

Friday 22 November 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Meeting of the Parliament

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 20 November 2024

Tuesday 26 November 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev. Teri C Peterson, Minister at Gourock, St John's Church of Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Committee of the Whole Parliament — Stage 2 Proceedings: Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

8:00 pm Decision Time

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 Scottish Labour Party Debate: Health

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Transport

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-12169 Richard Leonard: Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Miners' Strike

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 — S6M-14645 Christine Grahame: 25 Years of Tweeddale Youth Action

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2:15 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: A96 Corridor Review Publication

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 December 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 December 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 December 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

Today's Business
Gnothaichean an-diugh

Future Business
Gnothaichean ri teachd

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followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

26 November 2024

32nd 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 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Scrutiny of Scottish Public Services Ombudsman:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Chris Gill, Professor of Socio-Legal Studies, and Professor Tom Mullen, Professor of Law, University of Glasgow;
and then from—
Paul Blaker, Member, and Peter Stewart-Blacker, Chairman, Accountability Scotland;
Fiona Collie, Head of Public Affairs and Communications, Carers Scotland;
Jan Savage, Executive Director, Scottish Human Rights Commission;
Adam Stachura, Associate Director for Policy, Communications and External Affairs, Age Scotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#)
4. **Scrutiny of Scottish Public Services Ombudsman:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Ministerial Statement on the Housing Planning Hub:** The Committee will consider the Minister for Public Finance's statement to Parliament on 12 November on the launch of a new housing planning hub.

Proposed future business

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

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

26 November 2024

35th 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 items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **MV Glen Sannox (Hull 801) and MV Glen Rosa (Hull 802):** The Committee will take evidence from—
John Petticrew, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Miller, Chairman, Simon Cunningham, Board Member, and David Dishon, Chief Financial Officer, Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Ltd.

3. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Malcolm Combe, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Strathclyde;
Calum MacLeod, Solicitor.
4. **MV Glen Sannox (Hull 801) and MV Glen Rosa (Hull 802):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Reappointments to the Board of Environmental Standards Scotland:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Scottish Government.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 85232 or at peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot

Finance and Public Administration Committee 26 November 2024 33rd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-26: UK context:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Richard Hughes, Chair, Professor David Miles CBE, Member, Budget Responsibility Committee, and Tom Josephs, Member, Budget Responsibility Committee, Office for Budget Responsibility.
2. **Proposed Contingent Liability (in private):** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Alasdair Allan, Acting Minister for Climate Action, Debbie England, Project Lead – Marine Directorate, Jessica Malcolm, Consenting Section Lead – Marine Directorate, Gary Jones, Senior Finance Business Partner - Scottish Government Finance, and David Moffat, Lawyer – Scottish Government Legal Services Marine Renewables, Scottish Government.
3. **Proposed Contingent Liability (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, at FPA.committee@parliament.scot

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 26 November 2024 34th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill from—
Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Donna Bell, Director of Social Care and National Care Service Development, John Paul Liddle, Deputy Director for National Care Service Development and Delivery, and Lucy McMichael, Senior Lawyer, Scottish Government.

- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Official Controls \(Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) Amendment \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#)
[Food Safety \(Sampling and Qualifications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#)
[Feed Additives \(Authorisations\) and Uses of Feed Intended for Particular Nutritional Purposes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)
- National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

26 November 2024

33rd Meeting, 2024

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6, 7 and 8 in private.
- Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Burial \(Management\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
[Burial and Cremation \(Inspection\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
- Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Public Procurement \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/338)
- Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Burial and Cremation \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2024](#) (2024/335 (C.23))
- Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill at Stage 1.
- Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill after Stage 2.
- Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will further consider the Scottish Government's written and oral response to points raised on the delegated powers in this Bill at Stage 1.
- Framework legislation and Henry VIII powers:** The Committee will consider the responses received to the call for views and its approach to oral evidence.

Proposed future business

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

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

26 November 2024

26th 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. **Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Susan Burt, member representative, and Gregor Hardie, member representative, People First (Scotland);
Jamie Cooke, Head of Policy, Enable;
Suzi Martin, External Affairs Manager, National Autistic Society Scotland;
Jenny Miller, Chief Executive, PAMIS - Promoting a more inclusive society;
Dr Simon Webster, Chief Executive, Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities.
3. **Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider correspondence received from the Lord President of the Court of Session.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie at

Stephen.Imrie@Parliament.scot

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

27 November 2024

18th 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 4 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
PE2089: Stop More National Parks in Scotland. The Committee will take evidence from—
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands
Brittany Brown, Policy Lead - New National Parks, Scottish Government
Lisa McCann, Head of Biodiversity, Scottish Government
and then consider—
PE1916: Request a public inquiry into the management of the rest and be thankful project;
PE1967: Protect Loch Lomond's Atlantic oakwood shoreline by implementing the High road option for the A82 upgrade between Tarbet and Inverarnan;
PE2008: Provide funding for a separate mental health A&E for children;
PE2009: Ensure fair access to Scottish universities for all residents in Scotland and the UK;
PE2050: Prohibit the use of recreational drones on national nature reserves without a permit from NatureScot; and
PE2062: Introduce a National Screening Programme for Prostate Cancer.

3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE2109: Halt any further pump storage hydro schemes on Scottish lochs holding wild Atlantic salmon;
PE2116: Accelerate the implementation of bus franchising powers; and
PE2118: Review and restructure Scotland's flood risk management approach and operations.
4. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jyoti Chandola on 85227 or at jyoti.chandola@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-15573](#) Kenneth Gibson: Recognising the Legacy of Dr Henry Faulds, Originator of Fingerprint Identification, on the 150th Anniversary of his Medical Mission to Japan—**That the Parliament celebrates the 150th anniversary of Dr Henry Faulds, an Ayrshire man born in Beith in 1843, undertaking Scotland's first medical mission to Japan; recognises his groundbreaking achievements, including being the first person to conceive and test the concept that fingerprints are a form of biometrics, that is, a unique means of identifying people, and that this discovery has revolutionised forensic science and criminal investigation worldwide; acknowledges his extraordinary contributions in Japan, where he not only founded a hospital and teaching facility, but also established a society for the blind, successfully halted a rabies epidemic, and eradicated a plague, and commends his enduring legacy as a trailblazer in medicine and science, while strengthening what it sees as Scotland's historical and cultural ties with Japan.

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***[S6M-15572](#) Foysoil Choudhury: North Edinburgh Community Festival Wins Creative Edinburgh Award —**That the Parliament congratulates the organisers of North Edinburgh Community Festival on winning the Creative Edinburgh Festival Award, a new award that recognises an outstanding contribution to Edinburgh's culture scene and community development; understands that North Edinburgh Community Festival is held annually in May in West Pilton Park and West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre, and that, in 2024, it included 600 young people participating in musical activities; notes that the most recent edition of the festival was attended by over 10,000 local people, with over 300 free hot meals provided, diverse performances and 150 charities and community organisations in attendance; commends North Edinburgh Community Festival for its work in fostering community pride and addressing socioeconomic challenges, and hopes for a successful future for North Edinburgh Community Festival.

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***[S6M-15569](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr Seafield Ladies Golf Club Donates £1,500 to the Ayrshire Hospice—**That the Parliament commends the Ayr Seafield Ladies Golf Club, which has donated £1,500 to the Ayrshire Hospice; understands that the ladies' section at Seafield Golf Club raised

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£1,500 through a variety of fundraising activities, including its annual golf day, with the 2024 captain Annette Paterson selecting the charity and presenting it with a cheque; welcomes the generosity of the Seafield Ladies, and wishes the club every success for the future.

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***[S6M-15567](#) Tess White: East Haven Together Wins UK Gardening for Wildlife Award**—That the Parliament congratulates East Haven Together on winning the 2024 UK Gardening for Wildlife award at the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom finals in Manchester; recognises that East Haven Together is a member of the Keep Scotland Beautiful Climate and Nature Friendly Communities Network, and won the Scottish Community Awards final that saw it entered into the RHS Britain in Bloom competition; further recognises that the RHS Community Awards were piloted this year to celebrate the work that groups do in the context of what it sees as the changing world, including biodiversity collapse, the increasing importance of a connection to nature for wellbeing, and the climate emergency; understands that East Haven Together is a community environmental group based on the east coast of Angus, near Carnoustie, that works to improve and protect its local area, protect wildlife and promote biodiversity; notes that East Haven Together has developed its own sustainability strategy, working on local, national and global goals; further notes that it was commended by the judges for the regular "bioblitzes" that it carries out, its community engagement, collecting data and contributing to citizen science projects, as well as for working closely with the Butterfly Conservation Society to conserve and protect the small blue butterfly, and also its work with young people in an outdoor classroom that it has created, with work centred on environmental resilience, and commends East Haven Together for winning the Scottish and UK level of the RHS Gardening for Wildlife Award, ahead of groups from all across the UK.

***[S6M-15566](#) Colin Beattie: Holodomor Memorial Day 2024**—That the Parliament recognises that 23 November 2024 marks the annual Holodomor Memorial Day; considers that this memorial day is in remembrance of the victims of the 1932-33 man-made famine that killed millions of Ukrainians; expresses its solidarity with the people of Ukraine who suffered in this genocide by, it believes, the deliberate actions of the Soviet regime, and pays its respects to those killed during this time.

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***[S6M-15565](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Young Farmers Organisations Succeed at North District Speechmaking Contest** —That the Parliament congratulates the Sandwick and Harray Young Farmers Organisations on their success at the North District Speechmaking Contest in November 2024; understands that the Sandwick A team took the top prize in the junior competition, with the Harray Purple team coming in as runner-up, whilst the Harray Blue team won in the senior section; notes the further success of the Harray Blue team, as Campbell Ridland was named Best Overall Individual; welcomes this recognition of the hard work and skills of Orkney's young farmers, as well as what it sees as the value of Young Farmers Organisations in rural and island communities across Scotland; acknowledges that the islands will be very well represented at the national finals in February 2025, and wishes all the finalists from around the country the very best of luck.

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***[S6M-15564](#) Douglas Lumsden: The Search for the World's Finest Buttery**—That the Parliament welcomes the search for the world's finest buttery; celebrates the contestants taking part in Slow Food's live bake-off buttery competition at the North East Scotland College on 21 November 2024; welcomes what it sees as the growing movement to promote traditional buttery baking in Aberdeen, and believes that, in an ever-changing world, there is nothing better than an Aberdeen rowie to start the day.

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***[S6M-15563](#) Jackie Baillie: Muscular Dystrophy UK Publishes Missing People, Missing Support Report**—That the Parliament welcomes the new report from Muscular Dystrophy UK, *Missing people, Missing support*; acknowledges its focus on the importance of access to specialist services and support for people living with muscle wasting and weakening conditions; recognises that this includes the need for specialised professionals, as recommended by the Scottish Muscle Network, to provide services to neuromuscular patients, the appointment of a muscular dystrophy champion in each NHS board and the improvement of local service accessibility; further recognises what it sees as the unique challenges faced by people in Scotland living with muscle wasting and weakening conditions who are being left unaccounted for, with, it understands, their needs overlooked due to missing data from NHS boards; supports the report's recommendations, and commends the charity for its tireless advocacy on behalf of people living with muscle wasting and weakening conditions across Scotland.

***[S6M-15561](#) Monica Lennon: "Still Silent?" - Scottish Trades Union Congress Report on Sexual Harassment** —That the Parliament notes the findings of the Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC) report, *Still Silent?: STUC Women's Committee Survey of Women in Scotland's Experiences of Sexual Harassment*; believes that the report shows an increase in the amount of sexual harassment experienced by women online, in addition to previous findings from the STUC showing that more than 50% of women had experienced harassment within the workplace; strongly condemns what it believes to be the rising level of sexual harassment both within and outwith the workplace; supports the STUC's view that sexual harassment has become "endemic"; welcomes the UK Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Act 2023, which places a statutory duty on employers to take reasonable steps to prevent sexual harassment of their workers, but believes that this Act should be enhanced and built upon; implores both the Scottish and UK governments to take seriously what it considers to be their duty to protect workers from abuse, and pledges to work with them, employers, trade unions and others to ensure that workers, and predominantly women workers, do not suffer in silence as a result of sexual harassment both in and out of the workplace.

***[S6M-15560](#) Neil Bibby: Paisley's STAR Project Celebrates its 25th Birthday**—That the Parliament congratulates the STAR Project, which is based in Paisley, on its 25th anniversary; recognises that the charity, which was established in 1999, helps the community in many ways, including people experiencing mental health and domestic abuse; notes that it also teaches people new skills such as literacy and art; understands that the group was created to assist adults and children living in poverty throughout Paisley and the surrounding area and has helped 58,949 people since its establishment; notes that the STAR Project held a birthday party celebrating the milestone on 15 November 2024, and recognises that it is planning for the future as it aims to further develop its outreach by creating a new hub in the town.

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***[S6M-15559](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Shetland Stroke Support Group Celebrates 20 Years of Service** —That the Parliament congratulates the Shetland Stroke Support Group on its 20th anniversary; recognises its two decades of dedicated support for people in Shetland affected by stroke; notes the group's invaluable role in providing guidance, social connections and practical assistance to stroke survivors and their families; commends its efforts in raising awareness about stroke prevention and recovery, as well as its success in getting funding for essential activities and resources, and thanks all of its members, past and present, for their commitment to enhancing the lives of people impacted by stroke in the Shetland community.

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***[S6M-15558](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Orkney Runner Thomas Hugon Competes in Backyard Ultra World Championship**—That the Parliament congratulates Orkney's Thomas Hugon on representing the UK at the 2024 Backyard Ultra World Championship in Suffolk; notes his impressive achievement of completing 204 miles over 49 hours in the ultramarathon, placing him fourth among the UK team members, and commends his endurance and dedication, highlighting his role in promoting Orkney's sporting talent on the international stage.

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***[S6M-15557](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Congratulations to Calum Elder on Winning Shetland's Strongest Man Competition** —That the Parliament congratulates Calum Elder, from Orkney, who is a Scottish Ambulance Service emergency responder, on winning the Shetland's Strongest Man competition; notes that Calum has been competing in strongman events for several years and represented Scotland in 2024, and commends his achievement as an outstanding example of dedication and strength, bringing pride to Orkney.

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***[S6M-15556](#) Maggie Chapman: Recognising the Transgender Day of Remembrance 2024**—That the Parliament recognises Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR), which occurs on 20 November every year to commemorate trans people now and throughout history who have lost their lives due to anti-trans violence; understands that violence is not only physical, but can include silencing, stigmatisation, verbal harassment and denial of services, which it considers are all experiences that are common for trans people today; believes that what it sees as the toxic environment against transgender people is too often emboldened by the media and by politicians; notes what it considers to be the responsibility on the Scottish Parliament to ensure the current and future safety and access to rights of all people living in Scotland, particularly those who it believes are marginalised or oppressed, such as trans people; commends those involved in the vigil held at the University of Dundee's Global Room, which was organised by Dundee Pride, the Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre, the University of Dundee LGBT+ Staff and Postgraduate Network, and Dundee Women's Aid, as well as the vigil held in Aberdeen organised by Four Pillars, an organisation that supports LGBTQIA+ people across Grampian, and further

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commends all those who work to support trans people, including charities such as LGBT Scotland, Stonewall, Under One Rainbow, the Equality Network, Scottish Trans Alliance and many more, as well as individuals who are committed to furthering trans rights.

***[S6M-15555](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow Sports Coach Recognised at COV Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Maleeha Khaliq, a sports coach from Glasgow, on winning the Young Coach of the Year (under 27) award at the 2024 sportscotland Coaching, Officiating and Volunteering (COV) Awards; understands that the sportscotland COV Awards celebrate those who facilitate sport in communities across Scotland, and who commit their own time to help make sport as accessible as possible; recognises that Maleeha has been dedicated to empowering young girls from diverse backgrounds to participate in netball and other sports at Glasgow ANSAR (All Nations Sports Arts Recreation); praises Maleeha’s work to create an environment in which young girls feel welcomed, valued and motivated to achieve in sport; understands that Meleeha not only coaches but also engages with the girls' families and communities, organising community events and workshops to promote the importance of sports for physical and mental wellbeing; notes that the COV winners collected their awards at a presentation ceremony held at Glasgow City Chambers on 7 November; commends Maleeha for all of her hard work and dedication, and wishes her all the best for the future as she continues to help break down barriers so that young girls can participate in sport.

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***[S6M-15554](#) Michelle Thomson: Laurieston’s Benny T’s Celebrates 20 Years in Business** — That the Parliament congratulates the owners of Benny T’s, Mark and Dominique Mulholland, on reaching their recent milestone of 20 years in business; understands that the opening of the popular fish and chip restaurant and takeaway, located in Laurieston, was the idea of Dominique’s late father, Benny Tomolillo; considers that SMEs such as Benny T’s, which has a team of 36 people, are the backbone of Scotland's communities and play a pivotal role within them, which Benny T’s exemplifies by embodying its six core values; notes that examples of this include its support of various community charities and initiatives, such as Strathcarron Hospice and Meadowbank Car 4 U hospital transport; congratulates Mark and Dominique on reaching this fantastic milestone in their business and on their continued success, and wishes them and all of their staff the best for the future.

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***[S6M-15552](#) Colin Beattie: The Radhuni Restaurant Awarded AA Rosette**—That the Parliament congratulates The Radhuni, in Loanhead, on retaining its AA Rosette for culinary excellence; notes that this the fourth year in a row that The Radhuni has won the Rosette; understands that the restaurant is one of only five Indian-style restaurants that hold one or more Rosettes; commends the work of all of the staff in their commitment to delivering quality food using fresh ingredients, and wishes everyone at the The Radhuni every success for the future.

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***[S6M-15550](#) Colin Beattie: 25 Years of IKEA Edinburgh**—That the Parliament recognises 25 years of IKEA Edinburgh; understands that, in 1999, IKEA opened its first store in Edinburgh before expanding to open sites in Glasgow and Aberdeen; notes that, presently, 33 original co-workers still remain part of the IKEA Edinburgh store team to this day; further notes that, since 2016, IKEA has proudly been a member of the Living Wage Foundation and is the largest accredited retailer; recognises what it sees as the vital role that co-workers and sustainable working practices play in helping IKEA to move towards its goal of being a fully circular business; understands that IKEA stores and co-workers engage daily with customers to help them recycle, re-use and prolong the life of specific products; welcomes the contribution that IKEA makes to the Scottish economy, both locally and nationally, and wishes the business well for the future.

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***[S6M-15480](#) Humza Yousaf: Congratulations to Jim Fraser on Double Award Success for Lifetime Achievement**—That the Parliament congratulates the newly retired, long-serving Elderpark Housing Association staff member, Jim Fraser, on double wins for Lifetime Achievement Awards from Tenants Information Service and the CIH Scotland Housing Awards 2024; understands that Jim first joined Elderpark in 1981 as a painter for a 12-week contract, and eventually became Estates Management Inspector in 2006; further understands that he decided to forego opportunities to move within the housing sector because of his desire to serve Elderpark and the neighbourhood where he grew up; believes that his tenure of 43 years means that he could well be the longest-serving estates staff member to have worked with one housing provider anywhere in Scotland; highlights this remarkable double win as a fitting recognition of a career dedicated to the local Govan community; thanks Jim for his outstanding contributions and service, and wishes him all the very best for his retirement and the future.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-15549](#) Elena Whitham: Ayrshire College Wins Health and Wellbeing Award (lodged on 20 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kevin Stewart*, Brian Whittle*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Sharon Dowey*, Marie McNair*

[S6M-15547](#) Michael Matheson: Bonnybridge ROOTS Wins Central FM Local Hero Award (lodged on 20 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Clare Haughey*, Audrey Nicoll*, Rona Mackay*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*, Emma Harper*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-15546](#) Jeremy Balfour: Celebrating Scotland's First Accessible Golf Training Centre (lodged on 20 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15538](#) Douglas Ross: Sir Jim Walker Receives the 2024 Wallace Award (lodged on 20 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowey*

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[S6M-15536](#) Rona Mackay: Boclair House Hotel Named Wedding Venue of the Year 2024
(lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S6M-15527](#) Sue Webber: Steven MacLennan from Baberton Wins The Forth Local Hero Award 2024 (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15526](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Betty Shakespeare on Retiring after 63 Years' Service at Perth's John Ferguson Work and Leisure Shop (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15525](#) Karen Adam: Nooks and Crannies Good Food Award (lodged on 20 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Emma Harper*, David Torrance*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Emma Roddick*, Kenneth Gibson*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Sharon Dowey*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-15524](#) Karen Adam: Buckie's Roots (lodged on 20 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Emma Roddick*, Stuart McMillan*, Emma Harper*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-15523](#) Karen Adam: Buchan Battalion Boys' Brigade (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15521](#) Foysoyl Choudhury: Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights Launches Advocacy Service (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Emma Roddick*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam McArthur*, Kevin Stewart*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-15520](#) Pam Gosal: Elba Artisan Gallery Milngavie Celebrates 10th Anniversary (lodged on 20 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Craig Hoy*, Russell Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-15518](#) Bill Kidd: Gold School Sport Award for Blairdardie Primary School (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15513](#) Tim Eagle: Eight Trainee Fishermen Complete Commercial Fishing Course (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15512](#) Karen Adam: Beulah Support and Outreach Awarded The King's Award for Voluntary Service (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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[S6M-15511](#) Maggie Chapman: Scottish Trades Union Congress Report on the Gender Pay Gap (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Gillian Mackay*, John Mason*, Carol Mochan*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-15510](#) Karen Adam: Portessie Group, Footprints, Recognised with The King's Award for Voluntary Service (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15509](#) Kevin Stewart: NHS Grampian Trials New Technology, "Bedside Intelligent Cabinet" (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15507](#) Clare Adamson: Jim Hollington Steps Down as CEO of Dance Base (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15506](#) Tim Eagle: Ness Aviation Raises Charitable Funds from Non-stop Virtual Flying Event (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15505](#) Pam Gosal: Congratulating Creative Spark Theatre Arts on Receiving National Lottery Awards for All Scotland (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-15504](#) Pam Gosal: Congratulating Clydebank Group Holiday on Receiving the National Lottery Awards for All Scotland (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-15503](#) Pam Gosal: No 1 Boutique of Milngavie Celebrates its 15th Anniversary (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-15501](#) Michelle Thomson: Falkirk Council Helps Deliver 11 New Projects with the Scottish Government's Nature Restoration Fund (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15499](#) Brian Whittle: Biggar Volunteer Recognised at SFA Grassroots Awards 2024 (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Pam Gosal*

[S6M-15497](#) Patrick Harvie: Glasgow's Dear Green Coffee Roasters Wins Top Industry Award (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S6M-15496](#) Liam McArthur: Kirkwall City Pipe Band to Receive The King's Award for Voluntary Service (lodged on 18 November 2024)

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New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-15495](#) Michelle Thomson: Asiyah and Jawad Javed are Recipients of the Industry Achievement Award 2024 (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*

[S6M-15492](#) Pam Gosal: Congratulating Kirky Cinema on Receiving National Lottery Awards for All Scotland Funding (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15490](#) Keith Brown: Forth Climate Forest's First Year (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15489](#) Emma Roddick: Celebrating 40 Years of the Lossie Fisheries and Community Museum (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15488](#) Karen Adam: Service of Alexander Taylor Sullivan (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15487](#) Sarah Boyack: Recognising COP29 and the Need for Climate Justice (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15486](#) Evelyn Tweed: Neil Russell Wins Disability Sport Coach of the Year Award (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15485](#) Evelyn Tweed: Fallin Primary School's Gold School Sport Award (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15484](#) Evelyn Tweed: Falling Leaf Clothing Wins UK StartUp of the Year Award (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15483](#) Elena Whitham: Rosemary Stevenson and Ballantrae Rural Initiative Care in the Community are Supporting Older People (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15482](#) Audrey Nicoll: Welcoming First Bus Aberdeen's Investment for New Electric Buses (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15481](#) Audrey Nicoll: Congratulating Aberdeen FC Community Trust on Major Awards for Community Impact (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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[S6M-15479](#) Annabelle Ewing: EATS Rosyth Secures Asda Foundation Grant (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Alex Rowley*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Ash Regan*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*

[S6M-15477](#) Clare Adamson: Passing of James Jamieson (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-15475](#) Clare Adamson: David Francis Retires as Director of the Traditional Music Forum (lodged on 20 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-15472](#) Liam McArthur: Tribute to Professor Heather Cubie, Outgoing Chair of the Scotland-Malawi Partnership (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Alexander Stewart*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-15468](#) Alex Rowley: Dignity for Drivers Report Launch (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Paul Sweeney*, Pauline McNeill*

[S6M-15461](#) Daniel Johnson: Treating Retail Workers with Kindness During the Festive Trading Period (lodged on 15 November 2024)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*, Rhoda Grant*

[S6M-15460](#) Russell Findlay: Tribute to the Life-changing Work of Smart Works and Smart Works Scotland (lodged on 15 November 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal*, Edward Mountain*, Brian Whittle*, Craig Hoy*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-15459](#) Paul O'Kane: Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund's 2024 Real Gifts Campaign (lodged on 14 November 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-15457](#) Beatrice Wishart: Shetland Library Wins Scottish Library and Information Council 2024 Library Service Excellence Award (lodged on 14 November 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-15452](#) Pam Gosal: Congratulating Kirsty Rafferty on 20 Years of Service (lodged on 15 November 2024)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, James Dornan*, Maggie Chapman*, Emma Roddick*, Alexander Stewart*, Jackie Baillie*, Stuart McMillan*, Paul O'Kane*, Kevin Stewart*, Rachael Hamilton*, Ariane Burgess*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Foysoyl Choudhury*, Clare Adamson*, Christine Grahame*, Liam McArthur*, Nicola Sturgeon*, Patrick Harvie*, Neil Bibby*, Sue Webber*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Alex Rowley*, Gillian Mackay*, Beatrice Wishart*, Pauline McNeill*, Ash Regan*

[S6M-15440](#) Paul Sweeney: Celebrating the Social Enterprise Awards Scotland 2024 (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Jackie Baillie*

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[S6M-15420](#) Sarah Boyack: Carnegie's Life in the UK Index (lodged on 14 November 2024)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-15414](#) Marie McNair: Beyond the Virus Report on Integrating and Prioritising Mental Health and Wellbeing in Scotland's HIV Response (lodged on 14 November 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Baillie*, Carol Mochan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Willie Coffey*, Annabelle Ewing*, Emma Harper*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Gillian Mackay*, Clare Haughey*, Audrey Nicoll*, Maggie Chapman*, Kevin Stewart*, Liam McArthur*, Ross Greer*, Annie Wells*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Patrick Harvie*, Pam Gosal*

[S6M-15413](#) Michelle Thomson: Promoting the Role of Women in Scotland's Journey to Net Zero (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-15399.1](#) Douglas Lumsden: Celebrating Aberdeen Art Gallery's Five-year Milestone (lodged on 18 November 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Russell Findlay*

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

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

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

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

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

New Support: Willie Rennie*

[S6M-15176](#) Tess White: Scotland Women's Rugby Team Celebrate Highest World Ranking (lodged on 04 November 2024)

New Support: Alexander Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Annie Wells*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Ross*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jeremy Balfour*, Meghan Gallacher*, Audrey Nicoll*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*

[S6M-15175](#) Tess White: Albert Fyfe, Unsung Hero to North East Farmers, Wins Agricultural Award (lodged on 04 November 2024)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Ross*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Murdo Fraser*, Jeremy Balfour*, Meghan Gallacher*, Alexander Burnett* R, Pam Gosal*, Miles Briggs*

[S6M-15173](#) Tess White: Lily Barnet, Laurencekirk's Nonagenarian Still Baking for Community Events (lodged on 04 November 2024)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Gosal*, Liam Kerr*, Douglas Ross*, Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*

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

New Support: Paul O'Kane*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14884](#) Liam McArthur: Three Finalists from NHS Orkney to be Recognised at Scotland's Health Awards (lodged on 11 October 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-14860](#) Fulton MacGregor: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2024 (lodged on 09 October 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-14812](#) Michelle Thomson: St Andrew's Day 2024 (lodged on 07 October 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-14799](#) Tess White: NHS Grampian Green Star Award Winner Makes Positive Impact on Sustainability Goals (lodged on 10 October 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-14602](#) Michael Matheson: Powering Futures - Putting Young People at the Heart of the Energy Transition (lodged on 23 September 2024)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Emma Harper*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Richard Leonard*

[S6M-14377](#) Kenneth Gibson: The Armenian/Azerbaijani Conflict (lodged on 20 September 2024)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

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Oral Questions

SPCB Oral Questions selected for answer on 28 November 2024

- 1. Paul O’Kane:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will consult MSP staff trade unions before deciding on uprating the Staff Cost Provision in the 2025-26 financial year. ([S6O-04046](#)) R
- 2. Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will provide an update on the output of the working group that was established to review the visitor experience in the chamber. ([S6O-04043](#))
- 3. Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what progress has been made on the development of a Scottish Parliament app. ([S6O-04039](#))
- 4. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will review whether the Parliament is providing sufficient resourcing for the Legislation Team to support MSPs to lodge amendments to Bills. ([S6O-04053](#))
- 5. Lorna Slater:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body how it ensures that parliamentary staff are properly recognised and compensated for all of the work that they do for the Parliament, including any specific project work that is over and above their normal responsibilities. ([S6O-04051](#))
- 6. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will provide an update on the access and exiting arrangements for the underground car park. ([S6O-04049](#))
- 7. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will provide an update on the training of MSPs and staff on duties under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998. ([S6O-04055](#))
- 8. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what support is provided to MSPs when representing the Parliament at external engagements. ([S6O-04045](#))
- 9. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will consider making mental health first aid awareness training mandatory for all MSPs and their staff, to support them with their own mental health, and in light of the significant number of people that MSPs and their staff support on a daily basis who may be in crisis or dealing with longstanding mental health issues. ([S6O-04054](#))
- 10. Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will give consideration to expanding the Parliament’s medical equipment. ([S6O-04047](#)) R
- 11. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what consideration has been given to reviewing its parental leave policies. ([S6O-04050](#))
- 12. Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body which inflation index it plans to use in determining any MSP staff pay uplift in the 2025-26 financial year. ([S6O-04040](#))

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 21 November 2024

[S6W-31216](#) Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide the details of all expenditure that has been paid to contest concluded civil cases relating to prosecutions arising from the administration of Rangers FC.

[S6W-31217](#) Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government how much (a) has been and (b) is due to be paid to litigants from all concluded civil cases relating to prosecutions arising from the administration of Rangers FC, broken down by financial year.

[S6W-31224](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the comment by the Chief Executive of Scottish Enterprise when giving evidence to the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 25 September 2024 that there is "a return of £25 of gross value added for every £1" that the agency has invested, whether it will confirm what methodology was used for this conclusion to be reached.

[S6W-31325](#) Michael Matheson: To ask the Scottish Government when the high-level principles of air departure tax (ADT) will be set out, and by what date a detailed policy development will take place following the publication of these principles.

[S6W-31361](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with its Retail Industry Leadership Group regarding the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget.

[S6W-31362](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with its Tax Advisory Group regarding the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget.

[S6W-31363](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it had with its (a) New Deal for Business Group and (b) Non-Domestic Rates Sub-group regarding the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget.

[S6W-31364](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it had with its economic development agencies, including Scottish Enterprise and Scottish Development International, regarding the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget.

[S6W-31365](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, whether it has carried out an analysis of the previous iteration of the supplement, which was in place from 2012 to 2015.

[S6W-31366](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, whether any supplement would come on top, or instead of, any higher property rate that might be levied on a retail property.

[S6W-31367](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, how much revenue it would expect to generate from the levy.

[S6W-31368](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, whether the introduction of such a levy is consistent with the principles set out in its Framework for Tax and the pledge to maintain a competitive rates regime.

[S6W-31369 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, what alternative levies or taxes it considered as a means of generating additional revenue.

[S6W-31370 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, what the implications might be for (a) retailers' investment plans and (b) shop prices for customers from the introduction of such a levy.

[S6W-31371 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, how long such a levy would apply for.

[S6W-31372 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, when it expects to be able to introduce any such levy.

[S6W-31374 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, whether it plans to produce a business and regulatory impact assessment, or similar, as part of its exploration of the levy or commitment to it.

[S6W-31375 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, whether the receipts from any levy would be ring-fenced or hypothecated and, if so, for what purpose.

[S6W-31376 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, whether it (a) has assessed and (b) plans to assess the potential impact on store staff, and any bonuses that they may earn, from the introduction of the levy.

[S6W-31377 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, whether retailers liable for the levy could also be subject to a workplace parking levy if their local authority introduced such a measure.

[S6W-31378 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, whether it plans to hold a formal consultation process on the introduction of the levy.

[S6W-31379 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Scottish Assessors Association regarding the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget,

[S6W-31380 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Scotland Food and Drink about the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, on (a) retailers prior to the announcement and (b) any potential impact on its supplier development programmes.

[S6W-31381 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Competition and Markets Authority regarding the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget.

[S6W-31382 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, whether it has assessed the potential impact on commercial investment in (a) net zero, (b) the circular economy and (c) biodiversity loss by those firms that might be liable for the levy.

[S6W-31383 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the proposed introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, what

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analysis it has carried out of the potential implications from the levy for store fit-outs and those that provide such services, such as builders, electricians and plasterers.

S6W-31384 Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the proposed introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, whether such a levy would come on top of or in addition to the intermediate property rate that is applicable to liable shop premises.

S6W-31385 Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Public Health Scotland regarding the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget.

S6W-31386 Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the proposed introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its Budget for 2024-25, what the administrative and cost implications for local authorities would be for implementing any such levy.

S6W-31387 Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the possible introduction of a non-domestic rates public health supplement on retailers, as set out in its 2024-25 Budget, what its position is on whether retailers liable for the new levy, that may also become liable for a workplace parking levy, could be more inclined to pass some or all of the cost of the parking levy onto their own store staff.

S6W-31531 Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government when it will update the Parliament on its review of Creative Scotland.

S6W-31532 Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when its review of Creative Scotland will commence.

S6W-31533 Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the persons and organisations that will take part in its review of Creative Scotland.

S6W-31534 Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has budgeted for its review of Creative Scotland.

S6W-31535 Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a provisional timeline for the completion of its review of Creative Scotland.

S6W-31536 Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of any engagement that it has had with Creative Scotland since the planned review of the organisation was announced on 4 September 2024.

S6W-31537 Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has given to Clyde Gateway in each year since it was established, broken down by the purpose of the funding.

S6W-31538 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of its correspondence with Peel Ports regarding the potential introduction of a conservancy charge for small leisure vessels on the Clyde estuary.

S6W-31539 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recommendations of ASLEF's 2024 report, *Dignity for Drivers*.

S6W-31540 Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated towards the No One Left Behind programme in each financial year since 2019-20.

S6W-31541 Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government how many people supported through the No One Left Behind programme have been able to secure long-term employment within six months, in each financial year since 2019-20.

S6W-31542 Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to re-opening the passenger railway link to Grangemouth.

S6W-31543 Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to expand the eligibility criteria for the No One Left Behind programme.

S6W-31544 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-27329 by Fiona Hyslop on 17 May 2024, whether it will provide an update on progress with the

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introduction of Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) on Dunoon-Gourock services provided by (a) CalMac Ferries and (b) Western Ferries, in light of the conclusion of the public consultation on the Islands Connectivity Plan on 6 May 2024, the publication of the Cowal and Rosneath Community Needs Assessment report on 11 September 2024, and its associated consultation exercise on 9 October 2024.

S6W-31545 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Scotland Office regarding whether it has plans to bring forward an order under section 104 of the Scotland Act 1998 on UK consequential legislation with respect to plans to enable pre-existing marriages to become civil partnerships.

S6W-31546 Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to ensure that there are as many Scottish offshore wind projects as possible eligible for the next Contracts for Difference (CfD) Allocation Round, AR7.

S6W-31547 Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to provide a determination on the section 36 consent application for the Berwick Bank offshore wind farm project, and whether it plans to do this in sufficient time to ensure the best possible outcome for energy consumers in the next Contracts for Difference (CfD) Allocation Round, AR7.

S6W-31548 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the current prison population, broken down by each institution within the Scottish Prison Service estate.

S6W-31549 Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government how many hectares of agricultural land were taken out of use for farming in each of the last 10 years.

S6W-31551 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £62 million Energy Transition Fund, announced in June 2020, has been spent, and whether it will provide a breakdown of this spend.

S6W-31552 Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government what level of consideration it gives to hydraulic head height when determining planning consent for pumped storage hydro projects.

S6W-31553 Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government to what extent it prioritises any wider system benefits, including the level of affordable community benefits, of onshore renewable projects when assessing planning applications.

S6W-31554 Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government to what extent it measures social value in determining planning consent for energy projects.

S6W-31555 Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that communities can benefit from pumped storage hydro projects.

S6W-31556 Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government how it can ensure that pumped storage hydro schemes (a) maximise power generation and (b) minimise water usage, and whether it would prioritise the most water-efficient schemes.

S6W-31557 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Deeside Against Pylons.

S6W-31558 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Save Our Mearns.

S6W-31559 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Angus Pylon Action Group.

S6W-31560 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Buchan and Formartine Opposed to Big Energy.

S6W-31561 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Hill of Fare Windfarm Information Group.

S6W-31562 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Leylodge Against Industrialisation.

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[S6W-31563 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Echt & Dunecht Against Pylons.

[S6W-31564 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Not A Just Transition - Opposed To The Industrialisation Of Rural Scotland.

[S6W-31565 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Scotland Against Spin.

[S6W-31566 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it will address the reported concerns that the proposed energy infrastructure consenting reforms may prioritise speed over thorough environmental assessments.

[S6W-31567 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what measures will be in place to ensure that local communities' voices are heard and considered in the pre-application stage for major energy applications.

[S6W-31568 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how the proposed changes to energy infrastructure consenting will impact the transparency of the consenting process for electricity infrastructure projects.

[S6W-31569 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what evidence it has that the proposed energy infrastructure consenting reforms will not lead to an increase in inappropriate energy infrastructure developments being approved.

[S6W-31570 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how the energy infrastructure consenting reforms will ensure that the quality of applications is not impacted by any emphasis on faster processing times.

[S6W-31571 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what safeguards are in place to prevent the potential marginalisation of smaller community groups as part of the energy infrastructure consultation process.

[S6W-31572 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what steps will be taken to ensure that statutory consultees have the necessary resources to provide timely and thorough input if they have to deal with an increased number of applications due to the energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31573 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much additional workload it estimates the energy infrastructure consenting reforms will place on the Energy Consents Unit.

[S6W-31574 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what additional resources will be allocated to the Energy Consents Unit to manage any shortfall in capacity to process a potential increase in applications as a result of the energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31575 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much additional workload it anticipates the energy infrastructure consenting reforms will place on NatureScot.

[S6W-31576 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met NatureScot to discuss the potential impact of the energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31577 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met NatureScot to discuss any impact of energy infrastructure applications.

[S6W-31578 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what additional resources will be allocated to NatureScot to deal with any shortfall in capacity to process applications as a result of energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31579 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much additional workload energy infrastructure consenting reforms will place on the local authorities.

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[S6W-31580 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what additional resources will be allocated to local authorities to deal with any shortfall in capacity to process applications as a result of energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31589 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much additional workload energy infrastructure consenting reforms will place on Historic Environment Scotland.

[S6W-31590 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Historic Environment Scotland to discuss the impact of energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31591 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Historic Environment Scotland to discuss the impact of energy infrastructure applications.

[S6W-31592 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what additional resources will be allocated to Historic Environment Scotland to deal with any shortfall in capacity to process applications as a result of energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31593 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much additional workload energy infrastructure consenting reforms will place on the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA).

[S6W-31594 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) to discuss the impact of energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31595 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) to discuss the impact of energy infrastructure applications.

[S6W-31596 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what additional resources will be allocated to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) to deal with any shortfall in capacity to process applications as a result of energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31597 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much additional workload energy infrastructure consenting reforms will place on Scottish Forestry.

[S6W-31598 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Scottish Forestry to discuss the impact of energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31599 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Scottish Forestry to discuss the impact of energy infrastructure applications.

[S6W-31600 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what additional resources will be allocated to Scottish Forestry to deal with any shortfall in capacity to process applications as a result of the energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31601 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much additional workload energy infrastructure consenting reforms will place on Scottish Water.

[S6W-31602 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Scottish Water to discuss the impact of the energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31603 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Scottish Water to discuss the impact of energy infrastructure applications.

[S6W-31604 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what additional resources will be allocated to Scottish Water to deal with any shortfall in capacity to process applications as a result of energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

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[S6W-31605 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much additional workload the energy infrastructure consenting reforms will place on Transport Scotland.

[S6W-31606 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met with Transport Scotland to discuss the impact of energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31607 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met with Transport Scotland to discuss the impact of energy infrastructure applications.

[S6W-31608 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what additional resources will be allocated to Transport Scotland to deal with any shortfall in capacity to process applications as a result of energy infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31609 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how the proposed reforms to energy infrastructure consenting will address any risk of increased legal challenges due to perceived inadequacies in the consultation process.

[S6W-31610 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what evidence it can provide that the proposed reforms to electricity infrastructure consenting will lead to (a) better quality applications and (b) fewer objections.

[S6W-31611 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the proposed reforms to energy infrastructure consenting, what assessment it has made of how the proposed introduction of fees for pre-application activities will impact smaller developers and community-led projects.

[S6W-31612 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential risks of the proposed powers to allow it to revoke, suspend or vary consents for energy infrastructure projects under specific circumstances, without a new application being made.

[S6W-31613 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how the proposed changes to the electricity infrastructure consenting regime will ensure that the electricity consenting process remains fair and equitable for all stakeholders.

[S6W-31614 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what mechanisms will be in place to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed electricity infrastructure consenting reforms.

[S6W-31615 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how the proposed electricity infrastructure consenting reforms will impact the balance between accelerating infrastructure deployment and protecting environmental and community interests.

[S6W-31616 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what steps will be taken to ensure that the proposed electricity infrastructure consenting reforms do not disproportionately benefit larger developers at the expense of smaller ones.

[S6W-31617 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how the proposed changes to the public inquiry process, as part of the proposed reforms to energy infrastructure consenting, will ensure that all relevant issues are thoroughly examined.

[S6W-31618 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assurances it can provide that the proposed electricity infrastructure consenting reforms will not lead to a reduction in the overall quality of decision-making in the consenting process.

[S6W-31619 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact that the UK Government's inheritance tax changes for family farms will have on the availability of land in Scotland to build energy infrastructure.

[S6W-31620 Douglas Ross:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the rationale would be for the Lord Advocate to use section 12 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.

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[S6W-31621 Douglas Ross:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many times section 12 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 has been used each year since 1999, and what information it has regarding each year in the period prior to that when the Act was in force.

[S6W-31623 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met (a) Benholm and Johnshaven, (b) Crathes, Drumoak and Durris, (c) Echt and Skene, (d) Glamis and Area, (e) Inveresk, (f) Kintore and District, (g) Kirriemuir, (h) Kirriemuir Landward East, (i) Mearns, (j) North Kincardine Rural, (k) the Royal Burgh of Forfar, (l) Stonehaven and District and (m) Westhill and Elrick Community Council; what was discussed, and when the cabinet secretary will next meet the community council. **R**

[S6W-31636 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks.

[S6W-31637 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met the National Energy Systems Operator.

[S6W-31638 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy last met Scottish Power.

[S6W-31641 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with VisitScotland regarding the impact of large scale energy projects on tourism.

[S6W-31646 Liam McArthur:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-30729 by Shona Robison on 20 November 2024, whether the quantitative evaluation that was carried out by an independent research agency to assess campaign performance included assessment in terms of (a) quality-adjusted life years (QALY) and (b) other public health metrics, and, if so which metrics; and, if this was not the case, which quantitative metrics were used.

[S6W-31647 Liam McArthur:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S6W-30730 and S6W-30726 by Shona Robison on 20 November 2024, whether the process that was put in place across all policy areas included assessment in terms of (a) quality-adjusted life years (QALY) and (b) other public health metrics, and, if so, which metrics.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to the negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 21 November 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/352\)](#)

Laid under section 18(3) of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995

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).

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Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 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
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 26 November 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)

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

Stage 1 Report – Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee (7th Report, 2024)

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 19 November 2024

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

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 26 November 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 26 November 2024

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Before Stage 2 (evidence (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)), 26 November 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

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 26 November 2024

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

Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 21 November 2024

Stage 2 (Committee of the Whole Parliament), 26 November 2024

Stage 2 amendments should be lodged by 4:30pm on Friday 22 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 26 November 2024

Stage 3 amendments cannot be lodged until Stage 2 proceedings are complete

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Before Stage 2 (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee), 26 November 2024

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

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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)

Stage 2 completed, 14 November 2024

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

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

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 3 December 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Monday 25 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([*legislationteam@parliament.scot*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (66th Report, 2024)

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

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

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

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)

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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

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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69th Report, 2024)

Tobacco and Vapes Bill LCM-S6-51

Lodged on 21 November 2024

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Subject to approval by 8 January 2025

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

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

Subject to approval by 12 January 2025

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (18 November 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Negative instruments

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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

[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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Subject to annulment 16 December 2024
Lead committee report due by 9 December 2024

[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)

Subject to annulment 15 January 2025
Lead committee report due by 13 January 2025

[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/352\)](#) (21 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 21 November 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 68th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 November 2024 (SP Paper 689)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 69th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Renters' Rights Bill (SP Paper 691)

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Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 21 November 2024—

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-51)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 21 November 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Financial sustainability and reform in Scotland: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2024/7) laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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