

Friday 15 November 2024

Business Bulletin

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Portfolio Questions: Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 20 November: Finance and Local Government – Questions 5 and 7.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 13 November 2024

Tuesday 19 November 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: William More, Head of Operations in Scotland, Aid to the Church in Need (UK)

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Impact of the UK Government's Budget on Scotland's Rural Economy

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-13967 Gordon MacDonald: Celebrating the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership

Wednesday 20 November 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

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

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Impact of National Insurance Increase on Public Services

followed by Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill: Emergency Bill Motion

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-14806 Marie McNair: World COPD Day

Thursday 21 November 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-15065 Roz McCall: Increasing Stroke Awareness

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 26 November 2024

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 27 November 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 November 2024

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: Social Justice

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

Today's Business
Gnothaichean an-diugh

Future Business
Gnothaichean ri teachd

Motions & Questions
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Other
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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

19 November 2024

33rd Meeting, 2024

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 4 in private.
2. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Dr Iain Kennedy, Chair of Scottish Council, BMA Scotland;
Fiona McIntyre, Policy and Practice Lead, Scotland, Royal Pharmaceutical Society;
Colin Poolman, Executive Director, Royal College of Nursing Scotland;
Dr Chris Provan, Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland;
and then from—
Amy Dalrymple, Associate Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Marie Curie Scotland;
Mark Hazelwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care;
Dr Sarah Mills, Lecturer in Academic General Practice, University of St Andrews;
Rami Okasha, Chief Executive Officer, Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS).
3. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at

Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

19 November 2024

31st Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Annual Report of the Ethical Standards Commissioner 2023-24:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ian Bruce, Ethical Standards Commissioner.
3. **Annual Report of the Standards Commission 2023-24:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Lorna Johnston, Executive Director, and Suzanne Vestri, Convener, Standards Commission for Scotland.
4. **Short-term Lets:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Paul McLennan, Minister for Housing, Andy Kinnaird, Head of Transforming Planning, Margaret Main, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, and Anita Stewart, Policy Team Leader, Scottish Government.

5. **Annual Report of the Ethical Standards Commissioner 2023-24:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Annual Report of the Standards Commission 2023-24:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Short-term Lets:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
8. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85212 or at euandonald@parliament.scot

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

19 November 2024

34th Meeting, 2024

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 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024 from—
Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, Mariana Cover, Senior Policy Advisor, and Nanjika Nasiiro, Head of Just Transition Policy, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin MSP (Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy) to move—S6M-14755—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.
4. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Sarah-Jane Laing, Chief Executive, Scottish Land and Estates;
Malcolm Mathieson, Convener, Crofting Commission;
David Bean, Parliament and Government Relations Manager, Countryside Alliance;
Gemma Cooper, Head of Policy, National Farmers Union Scotland.
5. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** 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

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

19 November 2024

32nd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Regulated Roles \(Prohibitions and Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/292)
[Firefighters' Pension Schemes \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/295)
[Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Referrals by Chief Constable\) \(Prescribed Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/313)
[Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Information for Listing and Vetting\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/314)
[Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Information \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/315)
[Consideration of Suitability for Regulated Roles \(Prescribed Purposes\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/316)
[Disclosure and Use of Level 2 Disclosures \(Prescribed Purpose and Circumstances\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/317)
[Official Controls \(Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) Amendment \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/324)
[Food Safety \(Sampling and Qualifications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/326)
[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/327)
[Feed Additives \(Authorisations\) and Uses of Feed Intended for Particular Nutritional Purposes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/330)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Act of Sederunt \(Rules of the Court of Session 1994, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules 2021 and Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment\) \(Taxation of Judicial Expenses\) 2024](#) (SSI 2024/323)
5. **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).
6. **Renters' Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on a power to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence conferred on UK Ministers in the Bill.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black on 86266 or at Greg.Black@parliament.scot

Finance and Public Administration Committee

19 November 2024

32nd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill Financial Memorandum:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Liz Smith, Member in Charge of the Bill, and Neil Stewart, Senior Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, Scottish Parliament.

2. **Revenue Scotland: annual evidence session:** The Committee will take evidence from— Elaine Lorimer, Chief Executive, and Aidan O'Carroll, Chair, Revenue Scotland.
3. **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

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

19 November 2024

25th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Report of the Scottish Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Lindsey Millen, Head of Policy and Development, Close the Gap;
Catherine Murphy, Executive Director, Engender;
Dr Rebecca Mason, Research and Policy Lead, The Young Women's Movement;
Talat Yaqoob, Consultant and Co-Founder, Women 50:50;
and then from—
James Tweedie, Director, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party;
Ann McGuinness, Co-Convener, Women's Network, Scottish Green Party;
Sarah Boyack MSP, Scottish Labour Party;
Cailyn McMahon, Local Government Officer, Scottish National Party.
3. **Report of the Scottish Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26 (in private):** The Committee will consider draft correspondence to the Scottish Government.
5. **Disability Commissioner (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, Katrina Venters on 86244 or at Katrina.Venters@Parliament.scot

Education, Children and Young People Committee

20 November 2024

30th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Education (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

20 November 2024

29th Meeting, 2024

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 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/draft) from—
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, John Armour, Branch Head, Livestock Production Policy, Lewis Kerr, Lawyer, and Brian Service, Agricultural Reform Programme Lead for Cross Compliance, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity to move—
S6M-15262—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 be approved.
4. **Amendment to the Joint Fisheries Statement:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.
5. **Petition PE1758 End greyhound racing In Scotland:** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at emma.johnston@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-15459](#) Paul O'Kane: Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund's 2024 Real Gifts Campaign**—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund's (SCIAF) 2024 Real Gifts campaign ahead of the festive season; notes the generosity of the Scottish public in directly supporting families and communities around the world that are living in the poverty by giving ethical gifts during the festive season; welcomes the work done by SCIAF and others to provide communities with the tools that they need to combat poverty and what it considers are the horrors of a climate crisis that they have not caused, and believes that it is only with significant financial investment and global policy changes that long-term development progress will be achieved for all people across the world.

***[S6M-15458](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Fife Gingerbread on Winning Living Wage UK Scotland's Living Hours Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Fife Gingerbread, which is based in Glenrothes, Fife, on winning Living Wage UK Scotland's Living Hours Award; understands that the awards recognise employers who go beyond the government minimum wage and celebrate employers who support the Living Wage movement and their employees, providing security of hours alongside a real Living Wage; acknowledges that the Living Wage Foundation has developed a new standard and accreditation for employers that can offer "Living Hours"; understands that this includes adequate notice periods for shifts of at least four weeks, with guaranteed payment if shifts are cancelled within this notice period, the right to a contract that reflects accurate hours worked, and a guaranteed minimum of 16 hours a week, unless the worker requests otherwise; believes that Fife Gingerbread is a vital and valuable service providing information, advice and support services to lone parents and families in Fife; commends Fife Gingerbread for, it believes, protecting its employees from in-work poverty, for its continued commitment to its Living Wage accreditation over the last nine years, flexible working approach, employee assistance programme and its Living Hours accreditation this year; is grateful to Fife Gingerbread for, it understands, ensuring fair hours alongside fair pay for its employees and for encouraging other businesses and organisations to challenge themselves to take these important steps, and extends its very best wishes to Fife Gingerbread for continued success in the future.

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***[S6M-15457](#) Beatrice Wishart: Shetland Library Wins Scottish Library and Information Council 2024 Library Service Excellence Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Shetland Library on winning the Library Service Excellence Award at the 2024 Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) Awards; understands that the SLIC Awards are open to all member libraries and that entrants in 2024 had to demonstrate exceptional innovation and service delivery between June 2023 and June 2024, with winners receiving a trophy and a cash prize at the SLIC Showcase and AGM on 8 November in Edinburgh; further understands that the award recognises Shetland Library’s commitment to maintaining its library service as a relevant, worthwhile and modern resource for people of all ages and walks of life; believes that this is evidenced by exceptional service delivery and development, which has promoted the service and established the library as a place of escapism from cost of living and other pressures, with visits to the Lerwick Library increasing by 43% in 2024; praises the work of staff at Shetland Library, who have worked to establish the library as a community hub that remains open during adverse weather, to expand the Bookbug programme for young children, to strengthen ties with education staff and the Scottish Book Trust, and to work in collaboration with RNIB and Orkney Library on an annual Hi Vis fortnight that focuses on visual impairment support and staff development; believes that these initiatives exemplify the quality of the library service, which caters to all generations and has a crucial role in the community; notes that as well as the main building in Lerwick, Shetland Library has community libraries in Brae, Baltasound and Mid Yell, as well as a mobile van, and also manages seven school libraries; considers that the SLIC Award recognises the importance of Shetland Library for the island community that it serves, and wishes all at Shetland Library well.

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***[S6M-15454](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Supporting Glasgow-based Charity Includem as it Supports Young People and Families**—That the Parliament welcomes the work undertaken by Glasgow-based charity, includem, in the delivery of a wide variety of services focused on helping children, young people and families to transform their lives; understands that one such project, the Multiple Risk Service, is delivered by includem at nine locations across the city of Glasgow, as well as offering an outreach service to support those who cannot access the office-based locations; acknowledges that this service enables young people, aged from 12 to 19 years old, to be referred to the Glasgow City Youth Health Service from sources such as their GP, school or family, or to self-refer; recognises the important work that is undertaken with service users in helping them to identify the underlying causes of risky or unsafe behaviours; further recognises the experience of includem staff in working with young people and families through a focused and established model, encompassing their “A Better Life” toolkit, and wishes everyone at includem well in their efforts to support a range of young people and their families across Glasgow.

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***[S6M-15453](#) Michelle Thomson: Bo'ness Storehouse Foodbank's New Partnership to Drive Donations**—That the Parliament congratulates the Bo'ness Storehouse Foodbank on its partnership with Tesco and FareShare; notes that the Bo'ness Storehouse Foodbank, established in September 2012 and run entirely by local volunteers, provides support to over 150 households in need of food support in the Bo'ness area; understands that the partnership with FareShare and Tesco will result in the Storehouse receiving further weekly donations and surplus food provision, which would have otherwise gone to waste, in addition to the logistical support that Tesco offers the group through the provision of pallets at the Storehouse's premises; recognises what it sees as the positive role that businesses like Tesco can play in supporting local communities through third

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sector organisations, such as the Bo'ness Storehouse Foodbank, and wishes everyone involved all the best in the future, particularly in the lead up to Christmas 2024.

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***[S6M-15451](#) Pam Gosal: Congratulating West Dunbartonshire Community Foodshare on Receiving Asda Foundation Grant**—That the Parliament congratulates the West Dunbartonshire Community Foodshare on receiving a £1,000 grant from the Asda Foundation; understands that this grant was awarded through the Asda Foundation's Foodbank Fundamentals grant scheme; appreciates that this grant is aimed at supporting foodbanks with essential needs such as stock, white goods and food deliveries, and commends the West Dunbartonshire Community Foodshare for supporting people in need in the local community.

***[S6M-15450](#) Pam Gosal: Congratulating Tulloch on Receiving Asda Foundation Grant**—That the Parliament congratulates Tulloch, in Dumbarton, on receiving a £1,000 grant from the Asda Foundation; understands that this grant was awarded through the Asda Foundation's Foodbank Fundamentals grant scheme; appreciates that this grant is aimed at supporting foodbanks with essential needs such as stock, white goods and food deliveries, and commends Tulloch for supporting people in need in the local community.

***[S6M-15449](#) Pam Gosal: Congratulating Dalmuir Barclay Church Community Pantry on Receiving Asda Foundation Grant**—That the Parliament congratulates Dalmuir Barclay Church Community Pantry in Clydebank on receiving a £1,000 grant from the Asda Foundation; understands that this grant was awarded through the Asda Foundation's Foodbank Fundamentals grant scheme; appreciates that this grant is aimed at supporting foodbanks with essential needs such as stock, white goods and food deliveries, and commends Dalmuir Barclay Church Community Pantry for supporting people in need in the local community.

***[S6M-15448](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Glasgow Kelvin College Wins International Green Gown Award** —That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow Kelvin College on winning an International Green Gown Award in the category of Next Generation Skills & Learning; notes that the Green Gown Awards recognise exceptional sustainability initiatives by universities and colleges across the world and that Glasgow Kelvin College was one of only two UK educational institutions to win a category, alongside the University of Manchester; believes that this is a huge achievement for the college on an international stage, as a winner alongside organisations in Australia, Singapore, Morocco, France, Brazil, Canada and the Philippines, and recognises that the award is for the college's Fighting Fast Fashion projects, which were created and initiated by its fashion curriculum area, in conjunction with sustainability colleagues.

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***[S6M-15447](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Betty Simpson**—That the Parliament congratulates Betty Simpson on receiving the Lifetime Achievement in Tenant Participation award at the Tenants Information Service (TIS) National Excellence awards; understands that Betty has been active in tenant participation for over 25 years, acting as a strong advocate for Aberdeen City Council tenants over that time, and helping to secure improvements for tenants across the city; notes from reports that Betty has stated that she "enjoyed being a part of tenant participation and holding the Council to account"; understands that Betty is well known to council staff and councillors as a result of the huge amount of time that she commits, and the energy with which

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she makes her points; believes that this award is fully deserved, and thanks Betty for her tireless work within her local community and through tenant participation.

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***[S6M-15446](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Scientists Awarded £1.5 Million for Radiotherapy**

Research—That the Parliament congratulates the Cancer Research UK (CRUK) Glasgow RadNet team on receiving £1.5 million for radiotherapy research over the next five years; understands that its aim is to find new ways to increase the effectiveness of radiotherapy to improve outcomes for patients, particularly those with cancers that are hard to treat, such as lung cancer, glioblastoma, head and neck cancers, mesothelioma and cancers of the pancreas and rectum; believes that the RadNet Glasgow team is already making an important contribution to lung cancer research through the CRUK-funded CONCORDE trial, which is combining radiotherapy with new molecular-targeted drugs to improve treatment outcomes without worsening lung patients' side effects; acknowledges that the funding will help to continue the work to bring the next generation of radiotherapy treatments to patients sooner, and recognises the aim to develop new radiotherapy technologies and treatment combinations to help more people survive cancer, with fewer side effects and to have a better quality of life after treatment.

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***[S6M-15445](#) Clare Adamson: Wishaw Hospital Radio Station to Cease Broadcasting**

—That the Parliament notes the announcement that Wishaw Hospital Radio Station, Radio Law, will cease broadcasting after nearly six decades of service to the local community; believes that Radio Law, which was founded in 1967 at the former Law Hospital, has been a vital source of entertainment, companionship and information for patients, staff, and the wider community; considers that, over the years, the station has played a pivotal role in enhancing the hospital experience by offering a variety of programmes, including music, request shows and live broadcasts, all with a focus on improving the wellbeing of patients and connecting them to the world beyond the hospital walls; celebrates the station's humble beginnings, starting with a weekly, one-hour request programme, which was broadcast from a tape recorder plugged into the hospital radio system; commends the dedication of the volunteers who have supported Radio Law over the years; acknowledges that the station's final broadcast will be a Christmas extravaganza, to be held on the afternoon of 8 December 2024, marking the end of an era; believes that this will be a fitting tribute to the station's enduring legacy of service and community spirit; extends its heartfelt thanks to all those involved with Radio Law for their many years of service, and expresses its best wishes to the volunteers and staff as they move forward into the future.

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***[S6M-15444](#) Clare Adamson: Inner Wheel Club of Motherwell & Wishaw Celebrating its 77th Anniversary**

—That the Parliament congratulates the Inner Wheel Club of Motherwell & Wishaw on celebrating its 77th anniversary; recognises what it sees as the club's longstanding contribution to community service, friendship and the empowerment of women in the local area; commends the club's commitment to supporting charitable causes, fostering personal development and strengthening the bonds of friendship through its wide-ranging programme of activities; acknowledges the club's role in creating opportunities for members to build lasting friendships, share experiences and work together on meaningful community projects; believes that the Inner

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Wheel movement's ethos of "friendship and service" has been central to the success of the Motherwell & Wishaw branch; commends its members for their dedication to making a positive impact on the local and wider community, and extends its best wishes to the Inner Wheel Club of Motherwell & Wishaw for continued success and growth in the years ahead.

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***S6M-15443 Clare Adamson: St. Brendan's Primary School Gold Rights Respecting School Award**—That the Parliament congratulates St Brendan's Primary School, in Motherwell, on being awarded the prestigious Gold Rights Respecting School Award by UNICEF UK; acknowledges this outstanding achievement, which recognises the school's exceptional commitment to embedding children's rights throughout its curriculum and school life; commends the staff, students and the wider school community for their dedication to creating an environment where children's rights are respected, understood and actively promoted; recognises what it sees as the significant efforts made by St Brendan's Primary in involving students in decision making, empowering them to become active participants in their learning, and fostering a culture of mutual respect and inclusivity; highlights what it sees as the importance of such initiatives in shaping the values of young people, ensuring that they are not only aware of their rights but also equipped to respect the rights of others, and expresses its congratulations to all involved at St Brendan's Primary School for what it considers is this well-deserved recognition and their continued success in promoting children's rights and creating a positive and supportive school environment.

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***S6M-15442 Clare Adamson: Louise Parvin, Scottish Hospitality Hero**—That the Parliament congratulates Louise Parvin, from Merlins Bar in Motherwell, on being named the 2024 *Scottish Licensed Trade News* Scottish Hospitality Hero; recognises what it sees as Louise's exceptional contribution to the hospitality industry, where she has been a passionate and dedicated advocate for the local community, hospitality staff and customers alike; acknowledges her tireless commitment to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment at Merlins Bar, which has become a beloved hub for socialising, celebrating and supporting the people of Motherwell; commends what it sees as her ongoing efforts to champion staff welfare, develop local partnerships and enhance the cultural and social fabric of Motherwell, and extends its best wishes to Louise as she continues to inspire others in the hospitality industry and beyond with her dedication to excellence, community spirit and leadership.

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***S6M-15441 Clare Adamson: The Changing Rooms, Motherwell FC**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of The Changing Rooms, which is a new initiative from Motherwell FC, in partnership with the Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH), aimed at providing men aged 16 and over with the opportunity to talk about football and mental health; acknowledges that the project, which began on 7 November 2024 at Fir Park Stadium, seeks to break down barriers surrounding mental health conversations and create a supportive, open environment for participants to share their experiences and support one another; recognises what it sees as the vital role of football clubs, such as Motherwell FC, in promoting positive mental health and wellbeing within communities and the wider society; applauds the club's commitment to tackling

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the stigma around mental health through this innovative partnership with SAMH; believes that there is a growing need for accessible mental health support for men, particularly in settings that are familiar and comfortable; commends the initiative's aim to provide a safe and non-judgmental space where individuals can talk openly, and encourages other sports clubs and organisations across Scotland to follow Motherwell FC's example in prioritising mental health support and creating inclusive, welcoming spaces for conversation and wellbeing.

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***S6M-15439 Kevin Stewart: Thanking George King**—That the Parliament thanks George King, who is retiring from his diagnostics post at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, for the immense contribution he has given NHS Grampian during a career spanning almost 50 years; notes George's unique history at the Foresterhill site, having been born in the maternity unit in 1959, with his father taking up a post as janitor at the Foresterhill nursing college in 1967, as well as his mother working there for 30 years, and starting his own career there in October 1976, meaning that he has lived or worked at Foresterhill almost his entire life; recognises that the King family has a combined service of over 120 years in the health service, with George's two daughters also choosing to work in the NHS, in management and bio-medical scientist roles; believes that the long and distinguished career George has had is something to be rightly proud of, and wishes him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

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***S6M-15438 Foysoil Choudhury: Anthology of Leith Authors Released**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of *Sea Change: Anthology of Leith Writing*; understands that *Sea Change* is the fourth volume of *Leith Writings*, which is an annual release of stories from Leith authors; further understands that the most recent volume is based on the theme of change, in recognition of the profound and notable changes that Leith has undergone over the last 70 years; notes that *Leith Writings* has been released since 2021 on 2 November, to mark the anniversary of the Edinburgh Boundaries and Tramways Extension Act, which brought Leith into the city of Edinburgh officially; congratulates all authors involved in the publication of the most recent edition of *Leith Writings*, and believes that *Leith Writings* demonstrates the wealth of talent in Leith.

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***S6M-15436 Beatrice Wishart: Frankie's Fish and Chips Wins at Scottish Fish and Chip Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Frankie's Fish and Chips, in Brae, Shetland, on winning the Best Chip Shop (North) category and being Highly Recommended in the Best Fish Supper (North) and Best Dine In Restaurant categories at the Second Annual Scottish Fish and Chip Awards on 11 November 2024; understands that restaurants and takeaways from across the country go through a public vote and are judged by a panel of experts who travel all over Scotland to try fish and chips, unannounced, at the restaurants and mark them on criteria including the quality of the fish, the taste and value; notes that Frankie's Fish and Chips is the most northerly fish and chip shop in the UK and has previously won an award for being the No. 1 Fish and Chip Shop UK; believes that its award win and highly commended certificates at the 2024 Scottish Fish and Chip Awards demonstrate Frankie's Fish and Chips' continued commitment to providing high-quality food to its customers using fresh local seafood; considers Frankie's Fish and Chips to be

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an asset to Shetland, and wishes all at the takeaway and restaurant well with their future endeavours.

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***S6M-15435 Liam McArthur: Aly MacPhail of Orkney Athletic and Running Club Named 2024 SportsScotland Official of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Orkney resident Aly MacPhail on being named Official of the Year at the 2024 sportsScotland Coaching, Officiating and Volunteering Awards; notes that the awards celebrate individuals working in sport who seek to break down barriers and commit their own time to allow others the chance to benefit from sport; understands that Aly has been a stalwart of the Orkney Athletic and Running Club over many years and is currently heavily involved in preparations for the International Island Games to be held in Orkney in 2025; commends Aly's hard work in recruiting and training volunteers to officiate the event, and pays tribute to what it views as her clear passion for sport and dedication to improving accessibility to sport within the Orkney community; believes that this is richly deserved recognition of the contribution that Aly has made, and continues to make, and looks forward to seeing Aly's hard work pay off at the Island Games in 2025.

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***S6M-15434 Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow Kelvin College Wins International Green Gown Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow Kelvin College on winning an International Green Gown Award in the category of Next Generation Skills & Learning; understands that the Green Gown Awards acknowledge exceptional sustainability initiatives by universities and colleges across the world; recognises that the college won the award for its Fighting Fast Fashion projects, which aim to embed sustainability practices into teaching and learning, as well as redesign and revitalise the curriculum to address the negative environmental and social impacts of the fashion industry; understands that one of the projects involved the college's fashion students repurposing donated sample wedding dresses to design and create brand new bridal gowns, allowing students to develop their creativity while working with high-quality materials and learning about sustainable approaches to the fashion industry; commends the staff and students at Glasgow Kelvin College for this significant achievement on the international education stage, and wishes them all the best as they continue to inspire future change in the fashion industry.

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***S6M-15433 Liam Kerr: North East Business, Duncan Farms, Secures Deal with Sainsbury's**—That the Parliament extends its congratulations to poultry business, Duncan Farms, for securing a partnership with supermarket chain Sainsbury's; notes that Duncan's Eggs are now available at 29 of the supermarket's outlets in Scotland; understands that the deal aligns with Duncan Farm's ambitious growth strategy; further understands that the business is committed to free-range expansion and that the free-range hen feed consists primarily of cereals grown on farms in the north east of Scotland; understands that Duncan Farms prides itself on its sustainability credentials, with each free-range egg being traceable using an online egg tracker on its website, allowing customers to trace their egg back to the farm it came from, and wishes Duncan Farms all the best with its continued growth and sustainability projects.

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***[S6M-15432](#) David Torrance: Burntisland Hedgehog Haven Awarded Highly Commended—**That the Parliament congratulates Burntisland Hedgehog Haven on receiving the award of Highly Commended UK Rescue of the Year from the Animal Star Awards; notes that the organisation is a charity that was founded by Burntisland couple Andy and Sharon Longhurst, and is run by themselves and a team of committed volunteers; commends their work rescuing ill and injured hedgehogs throughout Fife and beyond; understands that the UK hedgehog population is currently in decline; celebrates what it sees as the important impact of Burntisland Hedgehog Haven on the local hedgehog population, and wishes the organisation continued success in the future.

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***[S6M-15431](#) Finlay Carson: 2024 Winners of the Dumfries and Galloway Life Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates the winners at the prestigious 2024 *Dumfries and Galloway Life Awards*, which were staged at Easterbrook Hall in the grounds of The Crichton in Dumfries on 8 November 2024; recognises that the event, which was organised by Scotland's Community Magazine of the Year, once again attracted a high calibre of competition in all of the categories and provided the judges with some tough choices; notes that Cairndale Hotel & Spa was named Overall Winner, the Museum of Lead Mining at Wanlockhead received the Judges Special Award, the GB Youth Winter Olympic Gold medalists won Sports Team of the Year, Aoiffion McVittie Branagan won Sports Person of the Year, David Thomson and Teresa Church were named Culture Champions, Kathleen Cronie won Performing Artist of the Year, Bea Last won Visual Artist, Kerr Little won Business Person, Rowan Glen Ltd was named Producer of the Year, Gallie Craig Mull of Galloway was awarded Café of the Year, Jenna Cains was named Environment Champion, Beth Wright-Hall was named Young Community Champion, Lara Porter was named Community Champion, Wigtown Community Shop won Community Project, The People's Project in Dumfries received the Voluntary Group award, Lee Herron was named Volunteer of the Year, Lesley Watson was named Education Hero and Harry Gallacher was named Young Entrepreneur, and wishes the winners and nominees continued success in the months ahead as their contributions improve the quality of life in Dumfries and Galloway.

***[S6M-15421](#) Miles Briggs: Carer Positive 10th Anniversary Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates Carers Scotland on the launch of its Carer Positive 10th Anniversary Awards; understands that the award winners will be announced at an evening drinks reception at the Edinburgh City Chambers on 13 November 2024; appreciates that these awards will celebrate the very best practice seen over the last 10 years from a wide range of organisations across Scotland, and will be an opportunity to give recognition to employers that have led the way in this field; acknowledges the work that Carers Scotland does to give a voice to carers in Scotland and deliver lasting change; notes that the 10th Anniversary Awards are open to all employers that have already been recognised as a Carer Positive Employer, and wishes all the best to all the organisations that enter.

***[S6M-15420](#) Sarah Boyack: Carnegie's Life in the UK Index—**That the Parliament notes with concern that life did not improve between 2023 and 2024 for the average person in Scotland, according to Carnegie's Life in the UK Index; notes the reported low levels of trust in politics and government, as identified by this research; calls on the Scottish Government to take action to improve the lives of disabled people and people on low incomes in Scotland to increase these

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groups' wellbeing, and congratulates Carnegie UK on developing this index and pressing the case to put wellbeing measures at the heart of Scottish public policy.

***S6M-15419 Michelle Thomson: 1333 Grangemouth Spitfire Squadron Joins Forces with the GLitter Team to Clean Up Spitfire Memorial**—That the Parliament recognises the efforts of the 1333 Grangemouth Spitfire Squadron Air Cadets, who teamed up with the fellow community-minded group, the gLitter team, on 26 October 2024 to clean the local Spitfire memorial; notes that the squadron and gLitter team received assistance with their mission from Falkirk Council's environmental team and members of the local Rotary Club of Grangemouth; recognises that the endeavours of the 1333 Grangemouth Air Cadets brought the memorial to Bo'ness Road in 2013 following years of fundraising and campaigning; notes that the memorial is a tribute to the young men based at RAF Grangemouth during the Second World War to train as Spitfire pilots, with an aim to defend the skies from the German Luftwaffe, and with several losing their life in training accidents at the airfield, and recognises and celebrates the effort of the 1333 Grangemouth Squadron for its contribution to organising this clean-up event with like-minded volunteers to ensure that the memorial was ready for a local Remembrance Day ceremony.

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***S6M-15418 Annie Wells: 96-year-old Glasgow Restaurant Nominated for Best Cafe**—That the Parliament congratulates the 96-year-old Glasgow restaurant, Coia's Cafe, on being nominated for Cafe of the Year at an awards event; understands that Coia's Cafe, which has been a fixture of the city's east end since 1928, is in the running to be named the best in Scotland at the second annual Scottish Chippy Awards; notes that the event recognises establishments nationwide that serve classic fish and chips; understands that Coia's is the only Glasgow nominee in the category; recognises that the family-run business began as a small shop on Duke Street selling homemade ices and juice, and slowly grew into a much-loved restaurant serving a dynamic menu of steak pies, pasta, pizza, fish teas and more; understands that, before opening in 1928, the shop-fitter, Carmine "Charlie" Coia, was just another businessman looking to earn a living when he and his wife, Amalia, came to Scotland from Filiano, Italy; acknowledges that Charlie's son, Nicky, took over in the 1950s and turned it into an established confectioner, and highlights that Nicky's son, Alfredo, trained as a chef, and that he and his wife helped to develop the site next door to expand Coia's into a bigger space to serve hot food.

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***S6M-15416 Annie Wells: Kidney Dialysis Patients Showcase Art at Exhibition in Glasgow**—That the Parliament congratulates those patients undergoing kidney dialysis who have been using art to boost their morale, culminating in an exhibition at the New Victoria Hospital; notes that the initiative, which is part of the Art in Hospital project, features more than 50 pieces of artwork including sketches, paintings and collages and that it is designed to give patients a voice and lift their spirits by providing a creative escape from the mental strains of regular dialysis; understands that the initiative also aims to enhance the patients' self-esteem and confidence, encourage them to step out of their comfort zones and distract them from their treatment; recognises that artists from Art in Hospital spent around five months working with 53 patients at the renal dialysis unit, resulting in the *Imaginary Journeys* exhibition; understands that patients explored memories of near and distant lands, people and places; believes that the initiative is a simple, risk-free

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intervention, which has significantly improved patient mental wellbeing; understands that patients reported feeling calmer, more content and more in control of their lives, as a direct result of the art; notes that the exhibition connects patients, staff, family, friends and the wider public to raise awareness and change perceptions around people experiencing illness, and believes that it also allows visitors to the exhibitions to appreciate the work as the valid and vibrant art pieces that they are.

***[S6M-15414](#) Marie McNair: Beyond the Virus Report on Integrating and Prioritising Mental Health and Wellbeing in Scotland's HIV Response—**That the Parliament considers that there is an urgent need to integrate mental health within Scotland's HIV response, as highlighted by the recent HIV Outcomes UK report, *Beyond the Virus: Prioritising mental health for people living with HIV in Scotland*; acknowledges the report's findings that there are significant gaps in mental healthcare provision for people living with HIV in Scotland, and the barriers that this creates towards achieving the Scottish Government's 2030 goal to end new HIV transmissions; expresses concern regarding what the report refers to as the postcode lottery of mental health support, especially in rural and remote communities; commends the Scottish Government's vision in its Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy of a Scotland that is free from stigma and inequality, where everyone fulfils their right to achieve the best mental health and wellbeing possible, and calls on the Scottish Government to implement the report's recommendations, including ensuring that HIV services across Scotland work to meet the British HIV Association Standards on psychological support for adults living with HIV, expanding HIV peer support services, and increasing training in healthcare settings to tackle HIV stigma, and further urges the Scottish Government to demonstrate the leadership and investment that it believes is necessary to ensure that all people living with HIV have consistent access to high-quality, stigma-free mental health support throughout Scotland.

***[S6M-15378](#) Kevin Stewart: The UK Government's Approach to Energy Policy—**That the Parliament notes the reported announcement from the APA Corporation that it will pull out of the North Sea in the next five years, with the firm stating that it will run a "very limited capital programme" in 2025 before ceasing all production in its North Sea assets by 31 December 2029; understands that the chief executive of APA Corporation, formerly known as Apache, has reportedly stated that this is well ahead of what would have been an otherwise reasonable time frame; notes that APA Corporation also reportedly states that "the onerous financial impact of the Energy Profits Levy makes production of hydrocarbons beyond the year 2029 uneconomic"; considers that this is further evidence that the UK Government's approach to energy policy is to blame for operators leaving the North Sea earlier than expected, which, it believes, will cause a loss of jobs and threaten the very investment needed for the transition to net zero, and calls on the UK Government to finally wake up to the situation that is unfolding in the North Sea and adopt a more realistic and practical approach, working with the industry instead of against it, before it is too late.

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***[S6M-15352](#) Douglas Lumsden: Welcoming Trump's New Golf Course and its Positive Impact on Aberdeenshire—**That the Parliament welcomes the recent announcement that the United States' President-elect Trump will open a new golf course in Aberdeenshire in 2025; recognises what it sees as the huge investment by Trump International, and commends what it considers to be the green and sustainable development that, it believes, will drive tourism to the north east of Scotland.

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***S6M-15146 Douglas Lumsden: Supporting Councillor Alex Nicoll's Stand Against Aberdeen's Bus Gates and Leadership**—That the Parliament congratulates Councillor Alex Nicoll on his resignation from the Aberdeen City Council Scottish National Party (SNP) administration; acknowledges what it sees as the strength of feeling in Aberdeen against the bus gates, which, it believes, are destroying the city centre by reducing footfall and causing confusion for residents; recognises Councillor Nicoll's remarks that “there are a number of things we have got wrong, obviously one of those being the decision around the bus gates”; understands his reported strength of feeling that Aberdeen City Council has failed the residents of Balnagask by not providing a solution to the ongoing reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) issue, and notes his comments concerning the council leader, which were reported in the *Press and Journal*, that “I can't have confidence in Christian Allard's leadership anymore”.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-15417 Annie Wells: Glasgow Jewellery Shop Staff Zipslide the Clyde to Raise Thousands for Charity (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Liam Kerr*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-15415 Annie Wells: Glasgow Netball Coach Awarded Young Coach of the Year (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Tess White*, Liam Kerr*, Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Lumsden*

S6M-15412 Monica Lennon: Recognising Scotland's Electrical Talent (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

S6M-15407 Clare Haughey: Congratulating Carrigan's Restaurants (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

S6M-15405 Brian Whittle: Gilfoot TARA Action Group Named Tenant Group of the Year at the TIS National Excellence Awards 2024 (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Liam Kerr*, Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Lumsden*

S6M-15404 Claire Baker: 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Miles Briggs*, Tess White*

S6M-15403 Colin Beattie: Mayfield and Easthouses Development Trust Secures Asda Funding (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Lumsden*

S6M-15402 Colin Beattie: Gold School Sport Award for Lasswade Primary School (lodged on 12 November 2024)

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New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15399](#) Audrey Nicoll: Celebrating Aberdeen Art Gallery's Five-year Milestone (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Rona Mackay*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Evelyn Tweed*, Liam McArthur*, Stuart McMillan*, Emma Harper*, Kevin Stewart*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Sharon Dowey*, Emma Roddick*

[S6M-15398](#) Audrey Nicoll: Celebrating Studio Four Hair & Beauty's Win as Scotland's Best Hair and Beauty Salon (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15397](#) Miles Briggs: Carers Rights Day 2024 (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Meghan Gallacher*, Tess White*

[S6M-15396](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Oysters Wins Award for Best Pacific Oyster at Best Scottish Shellfish Competition (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Tess White*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15395](#) Liam McArthur: Clan Cancer Support Raises £3,046 at Secret Art Exhibition in Orkney (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Tess White*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15394](#) Kenneth Gibson: Recognition of The Woolly Pig Company for Winning the Best Agroforestry Award (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15393](#) Claire Baker: Montagues Pub, Kirkcaldy, Fife, Receives Best Licensed Premises in Scotland 2024 Award at Scotland's Business Awards (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15389](#) Marie McNair: Allander Dental Care Team Charity Event (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-15388](#) Liz Smith: Flora McNab, Three-time World Solo Tenor Drumming Champion (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15384](#) Clare Adamson: St Andrew's Hospice Fundraiser (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15381](#) Meghan Gallacher: Sportscotland Gold Awards Made in Central Scotland (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Tess White*, Douglas Lumsden*

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[S6M-15380](#) Meghan Gallacher: UWS Foundation Academy in Central Scotland (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-15377](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy's Sarah Thomson Named Scotland's Businesswoman of the Year at the 2024 Association of Scottish Business Women Awards (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15375](#) Kenneth Gibson: Congratulating Beith Primary School on Winning Sportscotland Gold Award (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15369](#) Murdo Fraser: Perthshire Hotel Wins Top Award (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Tess White*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15366](#) Bill Kidd: Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland, Drumchapel (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15365](#) Pam Gosal: Recognising the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*

[S6M-15358](#) Craig Hoy: Remembering the Armed Forces (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Meghan Gallacher*, Tess White*, Foysoyl Choudhury*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15356](#) Craig Hoy: Congratulating South Scotland Pubs Featuring in the Good Beer Guide 2025 (lodged on 08 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15355](#) Craig Hoy: Praising Peebles Youth Project (lodged on 08 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15354](#) Craig Hoy: Congratulating Pioneering Borders Rugby Coach (lodged on 08 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15353](#) Liam McArthur: Concern Regarding OVO Energy Plans to Charge for Paper Bills (lodged on 08 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15351](#) Brian Whittle: Kilmarnock Businessman Surprised with Well-deserved Award (lodged on 08 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

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[S6M-15350](#) Monica Lennon: SportsScotland Gold School Sport Award for St Cuthbert's Primary School, Hamilton (lodged on 08 November 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15348](#) Christine Grahame: Safer Ageing Week - Raising Awareness of Economic Abuse (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-15347](#) Pauline McNeill: Availability and Accessibility of Toilets for People Living with a Stoma (lodged on 08 November 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-15345](#) Jackson Carlaw: National Lottery Community Fund Delivers for Eastwood Groups (lodged on 08 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15340](#) Liam McArthur: Congratulations to Kirkwall RNLI Lifeboatmen Dougie Bain and Christopher Irvine on Long-service Awards (lodged on 12 November 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-15297](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity Expanding Support Services (lodged on 07 November 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-15296](#) Willie Coffey: Gold School Sport Award for Shortlees Primary (lodged on 07 November 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15290](#) Rona Mackay: Millersneuk Primary School Wins Gold for Sport (lodged on 11 November 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-15265](#) Sharon Dowey: Troon Primary Wins Gold School Sport Award (lodged on 06 November 2024)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-15264](#) Pauline McNeill: Condemning the Israeli Parliament's Vote to Ban UNRWA from Operating in Israel (lodged on 06 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15256](#) Foysoyl Choudhury: Peace-building Efforts of COP29 and the COP Truce Initiative (lodged on 07 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Neil Bibby*

[S6M-15252](#) Karen Adam: Outstanding Service of Martin Kennedy to Farming (lodged on 07 November 2024)

New Support: Carol Mochan*, Brian Whittle*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-15238](#) Edward Mountain: Royal Dornoch Golf Club Shortlisted for Scotland's Course of the Year (lodged on 05 November 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-15237](#) Emma Roddick: Welcoming New Funding for Gaelic Cultural Centre in Inverness (lodged on 06 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15218](#) Edward Mountain: RNLI Volunteer Receives Long Service Medal (lodged on 05 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15216](#) Edward Mountain: Nairn St Ninian Women's Walking Football Team (lodged on 05 November 2024)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-15214](#) Edward Mountain: Highland Boxing Academy Triumphs with Five Gold Medal Wins at National Championships (lodged on 05 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15201](#) John Mason: RSPB Birdcrime 2023 Report (lodged on 04 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15171](#) Emma Harper: HMP Dumfries Receives Official Parkrun Status (lodged on 04 November 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Emma Roddick*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-15165](#) Daniel Johnson: Supporting People with Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (lodged on 01 November 2024)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Ben Macpherson*

[S6M-15160](#) Gillian Mackay: Occupational Therapy Week 2024 (lodged on 07 November 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-15148](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank and Milngavie Constituency Groups Awarded Over £500,000 in National Lottery Community Funding (lodged on 31 October 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-15102](#) Marie McNair: Clyde Shopmobility Meeting the Needs of Disabled Bankies (lodged on 04 November 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-15063](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Men's Health Awareness Month (lodged on 29 October 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-14698](#) Ruth Maguire: Day of the Imprisoned Writer (lodged on 01 October 2024)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Tess White*

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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 14 November 2024

[S6W-31173](#) Beatrice Wishart: To ask the Scottish Government how often cabins on sailings of the passenger Northern Isles Ferry Services between Aberdeen-Lerwick have reached full bookable capacity in each of the last five years.

[S6W-31211](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether all parts of the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde area have access to a home ear syringing service, and, if not, which parts of the NHS board area do not currently have access to this service.

[S6W-31212](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and (b) its Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCPs) regarding home ear syringing, and how it is supporting HSCPs to make this service available to patients who need it.

[S6W-31213](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government which members of the health and social care workforce are qualified to carry out home ear syringing services, and what assessment it has made of vacancy levels in this area, including any recruitment and retention challenges.

[S6W-31214](#) Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-25762 by Natalie Don on 13 March 2024, whether it will provide an update on what the average length of time has been between a disclosure check application being received by Disclosure Scotland and the provision of disclosure information in each year since 2016.

[S6W-31215](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government how many jobs (a) are currently supported by and (b) have been created through the Nature Restoration Fund.

[S6W-31218](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to address the issue highlighted in the SQA *Higher History Review 2024* that "recruitment and retention of sufficient markers has become increasingly challenging over recent years".

[S6W-31219](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to address the reported issue that e-cigarette or vaping device use was most prevalent among those aged 16 to 24 (22%), an increase of seven percentage points since 2022.

[S6W-31220](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government how many public inquiries have been held by the Scottish Ministers in each year since 1999 after a planning authority has objected to an application under the Electricity Act 1989, also broken down by how many of these objections were upheld.

[S6W-31225](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what the average length is of courses delivered by the Scottish Digital Academy.

[S6W-31226](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to ensure that pupils from lower-income families can take part in school trips, including curriculum-related trips and activities, and P6 and P7 residentials.

[S6W-31227](#) Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-27073 by Joe FitzPatrick on 3 May 2024, in light of the minister's comment that the "intention is to agree and publish the framework in advance of Budget 2025-26", whether it has agreed a fiscal framework with local government and, if so, on what date this will be published.

[S6W-31229](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the literature review that it committed to carry out to ascertain the current knowledge on masking for children and young people with additional support needs (ASN).

[S6W-31231](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government how many student educational psychologists have joined the workforce in each year since 2018.

[S6W-31232](#) Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how many buildings have had reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) removed to date (a) in total and (b) with the assistance of government funding.

[S6W-31233](#) Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how many homes have been secured for key workers as a result of the £25 million of additional funding from the Affordable Housing Supply Programme that it provided for housing for key workers in rural areas.

[S6W-31234](#) Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how many buildings have been identified as having flammable cladding.

[S6W-31235](#) Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how many buildings have had flammable cladding removed to date (a) in total and (b) with the assistance of government funding.

[S6W-31237](#) Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how many buildings have been identified as having reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC).

[S6W-31239](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many businesses have been accredited as Living Wage employers in each year since 2016, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-31240](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government which drug rehabilitation programmes it provides funding for, broken down by NHS board.

[S6W-31241](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many additional support for learning teachers there have been in each year since 2016, broken down by local authority.

[S6W-31242](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what work it has funded in each year since 2016 in communities to tackle sectarianism, broken down by (a) local authority and (b) project.

[S6W-31243](#) Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with Reach Advocacy, in Coatbridge, in light of its reported request for support to become a nationally commissioned service.

[S6W-31244](#) Lorna Slater: To ask the Scottish Government what its anticipated timescale is for consultations on Scotland's circular economy strategy and targets.

[S6W-31245](#) Lorna Slater: To ask the Scottish Government how it has been asked to input into the UK Government's Circular Economy Task Force.

[S6W-31246](#) Lorna Slater: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to work with the UK Government's Circular Economy Task Force as it develops Scotland's circular economy strategy.

[S6W-31247](#) Lorna Slater: To ask the Scottish Government what specific measures are in place to verify that third sector organisations meet fair work criteria once they receive public grants.

[S6W-31248](#) Lorna Slater: To ask the Scottish Government, under the fair work conditionality for public sector grants, how it (a) assesses and (b) monitors the delivery of "appropriate channels for effective workers' voice" by grant recipients.

[S6W-31249](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Planning Hub, announced by the Minister for Public Finance in a statement on 12 November 2024, will provide funding for the deployment of empty homes officers wherever needed, and how much funding it will allocate for (a) these officers and (b) the Planning Hub in total.

[S6W-31250](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government how much Skills Development Scotland has spent on delivering Modern Apprenticeships in each year since 2017-18.

[S6W-31251](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29857 by Graeme Dey on 27 September 2024, by what date it will publish the required impact assessments for the Student Mental Health Action Plan.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-31252](#) Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to improve the (a) collection and (b) availability of information on (i) underemployment and (ii) its causes.

[S6W-31253](#) Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to improve the (a) collection and (b) availability of information on (i) economic inactivity and (ii) its causes.

[S6W-31254](#) Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to improve productivity in the public sector, and how it measures any progress on this.

[S6W-31255](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that only 33% of alcohol and drug partnerships have pathways for the early detection of alcohol-related liver disease.

[S6W-31256](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the (a) *Alcohol and Drug Partnerships in Scotland: Annual Survey 2023/24* and (b) finding that only (i) 30% of alcohol and drug partnerships have an alcohol harms group and (ii) 27% have an alcohol death review group.

[S6W-31257](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to support all alcohol and drug partnerships to establish (a) alcohol harms groups and (b) alcohol death review groups.

[S6W-31258](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of Skills Development Scotland's current staff costs are attributable to the delivery of apprenticeships.

[S6W-31259](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government how many teachers are currently on zero-hours contracts.

[S6W-31260](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will apply the consequential it receives from any increased funding from the UK Government to children with special educational needs and disabilities directly to ASN services in Scotland.

[S6W-31261](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the setting up of a contact centre to manage victims signing up to the Victim Notification Scheme, how much has been allocated to the setting up and ongoing running of the centre, and whether this is new money that will not be taken from funds allocated to victim support organisations or other third sector partners in this area.

[S6W-31262](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent on forensic pathology services in Aberdeen in each of the last 10 years.

[S6W-31263](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many full-time forensic pathologists are based in Aberdeen.

[S6W-31264](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many full-time forensic pathologists have been based in Aberdeen in each of the last 10 years.

[S6W-31265](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many part-time forensic pathologists are based in Aberdeen.

[S6W-31266](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many part-time forensic pathologists have been based in Aberdeen in each of the last 10 years.

[S6W-31268](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how long the average wait is before a post-mortem is conducted in Aberdeen, and how this compares to (a) Glasgow and (b) Edinburgh.

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New Bills Bilean Ùra				

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 14 November 2024

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2 (SP Bill 42A) (Government Bill)

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New Subordinate Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to the affirmative procedure

The following draft instruments were laid before Parliament on 14 November 2024 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Burial \(Management\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 106(2) of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

[Burial and Cremation \(Inspection\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 106(2) of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016.

Subject to the negative procedure

The following instruments were laid before Parliament on 14 November 2024 and are subject to the negative procedure—

[Burial \(Applications and Register\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/334\)](#)

Laid under sections 8, 10 and 106(1) of The Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

[Public Procurement \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/338\)](#)

Laid under section 44(3) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 and paragraph 7(2) of Schedule 5 of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023

Not subject to parliamentary procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 14 November 2024 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

[Burial and Cremation \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/335 C.23\)](#)

Laid under sections 112(2), (3) and (4) of The Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Member's Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no statement is made that the Scottish Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 6 Proposals:

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

Final Proposal for a Member's Bill

Monica Lennon: Proposed Ecocide Prevention (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to protect the environment in Scotland and deter environmental damage by introducing the crime of ecocide into Scots law. (lodged 12 November 2024)

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

Supported by: Maurice Golden, Alex Rowley, Foysol Choudhury, Mark Ruskell, Graham Simpson*, Anas Sarwar*, Martin Whitfield*, Colin Smyth*, Paul O'Kane*, Richard Leonard*, Rhoda Grant*, Mark Griffin*, Paul Sweeney*, Sarah Boyack*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Willie Rennie*, Liam McArthur*

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 19 November 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2024)

Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 5 November 2024

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 30 October 2024

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 19 November 2024
Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 25 June 2024

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 20 November 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (59th Report, 2024)

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 28 November 2024

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 12 November 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (50th Report, 2024)

Report – Social Justice and Social Security Committee (10th Report, 2024)

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 19 November 2024

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 19 November 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 October 2024

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Before Stage 2 (evidence, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 8 October 2024

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

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

Stage 2 completed, 2 October 2024

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 22 February 2024

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

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 29 October 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 13 November 2024

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

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

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Stage 2 completed, 14 November 2024

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
(legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 11 December 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 5 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 26 September 2024

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 12 November 2024

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
(legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 1 completed, 23 April 2024

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

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 completed, 18 September 2024

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
(legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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>

Great British Energy Bill LCM-S6-48

Lodged on 8 August 2024

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill LCM-S6-47

Lodged on 1 August 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 31 October 2024

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (12th Report, 2024)

Product Regulation and Metrology Bill LCM-S6-50

Lodged on 24 September 2024

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Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 6 November 2024
Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 October 2024

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024
Meeting (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 1 October 2024
Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 19 November 2024

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 25 November 2024

[Funeral Expense Assistance \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (1 October 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 27 November 2024

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (3 October 2024) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 6 December 2024

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#) (22 October 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Rural Support \(Improvement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (28 October 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.\) Order 2025 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#) (28 October 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 10 December 2024

[Disability Assistance \(Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (1 November 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 13 December 2024

[Regulated Roles \(Prohibitions and Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval by 8 January 2025

[Burial \(Management\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (14 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Burial and Cremation \(Inspection\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (14 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 17 November 2024
Lead committee report due by 11 November 2024

[Town and Country Planning \(Amendment of Local Development Plan\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/250\)](#) (23 September 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Town and Country Planning \(Masterplan Consent Areas\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/253\)](#) (23 September 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 24 November 2024
Lead committee report due by 18 November 2024

[Wildlife Management \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/268\)](#) (30 September 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment 27 November 2024
Lead committee report due by 25 November 2024

[Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(West Dunbartonshire Council\) Designation Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/270\)](#) (3 October 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Parking Attendants \(Wearing of Uniforms\) \(West Dunbartonshire Council\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/271\)](#) (3 October 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/272\)](#) (3 October 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 28 November 2024
Lead committee report due by 25 November 2024

[Title Conditions \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Rural Housing Bodies\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/273\)](#) (4 October 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Property Factors \(Registration\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/274\)](#) (4 October 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Agency Arrangements\) \(Specification\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/989\)](#) (4 October 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 6 December 2024
Lead committee report due by 2 December 2024

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[Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages \(Scotland\) Act 1965 \(Prohibition on Disposal of a Body without Authorisation\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/281\) \(15 October 2024\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 9 December 2024
Lead committee report due by 2 December 2024

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/292\) \(31 October 2024\)](#) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Diligence against Earnings \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/293\) \(31 October 2024\)](#) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

[Firefighters' Pension Schemes \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/295\) \(31 October 2024\)](#) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 10 December 2024
Lead committee report due by 9 December 2024

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/310\) \(1 November 2024\)](#) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Disability Assistance \(Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance\) \(Consequential Amendment, Revocation and Saving Provision\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/311\) \(1 November 2024\)](#) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 13 December 2024
Lead committee report due by 9 December 2024

[Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Referrals by Chief Constable\) \(Prescribed Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/313\) \(4 November 2024\)](#) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Information for Listing and Vetting\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/314\) \(4 November 2024\)](#) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Information \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/315\) \(4 November 2024\)](#) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Consideration of Suitability for Regulated Roles \(Prescribed Purposes\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/316\) \(4 November 2024\)](#) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Disclosure and Use of Level 2 Disclosures \(Prescribed Purpose and Circumstances\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/317\) \(4 November 2024\)](#) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 16 December 2024
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[Official Controls \(Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) Amendment \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/324\) \(7 November 2024\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 17 December 2024
Lead committee report due by 16 December 2024

[Food Safety \(Sampling and Qualifications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/326\) \(8 November 2024\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/327\) \(8 November 2024\)](#) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Feed Additives \(Authorisations\) and Uses of Feed Intended for Particular Nutritional Purposes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/330\) \(8 November 2024\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 8 January 2025
Lead committee report due by 6 January 2025

[Burial \(Applications and Register\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/334\) \(14 November 2024\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Public Procurement \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/338\) \(14 November 2024\)](#) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 14 November 2024—

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 7th Report, 2024 (Session 6):
Housing (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 684)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 13th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate
Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 7 November
2024 (SP Paper 686)

The following report will be published on 15 November 2024—

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report
tracking the work of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 2023-24 (SP
Paper 687)

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webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 14 November 2024 and are not
subject to parliamentary procedure—

Ending Homelessness Together: Annual report to the Scottish Parliament, November 2024 (SG/2024/288) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland Annual Report 2023-2024 (SG/2024/273) laid under Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008, Chapter 3, Section 18

Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Annual Reports and Accounts 2023/24 (SG/2024/274) laid under Section 42A (1) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service 2023/24 Annual Audit Report (SG/2024/282) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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