

Monday 24 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  
*Eile*

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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 19 March 2025

### Tuesday 25 March 2025

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Rt Rev Dr Shaw James Paterson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 Report

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Scotland - A Fair Trade Nation

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-16854 Stuart McMillan: Peel Ports' Conservancy Fee Plans for Clydeport Area

### Wednesday 26 March 2025

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic Finance and Local Government

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Secure Accommodation in Scotland - Capacity

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Financial Resolution: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**5:30 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-16539 Maggie Chapman: Ending Destitution in Scotland – a Road Map for Policymakers

### Thursday 27 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-16128 Liz Smith: 300 Years of The Black Watch

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions

Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Response to Fatal Accident Inquiries (Deaths in Custody)

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:30 pm** Decision Time

### **Tuesday 1 April 2025**

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Stage 1: Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Financial Resolution: Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### **Wednesday 2 April 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 Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### **Thursday 3 April 2025**

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**followed by** Members' Business

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

**followed by** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee and Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: The Aarhus Convention and Access to Environmental Justice

**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>

### Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

25 March 2025

10th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Eddie Follan, Chief Officer, Health and Social Care, COSLA;  
Dr Sue Galea-Singer, Clinical Lead, Addiction Services, NHS Fife;  
Flora Ogilvie, Public Health Consultant, NHS Lothian;  
Gillian Robertson, Service Manager, Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership;  
and then from—  
Pamela Dudek, Independent Chair, Dundee Alcohol and Drug Partnership;  
Kelda Gaffney, Chair and Interim Assistant Chief Officer of Adult Services, Glasgow City Alcohol and Drug Partnership;  
Liam Wells, Lead Officer, East Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership.
3. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider written testimonies on the Bill received from individuals living with a terminal illness.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Health and Care Professions Council \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Rules Order of Council 2025](#)
5. **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1 and the evidence heard at the previous week's meeting.
6. **Finance and Public Administration Committee Budget Process Inquiry:** The Committee will consider a draft response to the Finance and Public Administration Committee Budget Process Inquiry.

### 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)

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

25 March 2025

12th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 from—  
Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, Carolyn Boyd, Solicitor, Gary Gray, Senior Policy Advisor, and Phil Leeks, Senior Policy Manager, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy) to move—S6M-16752— That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
4. **Environmental Standards Scotland (Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 and future priorities):** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Dr Richard Dixon, Acting Chair, and Mark Roberts, Chief Executive, Environmental Standards Scotland.
5. **Environmental Standards Scotland (Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 and future priorities):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### **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)

## **Finance and Public Administration Committee**

**25 March 2025**

**11th Meeting, 2025**

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns 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, Joanne McNaughton, at [FPA.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:FPA.committee@parliament.scot).

## **Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee**

**25 March 2025**

**10th Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Building Safety and Maintenance:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Louise Butchart, Head of Housing, Construction and Communities, and Gary Brady, City Engineer, Design and Property Services, Dundee City Council;  
Craig Dugdale, Surveying Manager, City of Edinburgh Council;  
Susie Fitton, Policy Manager, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA);  
Euan McCallum, Acting Housing Assets Manager, Angus Council;  
Murray Sharp, Senior Manager, Housing, Clackmannanshire Council;

Jackie Timmons, Head of Area Based Regeneration and Shared Repairs, City of Edinburgh Council.

3. **Building Safety and Maintenance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Housing Inquiry:** The Committee will consider a draft report.
5. **Child poverty:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice.
6. **Electoral boundaries: Independent review of automaticity:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Minister for Parliamentary Business.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Proposed future business**

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

### **Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 25 March 2025 11th Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/78)
3. **Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill at Stage 1.
4. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider an update to its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its upcoming session with the Minister for Parliamentary Business.

### **Proposed future business**

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

### **Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 26 March 2025 11th Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to consider the evidence taken as part of its scrutiny of Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill at this and future meetings in private. The Committee will also decide whether to consider draft reports on the Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill at future meetings in private.
2. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Chief Inspector Michael Booker, Police Scotland;

Dr Paula Boyden, Veterinary Director, Dogs Trust;  
Laura Buchan, Procurator Fiscal for Policy and Engagement, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;  
Gilly Mendes-Ferreira, Director of Strategic Communications & Partnership Engagement, Scottish SPCA;  
Mike Moore, Policy and Campaigns Manager (Scotland), Guide Dogs for the Blind Association;  
Stuart Munro, Convener of the Criminal Law Committee, Law Society of Scotland.

3. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **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**

**26 March 2025**

**11th 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 3).

### **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**

**26 March 2025**

**11th Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **The Promise:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Gavin Henderson, Deputy Director, Keeping the Promise, and Iona Colvin, Chief Social Work Adviser, Scottish Government.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** 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, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at [Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot](mailto:Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot)

### **Public Audit Committee**

**26 March 2025**

**11th Meeting, 2025**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Administration of Scottish income tax 2023/24:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Alyson Stafford, Director-General Scottish Exchequer, and Lorraine King, Deputy Director, Tax Strategy, Engagement and Performance, Scottish Government; Jonathan Athow, Director General for Customer Strategy and Tax Design, and Phil Batchelor, Deputy Director for Income Tax Policy, HM Revenue and Customs.
3. **Administration of Scottish income tax 2023/24:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Administration of Scottish income tax 2023/24:** The Committee will consider evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Proposed future business**

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

## **Economy and Fair Work Committee**

**26 March 2025**

**10th Meeting, 2025**

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4, and all future consideration of evidence heard in relation to its Scotland's skills system scrutiny, in private.
2. **Skills Delivery:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
James Withers, Independent Advisor, JR Withers Advisory Ltd;  
and then from—  
Frank Mitchell, Chair, Damien Yeats, Chief Executive, Gordon McGuinness, Director of Industry and Enterprise Networks, and Lynne Robson, Head of Evidence and Impact, Skills Development Scotland.
3. **Skills Delivery:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Community Wealth Building (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, Anne Peat on 85182 or at [anne.peat@parliament.scot](mailto:anne.peat@parliament.scot)

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Motions   Glusadan				

## 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.

### Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

\*[S6M-16893](#) **Richard Leonard: Scotland in the Red 2024 StepChange Scotland**—That the Parliament notes the publication of *Scotland in the Red 2024*, by the debt charity, StepChange Scotland; considers this a flagship report on personal debt, providing an insight on what life is like for people, in every local authority area, who are experiencing problem debt; understands that the average unsecured debt for a family with children has risen sharply to £18,953 and the average level of arrears has soared to £5,193, which, it believes, is an increase of 61% on 2023 levels; further understands that, after paying essential bills, the charity's clients claiming universal credit, including those in Central Scotland, are left with an average of just £6 per month for everything else; commends the work of StepChange Scotland, which supported over 40,000 clients in 2024 who owe a total of £343 million of debt and £21 million in arrears on their household bills; believes that it is Scotland's largest debt charity, and acknowledges that it works towards a vision of a society free from problem debt.

### Other new and altered motions and amendments

\*[S6M-16872](#) **Douglas Lumsden: Santander Branch Closures**—That the Parliament condemns the latest round of planned bank branch closures by Santander; recognises what it sees as the important role that local banks play in the community across Scotland; encourages Santander to look again at the list of proposed closures; understands that access to cash, especially for older residents, will be more challenging after these closures, and notes that the recommendations of Link, which has identified towns where a banking hub could be built.

### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-16874](#) **Fulton MacGregor: The Plight of Albion Rovers and Preserving Scotland's Historic Football Clubs** (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*, Ben Macpherson\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Bob Doris\*

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**[S6M-16870](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Ramblers Scotland 60th Anniversary** (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Liam McArthur\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, John Mason\*, Tess White\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Craig Hoy\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Russell Findlay\*, Colin Smyth\*, Monica Lennon\*, Edward Mountain\*

**[S6M-16869](#) Jackie Dunbar: Global Intergenerational Week 2025** (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Monica Lennon\*, Miles Briggs\*, Rona Mackay\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, John Mason\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-16868](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Wildfire Awareness** (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Craig Hoy\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-16867](#) Clare Adamson: St Aidan's Primary School Awarded 10th Green Flag** (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*, Tess White\*, Audrey Nicoll\*

**[S6M-16866](#) Maurice Golden: WeeCOOK Success at the British Pie Awards** (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Murdo Fraser\*, Tess White\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Miles Briggs\*, Douglas Ross\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Pam Gosal\*, Jamie Greene\*, Annie Wells\*, Russell Findlay\*, Bill Kidd\*, David Torrance\*, Liam Kerr\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*

**[S6M-16865](#) Christine Grahame: Happy 100th Birthday to Broughton and District Bowling Club** (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*, Tess White\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Colin Smyth\*, Bob Doris\*

**[S6M-16863](#) Liam Kerr: Ferryhill Railway Heritage Trust Celebrates 175th Anniversary of the First Railway Reaching Aberdeen** (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Craig Hoy\*, Meghan Gallacher\*

**[S6M-16851](#) Karen Adam: The Importance of Macduff Harbour** (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*

**[S6M-16846](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Holi Festival of Colours Celebration 2025** (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*, Tess White\*

**[S6M-16843](#) Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Kaleb Mbise, from Dumbarton, on Winning Foundation Apprentice of the Year** (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*

**[S6M-16841](#) Jackson Carlaw: Isobel Mair School Delivers Two Winning Entries in National Garden Competition** (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*, Tess White\*

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**[S6M-16840](#) Jackson Carlaw: Team of Female Pupils from Mearns Castle High Win Respected Investment Competition** (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*, Tess White\*

**[S6M-16837](#) Mercedes Villalba: River Carron Salmon Conservation** (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16832](#) Christine Grahame: Borders Together Tartan** (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-16827](#) Alexander Stewart: Commending NHS Forth Valley Lead Parkinson's Nurse, Kay Mair** (lodged on 19 March 2025)

New Support: Murdo Fraser\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Monica Lennon\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Douglas Ross\*, Tess White\*, Sandesh Gulhane\* R, Craig Hoy\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Russell Findlay\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annie Wells\*, Colin Smyth\*, Edward Mountain\*

**[S6M-16826](#) Alexander Stewart: Go Forth Stirling BID Spring Clean** (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Murdo Fraser\*, Miles Briggs\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Douglas Ross\*, Tess White\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Craig Hoy\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Russell Findlay\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S6M-16825](#) Liam McArthur: Celebrating 25 Years of Orkney's Gable End Theatre** (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16824](#) Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Sisters Honour Mum by Raising Over £20,000 for the Stroke Association** (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*

**[S6M-16823](#) Beatrice Wishart: UHI Shetland Learners Recognised at the Awards for Land-based and Aquaculture Skills (ALBAS)** (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16821](#) Carol Mochan: New Cumnock Development Trust Celebrates International Women's Day** (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Colin Smyth\*

**[S6M-16819](#) Sharon Dowey: The Coo Shed Wins at the Countryside Alliance Awards** (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*

**[S6M-16816](#) Edward Mountain: Mikeysline Recognised at Mental Health and Wellbeing Awards** (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16815](#) Kevin Stewart: African Women's Group Scotland** (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

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**[S6M-16810](#) Alexander Burnett: Ballater Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland Wins Best Kept War Memorial Competition** (lodged on 17 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*

**[S6M-16807](#) Edward Mountain: 50th Anniversary of Balintore Community Fire Station** (lodged on 20 March 2025)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*, Tess White\*, Craig Hoy\*, Meghan Gallacher\*

**[S6M-16805](#) Michelle Thomson: Salman Javed Recognised at the Scottish Local Retailer Above and Beyond Awards 2025** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*

**[S6M-16804](#) Alex Rowley: Scottish and Welsh Rugby Supporters Fundraising for My Name's Daddie Foundation** (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*

**[S6M-16803](#) Marie McNair: Testicular Cancer Awareness Month** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16802](#) Emma Roddick: 2025 Scottish Countryside Alliance Awards** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16798](#) Jackie Dunbar: Purple Day 2025** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16795](#) Fulton MacGregor: Shining Stars ASN Theatre School Wins Specialist Theatre School of the Year Award** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*

**[S6M-16792](#) Alexander Burnett: Jonathan Hope and Slow Sauce, Banchory, Win £10,000 from Scottish Edge** (lodged on 18 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*

**[S6M-16786](#) Tim Eagle: Double Island School Success at the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16785](#) Tim Eagle: Circulation Rises for Three Top West Coast Newspapers** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16784](#) Tim Eagle: Trio of Mid Argyll Businesses Secure Wins at 21st Hotels of the Year Awards** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Ariane Burgess\*

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**[S6M-16783](#) Tim Eagle: Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association Raises Nearly £2,500** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*

**[S6M-16781](#) Tim Eagle: Congratulating Duncan Smith Following his Retirement from Stornoway Airport** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*

**[S6M-16780](#) Tim Eagle: Welcoming Argyll and Bute's Rural Growth Deal** (lodged on 14 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*, Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16779](#) Rona Mackay: Woodilee Hospital Memorial Cairn** (lodged on 13 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*

**[S6M-16751](#) Joe FitzPatrick: Congratulating Self-Harm Network Scotland** (lodged on 11 March 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16727](#) Sandesh Gulhane: World Kidney Day 2025** (lodged on 07 March 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16712](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Battlefield Primary School Family Fundraising Group** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16673](#) Miles Briggs: World Kidney Day 2025 on 13 March** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16655](#) Elena Whitham: Shelter Scotland-commissioned Research Regarding Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation** (lodged on 05 March 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16554](#) Emma Roddick: Concerns over Refusing Citizenship to Refugees** (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16539](#) Maggie Chapman: Ending Destitution in Scotland – a Road Map for Policymakers** (lodged on 27 February 2025)

New Support: Richard Leonard\*

**[S6M-16533](#) Michelle Thomson: Victims' Awareness Week 2025** (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16530](#) Monica Lennon: World Hearing Day** (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16509](#) Jackie Dunbar: NHS Grampian Consultant to Lead on UK Breast Cancer Radiology** (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16506](#) Edward Mountain: Ross-shire Roadies' Fundraising Efforts in Support of Motor Neurone Disease Research** (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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Motions   Gluasadan				

**[S6M-16501](#) Edward Mountain: Great Wilderness Challenge and its Donation of Vital Kit to Dundonnell Mountain Rescue Team** (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16498](#) Emma Roddick: Shetland Youth Music Festival Secures Important Funding** (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16497](#) John Mason: World Day of Social Justice 2025** (lodged on 19 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Tess White\*

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

New Support: Tess White\*

**[S6M-16448](#) Foysoyl Choudhury: Pianodrome Amphitheatre Awarded Multi-year Funding from Creative Scotland** (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16447](#) Willie Coffey: Two Outstanding Awards for Local NHS Worker** (lodged on 13 February 2025)

New Support: Tess White\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16407](#) Liam McArthur: Celebrating Commonwealth Day 2025** (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16395](#) Foysoyl Choudhury: Progress Made on a Railway Station for Winchburgh, West Lothian** (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16383](#) Edward Mountain: Congratulations to Luke Stoltman on Being Crowned Britain's Strongest Man** (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16381](#) Edward Mountain: Recognition of James Dunbar as a Big Issue Changemaker for Housing and Homelessness** (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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Motions   Glusadan				

**[S6M-16378](#) Tim Eagle: Euan Warnock Receives National Farmers Union Scotland Argyll and Islands Stalwart Award** (lodged on 11 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16377](#) Liam McArthur: Kirkwall Resident Stuart Linklater Celebrated as Longest-serving Loganair Employee** (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16372](#) Evelyn Tweed: Safer Internet Day 2025** (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16359](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Sports Awards 2024** (lodged on 10 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16331](#) Emma Roddick: World Wetlands Day 2025** (lodged on 05 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16319](#) Liz Smith: Kevin Howett Mountain Award** (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16312](#) Liam McArthur: Appeal for Orkney Football Kits to Aid Community Health Campaign in Malawi** (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16305](#) David Torrance: Stellar Quines' Successful Funding Bid Brings Intersectional Feminist Theatre to Kirkcaldy** (lodged on 21 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16300](#) Emma Roddick: Biennial Findhorn Bay Festival** (lodged on 04 February 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16293](#) Jackie Dunbar: #LoveScotlandsColleges 2025** (lodged on 31 January 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16292](#) Meghan Gallacher: Girls into Construction** (lodged on 31 January 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16288](#) Rhoda Grant: Coastal Testimonies** (lodged on 31 January 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16274](#) Edward Mountain: Recognition of Dell McClurg's Contribution to the Merkinch Community** (lodged on 30 January 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16270](#) Edward Mountain: Caithness Krakens Win the Caledonia North Region League 2 Title** (lodged on 30 January 2025)

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Motions   Glusadan				

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16269](#) Edward Mountain: Highland Success at the National Autistic Society Branch Awards** (lodged on 30 January 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16250](#) Karen Adam: Commending Cancer Research UK Portsoy for Over 40 Years of Dedication** (lodged on 29 January 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16226](#) Stuart McMillan: Braille 200** (lodged on 29 January 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

**[S6M-16224](#) Tim Eagle: Loch Fyne Candles Opens First Shop in Tarbert, Argyll** (lodged on 28 January 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*

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Questions   Ceistean				

## Written Questions

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

### Written questions lodged on 21 March 2025

**[S6W-35997 Miles Briggs](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications each year for a high hedge notice under the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 have been (a) accepted and (b) rejected, broken down by local authority; how many rejections have been subsequently subject to an appeal to its Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA), and how many appeals were (i) upheld and (ii) rejected.

**[S6W-35998 Mercedes Villalba](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the use of so-called "fire-and-rehire" practices in the public sector in Scotland, in light of the proposed Employment Rights Bill by the UK Government.

**[S6W-35999 Mercedes Villalba](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what communications it has had with the (a) UK Government and (b) Maritime and Coastguard Agency to improve the welfare of seafarers and offshore workers on vessels that use Scottish ports.

**[S6W-36000 Mercedes Villalba](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what communications it has had with the (a) UK Government and (b) Maritime and Coastguard Agency regarding any environmental impact on Scotland of the recent collision in the North Sea between an oil tanker and a cargo ship.

**[S6W-36002 Carol Mochan](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the autumn 2024 deadline not being met, when it expects to deliver the Fracture Liaison Service audit, and what steps it has taken to expediate this.

**[S6W-36003 Foysoyl Choudhury](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered the impact of the conclusion of the Inspiring Scotland Leadership Framework on the operation of the Scottish Assembly for people with learning disabilities and/or autism.

**[S6W-36004 Foysoyl Choudhury](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to the Scottish Assembly for people with learning disabilities and/or autism.

**[S6W-36005 Richard Leonard](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is proposing to take, in light of the work of its short-life working group on the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

**[S6W-36006 Kenneth Gibson](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on Scotland of its network of international offices.

**[S6W-36007 Liam Kerr](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34510 by Angela Constance on 3 March 2025, in light of its previous commitment to publish an updated memorandum of understanding between the Parole Board for Scotland and the Scottish Ministers by the end of 2024, what the reasons are for (a) the five-year delay and (b) missing the "end of 2024" commitment, and by what date, or nearest quarter, it anticipates that the new document will be agreed by both the Parole Board for Scotland and the Scottish Government.

**[S6W-36008 Liam Kerr](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-35073 by Fiona Hyslop on 4 March 2025, whether it will provide the information requested regarding what increase in freight capacity will be delivered through the Aberdeen–Central Belt Service Improvement Project, and for what reason it did not provide this information in its answer, which instead referred to a "freight path".

**[S6W-36009 Liam Kerr](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government when the Aberdeen–Central Belt 2026 Enhancement Project was renamed the Aberdeen–Central Belt Service Improvement Project; for what reason the name was changed; at the time that the name was changed, whether anything else was changed, such as the scope, outcomes or delivery dates, and which stakeholders were consulted prior to the name change.

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**[S6W-36010](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on continuing the treatment of people who move to Scotland from abroad with an existing diagnosis and treatment plan, where such treatment is approved by the Scottish Medicines Consortium, as opposed to requiring their condition to be investigated and diagnosed anew in line with NHS Scotland pathways.

**[S6W-36012](#) Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-32449 by Fiona Hyslop on 8 January 2025, what progress has been made on the construction of a controlled pedestrian crossing at Raigmore interchange in Inverness.

**[S6W-36013](#) Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will establish a formal system for reporting and tracking antisocial behaviour on buses, and, if so, when.

**[S6W-36014](#) Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish the behaviour code for all passengers who have a concessionary bus pass.

**[S6W-36015](#) Marie McNair:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has had any discussions with local authorities about maintaining community link workers, in light of reports of some, such as West Dunbartonshire Council, considering reductions to this service.

**[S6W-36016](#) Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its approach to issuing lethal control licences for beaver mitigation is consistent with the approach that it uses for licensing lethal control for other European protected species.

**[S6W-36017](#) Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government how many sites have been identified in a pipeline of new receptor sites for beaver management translocations, and how many beavers each receptor site is likely to accommodate.

**[S6W-36018](#) Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the NatureScot report, *Scotland's Beaver Strategy 2022-2045*, how it will maintain the supply of sites for beaver translocation.

**[S6W-36019](#) Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government what action NatureScot is taking to (a) carry out strategic environmental assessments (SEA) of new catchments for beaver release and (b) streamline the SEA process.

**[S6W-36020](#) Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it will provide to landowners for the (a) creation and (b) management of riparian buffer strips for beaver reintroduction.

**[S6W-36021](#) Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government whether in applications for (a) lethal control and (b) trap and removal licences for beavers, evidence is required to prove that alternative mitigation options have been tried but deemed unsuccessful.

**[S6W-36022](#) Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle long-term economic inactivity in Fife.

**[S6W-36023](#) Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will promote collaboration between the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council's Strategic Investment Model Stage 1 project on enabling (a) crew transfer and (b) service operation vessel fabrication with the analysis of future market opportunities for UK-built ships in offshore wind, which the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult, in partnership with the National Shipbuilding Office and the Crown Estate, has appointed Cammell Laird to carry out.

**[S6W-36029](#) Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-35531 by Richard Lochhead on 18 March 2025, whether it remains committed to all of the targets set out in its 2021 document, *A Strategy for Space in Scotland*.

**[S6W-36030](#) Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-35531 by Richard Lochhead on 18 March 2025, what steps it has taken to measure progress towards meeting the targets set out in its 2021 document, *A Strategy for Space in Scotland*.

## Amendments

### Amendments to Bills lodged on 21 March 2025

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

*Social Justice and Social Security Committee Daily List*

#### Section 41

##### Maggie Chapman

**1092** In section 41, page 53, line 18, at end insert—

<( ) after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) In making an assessment of the advice and assistance it considers appropriate to fulfil its duties to the applicant under subsection (2C) or (3), the local authority must inform the applicant of—

- (a) what outcome it is seeking for the applicant, taking into account the applicant’s desired outcome,
- (b) what advice and assistance it will provide,
- (c) any assistance agreed to be provided by, or actions to be taken by, other relevant bodies,

and document this in the form of a support plan.

(3B) Ministers may by regulations specify additional information the local authority must consider in making its assessment.

(3C) Regulations under subsection (3B) may, in particular, include—

- (a) the views of the applicant on the assistance they need and the housing outcome they seek,
- (b) the specific needs of the household,
- (c) any housing support needs identified under section 32B,
- (d) any steps the applicant is advised to take to mitigate their situation,
- (e) the form this information must take and the procedure for communicating this to the applicant.”>

##### Maggie Chapman

**1093** In section 41, page 53, line 19, at end insert—

<( ) after subsection (7) insert—

“(7A) Regulations under subsection (3B) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”>

##### Maggie Chapman

**1094** In section 41, page 53, line 27, at end insert—

<( ) In section 35A (right to request review of decision), in subsection (2), after paragraph (e) insert—

- “(f) where a duty is owed to the applicant under section 32, any decision as to—
- (i) the reasonable steps taken under section 32(2ZA),
  - (ii) the advice and assistance given under section 32(2C),
  - (iii) whether any assistance provided to the applicant has removed, or where this is not possible, minimised, the threat of homelessness to the applicant.”>

**Maggie Chapman**

**1095** In section 41, page 55, line 9, at end insert—

- <(5) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—
- (a) modify, add to, or remove steps under subsection (2),
  - (b) specify the procedure by which someone identified as threatened with homelessness can raise a concern or request a review in relation to the support that has been offered or provided under subsection (2).
- (6) Before making regulations under subsection (5), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (7) Regulations under subsection (5) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

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New Subordinate Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

## New Subordinate Legislation

### Subject to negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 21 March 2025 and is subject to the negative procedure—

[Railway Closure \(Exclusion\) \(Hairmyres\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/81\)](#)

Laid under section 38(3) of the Railways Act 2005

### Not subject to parliamentary procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 21 March 2025 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

[Act of Sederunt \(Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment\) \(Miscellaneous\) 2025 \(SSI 2025/80\)](#)

Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

## Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 25 March 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*  
[\(\[legislationteam@parliament.scot\]\(mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot\)\)](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

### **Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 26 March 2025

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 1 April 2025

*Stage 1 Report – Criminal Justice 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

### **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)**

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

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 25 March 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 2) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 20 March 2025

*The deadline has passed for 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.*

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 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 26 March 2025

*Stage 1 Report – Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee (5<sup>th</sup> Report, 2025)*

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 25 March 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

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

### **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 28 January 2025

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 March 2025

*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team*  
[\*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)\*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

### **Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Introduced, 17 March 2025

### **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 25 March 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 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 27 March 2025

*Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (1<sup>st</sup> Report, 2025)*

### **Scottish Languages Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 11 December 2024

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

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

*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

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 25 March 2025

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

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 March 2025

*Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People*

### **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Introduced, 12 March 2025

*Lead committee – Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture*

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

Stage 2 (Day 3) (Criminal Justice Committee), 26 March 2025

## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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

[\*\*https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/legislative-consent-memorandums\*\*](https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/legislative-consent-memorandums)

### **Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill LCM-S6-54**

Lodged on 12 March 2025

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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 (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 19 March 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**

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

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 March 2025

*Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work*

### **Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill LCM-S6-55**

Lodged on 21 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)

**Affirmative instruments**

**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**

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

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

**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 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)

**Subject to approval by 4 May 2025**

[Social Security Information-sharing \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (10 March 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

### Negative instruments

**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**

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

### Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

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

### Subject to annulment 31 March 2025

#### Lead committee report due by 24 March 2025

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

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

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

[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

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

### **Lead committee report due by 28 April 2025**

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

**Subject to annulment 25 April 2025**

**Lead committee report due by 21 April 2025**

[Recognition of Overseas Qualifications \(Charges\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/67\)](#) (13 March 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

**Subject to annulment 30 April 2025**

**Lead committee report due by 28 April 2025**

[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/78\)](#) (18 March 2025)  
(Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

**Subject to annulment 15 May 2025**

**Lead committee report due by 12 May 2025**

[Railway Closure \(Exclusion\) \(Hairmyres\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/81\)](#) (21 March 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

## New Documents

### Committee Reports

The following report was published on 21 March 2025—

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 4th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 19 March 2025 (SP Paper 763)

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

### Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 21 March 2025—

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-55)

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