, some or only one of the former landlords,
- (b) each former landlord must pay a specified amount of damages, but the cumulative total of each of the amounts must not exceed 36 months’ rent, or
- (c) the former landlords are jointly and severally liable in respect of the whole amount of damages payable.

- (4) In this section, “rent” means—

- (a) the amount that was payable in rent under the tenancy immediately before it ended, or
- (b) in a case where two or more persons jointly were the tenant under the tenancy immediately before it ended, the amount mentioned in paragraph (a) divided by the number of persons who were at that time joint tenants under the tenancy.”.

- 9 (1) The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2017 (S.S.I. 2017/328) apply in accordance with the modification in sub-paragraph (2).

- (2) In the schedule, paragraph 69(a) has effect as if for paragraph (iv) there were substituted— “(iv) the amount of damages sought, and”.>

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### **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 (55<sup>th</sup> 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*

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### **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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

### **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), 23 April 2025

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 2 April with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

### **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 11 March 2025

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (5<sup>th</sup> 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 (12<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)*

### **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 12 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

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 11 March 2025

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62<sup>nd</sup> 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

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*Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (14<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Passed, 23 January 2025

## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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

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

Lodged on 22 November 2024

*Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2025)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6<sup>th</sup> 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 (16<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)*

### **Great British Energy Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-48c**

Lodged on 24 February 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 February 2025

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

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Lodged on 7 February 2022

*Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

### **Product Regulation and Metrology Bill Supplementary 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) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69<sup>th</sup> 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 (15<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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**

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[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)

[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 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (re-laid 27 February 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

## Negative instruments

**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)

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[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**  
**Lead committee report due by 17 March 2025**

[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**  
**Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025**

[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)

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[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)

[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)

**Subject to annulment 30 April 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 28 April 2025**

[Police Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/58\)](#) (6 March 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

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