

Wednesday 2 October 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate:
Housing Emergency

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-
14436 Stuart McMillan: Regulation of the
Medical Aesthetics Industry in Scotland

Committee Meetings

9:00am Criminal Justice Committee

9:00am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

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Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

1. **Michael Marra:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-03781](#))

2. **Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether any further action is required to address reported concerns around the environmental, sustainability and welfare impacts of farmed salmon. ([S6O-03782](#))

3. **Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what assessment it has made of the impact of Brexit on Scotland's food and drink sector. ([S6O-03783](#))

4. **Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will increase funding to enable more trees of commercial species to be planted in Scotland. ([S6O-03784](#))

5. **James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government what communication it has had with the UK Government, since the general election, regarding the potential impact on Scotland's food and drink sector of the reported proposal for "not for EU" labelling on food and drink products in the UK. ([S6O-03785](#))

6. **Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government what data it holds on the availability and prominence of Scottish food and drink produce in supermarkets operating in Scotland. ([S6O-03786](#))

7. **Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to reported concerns that the licensing scheme introduced by the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023 is acting as a loophole in the fox hunting ban. ([S6O-03787](#))

8. **Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the first statutory National Islands Plan, published in 2019, has been a success. ([S6O-03788](#))

Health and Social Care

1. **Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is in place to help newly qualified paramedics find suitable employment. ([S6O-03789](#))

2. **Lorna Slater:** To ask the Scottish Government how many alcohol-related deaths were reported in the Lothian region in the last year for which data is available. ([S6O-03790](#))

3. **Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support neurodivergent people, in light of reports of people waiting years for diagnosis, and subsequent access to support and treatment, which is seriously impacting their lives. ([S6O-03791](#))

4. **Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to ensure that diagnostic pathways in Scotland are appropriate for those affected by brain tumours. ([S6O-03792](#))

5. **Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what compensation is available for any families that are paying for private urgent dental treatment due to delays in accessing NHS treatment. ([S6O-03793](#))

6. **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it can provide to NHS Ayrshire and Arran, in light of reports that the health board requires over £85 million to cover the cost of backdated repairs. ([S6O-03794](#))

7. Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish revised modelling to show any impact of delays to the opening of the remaining National Treatment Centres on bringing down waiting lists, as outlined in its NHS Recovery Plan. ([S6O-03795](#))

8. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the use of locums in local mental health services. ([S6O-03796](#))

followed by **Scottish Labour Party Debate: Housing Emergency**

[S6M-14719](#) Anas Sarwar: Housing Emergency—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government has failed to respond adequately to the housing emergency that the Parliament declared in May 2024.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-14719.4](#) Paul McLennan: Housing Emergency—As an amendment to motion S6M-14719 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Housing Emergency), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "agrees that Scotland is in a housing emergency; notes the Scottish Government's ongoing work with partners, including COSLA and the Housing to 2040 Board, on priorities in tackling the housing emergency; highlights the Scottish Government's commitment to provide £80 million across 2024-25 and 2025-26 to support acquisitions and bring empty social homes back into use, bringing the Affordable Housing Supply Programme investment to almost £600 million this year, and its commitment to £100 million for 2,800 mid-market rent homes; welcomes the investment of £22 million in affordable housing through charitable bonds and the launch of a planning hub to improve capacity and skills; notes the Housing (Scotland) Bill, which includes key measures on preventing homelessness, including action through rent controls, and calls on the UK Government to reverse the 9% capital budget cut, to permanently uprate local housing allowance to the 30th percentile of local rents, and to scrap the so-called bedroom tax in its Autumn Budget."

[S6M-14719.2](#) Miles Briggs: Housing Emergency—As an amendment to motion S6M-14719 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Housing Emergency), insert at end ", following repeated calls from charities and local authorities to take urgent action to alleviate rising cases of homelessness and to tackle Scotland's affordable housing shortage; notes that homelessness in Scotland has climbed to its worst level in more than a decade, with over 40,000 applications, and that, out of the 33,619 households assessed as homeless, there were over 15,000 children recorded; recognises that housing is a wholly devolved issue that the Scottish National Party (SNP) administration has mismanaged and exacerbated through rent controls and financial mismanagement, such as cutting £200 million from the housing budget; believes that by working together with developers, local authorities and landlords, more houses could be made available to buy and rent across Scotland; acknowledges that the SNP administration's cladding remediation scheme has yet to complete work on any affected properties in Scotland and has only spent £9 million of the £97 million given by the UK Government to fix unsafe cladding; understands that the Scottish Government has failed to provide financial support for residents living in properties built with reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) that are at risk; notes that the SNP administration has presided over a collapse in the housebuilding sector, with a 17% decrease in all sector starts and completions in 2023-24; echoes the concerns expressed around land supply and the planning system, and that the Scottish Government has failed to produce a clear plan setting out how it will properly fund and implement the policies contained within the fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4), and calls on the Scottish Government to take responsibility by addressing this national emergency."

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-14742](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill: Timetable and Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders—That, subject to the Parliament’s agreement to the general principles of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill, the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of further consideration of the Bill, that—

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- (k) Rule 9.10.2A be varied to replace the word “fifth” where it first appears with “second”, so that the deadline for lodging a stage 3 amendment will be the second sitting day before proceedings.

[S6M-14732](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 October 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Challenge Poverty Week

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 9 October 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 Green Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 October 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

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 29 October 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 October 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 31 October 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: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scotland's Commissioner Landscape

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 7 October 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

[S6M-14733](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 11 October 2024.

[S6M-14734](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 15 November 2024.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-14735](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-14736](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

**followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—**

[S6M-14436](#) Stuart McMillan: Regulation of the Medical Aesthetics Industry in Scotland—That the Parliament notes the belief that legislation must be introduced to regulate those operating within the medical aesthetics industry because, at present, only clinics that employ healthcare professionals to offer treatments such as Botox and dermal fillers are regulated by Healthcare

Improvement Scotland; considers that this means that lay injectors who are not qualified healthcare professionals are not monitored or regulated by any professional body; recognises the reported growth in demand for medical aesthetics, including in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, and believes that regulating the sector would help to improve patient safety; acknowledges the reported physical, mental and emotional impact on members of the public who have endured botched experiences at the hands of lay injectors, and the impact that this can have on the NHS, which, it understands, is where people typically turn to for correctional treatment; considers that these treatments should therefore only be offered to people aged over 18, and that patients should be able to expect that the individual offering these treatments is regulated, and welcomes, therefore, the recent announcement by the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health that the Scottish Government will launch a consultation later in 2024, which, it understands, will include proposals on introducing legislation to regulate the sector in the current parliamentary session.

Committee Meetings

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

Criminal Justice Committee 30th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

Education, Children and Young People Committee 25th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Education (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Megan Farr, Policy Officer, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland;
Gavin Yates, Executive Director, Connect;
Garvin Sealy, Interim Executive Director, Intercultural Youth Scotland;
and then from—
Ken McAra, HM Inspector of Education and Convenor of FDA Education Scotland Section, FDA;
Sharon McGuigan, SQA Accreditation Manager and Workplace Representative, and
Pauline Rodger, SQA Understanding Standards Project Manager and Workplace Representative, Unite the Union.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 24th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Follow-up inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Ralph Bickerdike, Head of Fish Health, Scottish Sea Farms;
David Brown, Shetland Seawater Manager, Cooke Scotland;
Ben Hadfield, Chief Operating Officer Farming Scotland, Ireland, Faroes and Atlantic Canada, Mowi Scotland;
Kimberley McKinnell, Head of Health, Bakkafrost Scotland;
Constance Pattillo, Head of Farming Operations, Wester Ross Salmon;
Tavish Scott, Chief Executive, Salmon Scotland.
2. **UK subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating in a devolved area as set out in the following UK statutory instrument proposal—
Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) and Plant Health (Frequency Of Checks) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024
3. **Follow-up inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at an earlier meeting.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 25th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Fair Work Convention:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Patricia Findlay, Co-Chair, Fair Work Convention;
Helen Martin, Head, Fair Work Convention Secretariat.
3. **Fair Work Convention:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 25 September 2024

Thursday 3 October 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-12723 Katy Clark: Ardrossan Harbour

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Justice

followed by Economy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Just Transition Inquiry for Grangemouth and the North East and Moray

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

3 October 2024

22nd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Shona Riach, Director for External Affairs and Culture, Scottish Government.

Proposed future business

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

Public Audit Committee

3 October 2024

25th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Scotland's colleges 2024:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Tricia Meldrum, Senior Manager, and Shelagh Stewart, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **Scotland's colleges 2024:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Tricia Meldrum, Senior Manager, and Shelagh Stewart, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Scotland's colleges 2024:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lynn Russell at Lynn.Russell@parliament.scot

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

3 October 2024

22nd 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 item 3 in private.
2. **Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence in relation to the Bill from—
Jacqueline Cassidy, Director of Service Delivery, Victim Support Scotland;
Detective Chief Inspector Darren Munogee, Police Scotland.
3. **Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) 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, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

3 October 2024

26th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[The Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#)
2. **Post-legislative scrutiny of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 (in private):** The Committee will consider a further approach to the inquiry.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Claire Menzies on 85219 or at claire.menzies@parliament.scot

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

3 October 2024

29th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 12.55 pm in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

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

Motions for Debate

[S6M-14719](#) Anas Sarwar: Housing Emergency—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government has failed to respond adequately to the housing emergency that the Parliament declared in May 2024.

Supported by: Martin Whitfield, Mark Griffin, Paul Sweeney*

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Supported by: Kaukab Stewart*, Shirley-Anne Somerville*

***[S6M-14719.3](#) Willie Rennie: Housing Emergency**—As an amendment to motion S6M-14719 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Housing Emergency), insert at end "; notes with concern that recent statistics show that open homelessness cases were at their highest ever levels since 2003, and that more than 10,000 children are currently residing in temporary accommodation; further notes that housebuilding statistics show that, up to the end of June 2024, overall completions and new starts were down by 17% in comparison with the previous year; believes that there are a variety of steps that the Scottish Government can take to help tackle the housing emergency, which include encouraging the use of the rural housing burden mechanism, bringing thousands of empty homes back into use, and improving relationships with private landlords and the construction sector, in

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order to give them confidence to invest in Scotland's housing sector, and calls on the Scottish Government to undertake these actions as soon as possible."

***S6M-14719.2 Miles Briggs: Housing Emergency**—As an amendment to motion S6M-14719 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Housing Emergency), insert at end ", following repeated calls from charities and local authorities to take urgent action to alleviate rising cases of homelessness and to tackle Scotland's affordable housing shortage; notes that homelessness in Scotland has climbed to its worst level in more than a decade, with over 40,000 applications, and that, out of the 33,619 households assessed as homeless, there were over 15,000 children recorded; recognises that housing is a wholly devolved issue that the Scottish National Party (SNP) administration has mismanaged and exacerbated through rent controls and financial mismanagement, such as cutting £200 million from the housing budget; believes that by working together with developers, local authorities and landlords, more houses could be made available to buy and rent across Scotland; acknowledges that the SNP administration's cladding remediation scheme has yet to complete work on any affected properties in Scotland and has only spent £9 million of the £97 million given by the UK Government to fix unsafe cladding; understands that the Scottish Government has failed to provide financial support for residents living in properties built with reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) that are at risk; notes that the SNP administration has presided over a collapse in the housebuilding sector, with a 17% decrease in all sector starts and completions in 2023-24; echoes the concerns expressed around land supply and the planning system, and that the Scottish Government has failed to produce a clear plan setting out how it will properly fund and implement the policies contained within the fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4), and calls on the Scottish Government to take responsibility by addressing this national emergency."

***S6M-14719.1 Ariane Burgess: Housing Emergency**—As an amendment to motion S6M-14719 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Housing Emergency), insert at end "; further believes that an adequate response would include raising additional revenue for affordable housing by increasing the additional dwelling supplement, investing in the retrofitting and refurbishment of existing buildings to provide additional affordable housing, supporting the employment of local empty homes officers, piloting a micro-housing building standard and investing in the development of traditional building skills across the country through the provision of a mobile training unit; considers that a robust system of rent controls and tenant protections, as introduced by the Housing (Scotland) Bill, will form a vital component of ensuring the affordability of housing costs and the improvement of tenants' rights; believes that the homelessness protections in the Housing (Scotland) Bill must be secured, and calls on the UK Government to reverse the cuts to Scotland's capital budget, which has decreased in real terms by £1.6 billion over the last five years, that have severely limited the ability to invest in good quality, affordable housing."

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***S6M-14698 Ruth Maguire: Day of the Imprisoned Writer**—That the Parliament recognises 15 November 2024 as the Day of the Imprisoned Writer, a day when people across the world, including in the Cunninghame South constituency, stand in solidarity with writers who have been persecuted, exiled, imprisoned and killed for exercising their right to free expression; notes with grave concern what it sees as the growing threats to free expression in a world increasingly marked by conflict and war, where writers, it considers, are often the first targets of repression; recognises what it considers to be the alarming rise of authoritarian regimes that use censorship, imprisonment and violence to silence dissenting voices, with a particular focus on the plight of

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female writers, who, it understands, face compounded risks of persecution; emphasises the reported growing number of female writers who are being imprisoned for, it believes, courageously campaigning for equal rights, freedom from discrimination, and access to education and healthcare; acknowledges what it sees as the critical role that writers play in exposing the truths of war, authoritarianism and social injustice; condemns the widespread use of imprisonment, torture and extrajudicial killings to intimidate and eliminate writers, as documented by organisations such as PEN International, Amnesty International, the Committee to Protect Journalists, ARTICLE 19, and Reporters Without Borders; notes the calls for governments worldwide to uphold their duty to protect the right to free expression for all, to ensure justice for writers who have been murdered, persecuted and imprisoned, and to address what it sees as the global climate of impunity that undermines trust in justice systems and emboldens further attacks; further notes the support for the ongoing efforts to secure protection for persecuted and imprisoned writers, and honours and commemorates those writers who have lost their lives or freedom for exercising their right to freedom of expression.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

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***[S6M-14736](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

***[S6M-14735](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

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Motions Gluasadan				

*[S6M-14734](#) **Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 15 November 2024.

*[S6M-14733](#) **Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 11 October 2024.

*[S6M-14732](#) **Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 October 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Challenge Poverty Week

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 October 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 Green Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 October 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

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

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Motions Gluasadan				

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 29 October 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 October 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 31 October 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: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scotland's Commissioner Landscape

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 7 October 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

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Motions Glusadan				

***[S6M-14721](#) Paul O'Kane: The Black Door Shop Wins at Self Management Awards 2024—** That the Parliament congratulates The Black Door Shop on winning the Digital Innovator category at the Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) Self Management Awards 2024; understands that The Black Door Shop is a local charity that collects donations, including computers, books, toys and household items, in support of asylum seekers and refugees; considers that, by refurbishing devices and offering IT support and training, the shop helps to reduce digital exclusion and improve educational, professional and personal development, and celebrates the positive impact that it believes the shop has had in supporting a community that often faces structural barriers.

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***[S6M-14720](#) Sandesh Gulhane: University of Strathclyde Passes "EmilyTest" for its Approach to Tackling Gender-based Violence—** That the Parliament congratulates the University of Strathclyde on being awarded the EmilyTest GBV Charter in recognition of its work to tackle gender-based violence (GBV) on its campus; notes that the Charter was created between March 2020 and March 2021 by the mother of Emily Drouet, a student who reportedly took her own life in 2016 after being subjected to a campaign of gender-based violence by a fellow student; understands that Emily's mother, Fiona, has undertaken extensive research across Scotland and the UK with hundreds of students, graduates, further education and higher education staff, violence against women and girls professionals, and third sector professionals working with various groups such as ethnic minority women, disabled students and LGBT youth representatives to create an award that allows educational institutions to take the EmilyTest; further understands that the test is made up of five principles with over 40 minimum standards that institutions must meet in order to pass the EmilyTest, including having a GBV policy, a GBV reporting tool and a clearly defined duty of care; welcomes that the Charter provides a "toolbox" alongside guided coaching for colleges and universities to prevent, intervene and respond to GBV, in line with best practice; acknowledges that the EmilyTest supports institutions through one-to-one coaching, providing dedicated staff support, resources and opportunities to share good practice with the sector to enable implementation of the framework; notes that institutions gain the Charter by presenting evidence of their work to a panel of independent experts, and congratulates everyone involved in achieving this recognition at the University of Strathclyde.

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***[S6M-14718](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Strathclyde University Awarded EmilyTest GBV Charter—** That the Parliament congratulates the University of Strathclyde on being awarded the EmilyTest GBV Charter for its work in tackling gender-based violence; welcomes EmilyTest's work in educational establishments and its world first charter against violence against women and girls in education; understands the importance of the role that this plays in helping to prevent, intervene and respond to gender-based violence, in line with best practice; is encouraged by the one-to-one coaching, staff support, resources and sharing of good practice that comes with implementing its framework, and recognises what it sees as the socially progressive approach that the University of Strathclyde is taking to ensure that its campuses remain safe for all.

***[S6M-14717](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Glasgow Caledonian Ranked UK's Top Modern**

University—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) on being ranked the top modern university in the UK in 2024; notes that GCU gained four places in the university rankings to take it up to 40th overall; welcomes its success in placing graduates in high-skilled jobs, with 81.5% of these gaining such employment within 15 months of graduating, a statistic that sees it ranked joint 15th for this in the UK; recognises that GCU graduates feel their careers are on the right track within this 15-month period and that the rankings place the university ninth overall in this category; commends the faculty in helping GCU to become the leading provider of apprentices in Scotland and one of the largest providers to the NHS, and pays tribute to GCU for, it understands, admitting more students from areas of high deprivation than any other institution in Scotland.

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***[S6M-14716](#) Pam Gosal: Milngavie and Bearsden Men's Shed Revamp Red Phone Box—**

That the Parliament applauds the efforts of the Milngavie and Bearsden Men's Shed group to transform a disused red phone box at Bearsden Cross into a local icon; notes that the group adopted the phone box from BT for £1; considers that these phone boxes, which were designed in 1935 by architect Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, are famous the world over; understands that the phone box was repainted, with new lighting and laser-etched panels displaying the names of local businesses who contributed to the refurbishment; acknowledges that the phone box will be a community asset for many years to come, and wishes everyone at the charity every success for future projects.

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***[S6M-14715](#) Pam Gosal: Vale of Academy Pupil Secures Prestigious British Army**

Scholarship—That the Parliament congratulates 17-year-old Vale of Leven Academy pupil, Morgan Turnbull on securing a prestigious British Army scholarship, one of only two granted to students from Scotland; notes that training will take place at the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst; understands that Morgan was supported throughout the initial preparations by PE teacher, Mr McPartlane, who has encouraged and supported the student throughout the process, and wishes her every success in her future military career.

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***[S6M-14714](#) Martin Whitfield: National Leadership Network Funding Strategy—**

That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the National Leadership Network (NLN) 2024-2026 Funding Strategy, *Flexibility, Innovation, and Collaboration*; understands that the NLN funds, signposts, supports and develops opportunities and experiences in the care experience community; commends the NLN Steering Group, who it believes have all had lived experience of care, on their work in developing this strategy; notes that the strategy will invest £360,000 into the care community over the next two years, with £270,000 to be provided for up to 12 projects focused on personal and professional development and £90,000 for grants to individuals; recognises that the first funding round of the strategy is now open, with expressions of interest being sought for two projects to receive funding of up to £50,000 for two years, and calls on

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interested organisations across the country, including in the South of Scotland, to apply for this funding.

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***[S6M-14704](#) Kevin Stewart: Political Donations Leading to Public Mistrust—**That the Parliament notes with concern media reports of the donations being accepted by members of the new UK Labour administration; considers that few people in Scotland could afford to spend £16,000 on work clothes; believes that the picture being built by these reports is of a situation that bears a stark resemblance to the Boris Johnson administration, rather than the message of "change" promised before the UK General Election in July 2024; further believes that the UK Government is acting irresponsibly and deepening what it sees as the distrust of elected members in public office, and urges the Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests to investigate whether any of the UK Government ministers named in these reports have broken the Ministerial Code.

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***[S6M-14701](#) Meghan Gallacher: North Lanarkshire in Bloom Competition a Big Community Success —**That the Parliament congratulates the winners of the North Lanarkshire in Bloom competition; notes that the judges viewed shared green spaces, fruit and vegetable areas, bowling green lawns, and flower displays; understands that the competition, which ran between April and July 2024, saw a 22% increase in the number of entries; congratulates Daniel Hamilton who was announced as the overall North Lanarkshire in Bloom competition winner, and notes the focus on brightening up the local community.

***[S6M-14700](#) Meghan Gallacher: Royal Regiment of Scotland Awarded the Freedom of North Lanarkshire—**That the Parliament celebrates the achievement of the Royal Regiment of Scotland (SCOTS) in receiving the Freedom of North Lanarkshire; understands that a parade was held on 13 September 2024 in Motherwell to recognise the outstanding service of the SCOTS to the country and the local area; notes that the regiment marched with bayonets, colours flying, and a marching band; further notes that a civic ceremony was then hosted by the Provost of North Lanarkshire, Kenneth Duffy, and the Lord Lieutenant of Lanarkshire, Lady Susan Haughey, and understands that the parade also served to mark the homecoming of two SCOTS who returned from the Middle East recently.

***[S6M-14686](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating St Mirren Legend, Tony Fitzpatrick, on Receiving Fellowship from West College Scotland—**That the Parliament congratulates the St Mirren legend, Tony Fitzpatrick, on receiving the Fellowship award from West College Scotland for his decades of work with the Paisley club and within the local community; notes that the former player, manager, CEO and current ambassador of the Buddies has had links with the town for five decades and has worked with various charities to assist those in need; recognises that his current project, Legacy Comps, which is a lottery-funded scheme, awards significant prizes to good causes across Renfrewshire, such as St Vincent's Hospice and Rays of Hope, as well as multiple schools and community groups across the region, and understands that West College Scotland and Tony have worked together on the Legacy Comps scheme, and that he has been recognised for his tireless work throughout Renfrewshire with this prestigious Fellowship award.

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***[S6M-14679](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating Moira Gray on Leading Kilbarchan Junior Choir for 46 Years**—That the Parliament congratulates Moira Gray on reaching the milestone of leading Kilbarchan Junior Choir for 46 years; recognises that Moira has been in charge of the choir since the summer of 1978, and previously was a member of Glasgow Youth Choir at the age of seven; notes that Moira has not only trained children by leading the Kilbarchan Choir, but is also the former headteacher of Queen Margaret Academy in Ayr; understands that Moira is now assisted by her daughter-in-law, Pamela, who also was a member of Glasgow Youth Choir, and commends Moira for her contribution to Kilbarchan and beyond by helping to train hundreds of children over the years and for her continual support to the community.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-14755](#) Gillian Martin: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024 [draft] (lodged on 01 October 2024)

New Support: Alasdair Allan*

[S6M-14712](#) Clare Adamson: The New Recovery Hub Receives Funding (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14711](#) Clare Adamson: Parksprings Care Home Fundraiser Success (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14708](#) Kevin Stewart: World Car Free Day (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Emma Roddick*, Marie McNair*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, John Mason*, Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-14706](#) Gordon MacDonald: C&B News Celebrates 500th Edition (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14705](#) Patrick Harvie: Clyde Walkway Nominated as Britain's Favourite Path (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Bill Kidd*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

[S6M-14703](#) Audrey Nicoll: The Bread Guy, the North Scotland Winner of the National Bakery of the Year Awards (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14702](#) Meghan Gallacher: North Lanarkshire Home Care Staff Raise Money for Multiple Sclerosis Support Group (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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[S6M-14699](#) Martin Whitfield: Action for Children Report, A Place to Call Home (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*, Pauline McNeill*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-14697](#) Tim Eagle: Highlands and Islands Airports Limited Wins Prestigious Aviation Award (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14696](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Athletes Break Records on the New Track at the Pickaquoy Centre in Kirkwall (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Emma Roddick*, Craig Hoy*, Annie Wells*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Douglas Ross*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Pam Gosal*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*, Foyso Choudhury*, Audrey Nicoll*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-14695](#) Liam McArthur: Scottish Autism Orkney Fun Day (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Emma Roddick*, Miles Briggs*, Craig Hoy*, Annie Wells*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Pauline McNeill*, Paul Sweeney*, Douglas Ross*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*, Foyso Choudhury*, Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-14694](#) Kenneth Gibson: Investment in Subsea HVDC Cable Manufacturing at Hunterston (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Neil Bibby*

[S6M-14693](#) Clare Adamson: The Clyde Walkway Shortlisted for Britain's Favourite Path (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14692](#) Kenneth Gibson: Congratulations to GRO Coffee on New Venue and Continued Success in Ayrshire (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Clare Haughey*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-14691](#) Michelle Thomson: Larbert and Falkirk 41 Club's Commendable Charity Donations (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Karen Adam*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14688](#) Monica Lennon: Congratulations to Christie the Baker on Winning the South Scotland Category at the National Bakery Awards 2024 (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Bill Kidd*, Sarah Boyack*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Audrey Nicoll*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Foyso Choudhury*

[S6M-14687](#) Kenneth Gibson: Recognition of Scotland's Top-flight Football Attendance Being the Highest in Europe (lodged on 27 September 2024)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14684](#) Lorna Slater: Art in Healthcare Wins ALLIANCE Self Management Award (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Patrick Harvie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Ross Greer*, Kevin Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-14683](#) Paul O'Kane: Challenge Poverty Week 2024 (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-14681](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Clan Cancer Support (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14680](#) Fulton MacGregor: UEFA Grassroots Week Highlights Scottish Football Initiatives (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Emma Roddick*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Annie Wells*, John Mason*, Jeremy Balfour*, George Adam*, Karen Adam*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Bill Kidd*, Audrey Nicoll*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Neil Bibby*, Bob Doris*

[S6M-14678](#) Marie McNair: Allander Resource Centre Wins Diversity in the Public Sector Award (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Clare Haughey*, Jackie Dunbar*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*, Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-14677](#) Joe FitzPatrick: Project SEARCH Ninewells, SURF Awards 2024 (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-14676](#) Clare Adamson: Motherwell North Parish Church of Scotland Receives Funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Karen Adam*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14675](#) Clare Adamson: Newmains and District Senior Citizens Lunch Club Receives Funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14674](#) Clare Adamson: Newmains and District Gala Day Receives Funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14673](#) Clare Adamson: ML2 Actions Sports Group CIC Receives Funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*, Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-14672](#) Annie Wells: First Lottery Funding for the Glasgow Chinese Recreation Centre
(lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Edward Mountain*, Jamie Greene*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Brian Whittle*, Douglas Ross*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Pam Gosal*, Liam Kerr*, Russell Findlay*, Bob Doris*

[S6M-14671](#) Clare Adamson: Lanarkshire Achieve More! Scotland Receives Funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Jeremy Balfour*, Clare Haughey*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*, Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-14670](#) Clare Adamson: Lanarkshire Links Receives Funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*, Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-14669](#) Clare Adamson: Autism Take 5 Receives Funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Emma Roddick*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*, David Torrance*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-14668](#) Sharon Dowey: The Community Wellbeing Hub in Carrick Receives £10,000 from the Asda Foundation (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-14667](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Codona's Amusement Park (lodged on 27 September 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14666](#) Liam McArthur: Friends of Sanday Kirk Shortlisted for SURF Award (lodged on 26 September 2024)

New Support: Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14663](#) Alexander Stewart: High-value Asda Foundation Grant Awarded to Kippen Village Hall (lodged on 26 September 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-14660](#) Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Schools Perform with the RSNO (lodged on 26 September 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14659](#) Jackie Dunbar: International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
(lodged on 26 September 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

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[S6M-14658](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Science Centre Scoops Two Titles at Major Tourism Awards (lodged on 26 September 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-14657](#) Stuart McMillan: ICON Business Awards 2024 (lodged on 26 September 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Jackie Dunbar*, Jeremy Balfour*, Karen Adam*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*, Audrey Nicoll*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-14653](#) Rona Mackay: Platinum Accreditation for The Lennox Partnership (lodged on 26 September 2024)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*, Audrey Nicoll*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Clare Haughey*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, George Adam*, Annabelle Ewing*, Karen Adam*, Michelle Thomson*

[S6M-14648](#) Annie Wells: Actor to Host Special Event at Glasgow's Oran Mor (lodged on 26 September 2024)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S6M-14633](#) Sharon Dowey: Blackthorn Salt Wins a Prestigious Golden Fork at the Great Taste Awards 2024 (lodged on 25 September 2024)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-14631](#) Miles Briggs: Self Management Awards 2024 (lodged on 26 September 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-14629](#) Ben Macpherson: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Bicentenary (lodged on 25 September 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-14611](#) Keith Brown: Unauthorised Demolition of Carsebridge House, Alloa (lodged on 23 September 2024)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-14585](#) Keith Brown: Transparency of Political Donations in the UK (lodged on 26 September 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14578](#) Tess White: Beatrix Elsberger to be Recognised as one of Scotland's Leading Female Surgeons (lodged on 20 September 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-14562](#) Tess White: Montrose Port Authority, the First Scottish Port to Launch Shore Power Facility (lodged on 19 September 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-14561](#) Tess White: GoFibre Awards Aberdeenshire and Angus Charities Funding Boost on GoFurther Fund Anniversary (lodged on 19 September 2024)

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New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-14559](#) Tess White: Volunteer Derek Traill Awarded Certificate of Appreciation from Cricket Scotland (lodged on 19 September 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-14558](#) Tess White: Scottish Football Association Grassroots Award for Best Adult Volunteer in the East Region Goes to Brian Eaton (lodged on 19 September 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-14557](#) Tess White: Glenbervie Amateur Hortus Club Celebrates a Successful Summer Show (lodged on 19 September 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-14556](#) Tess White: Edzell Village Improvement Society Committee Holds Successful Gala Week (lodged on 19 September 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-14555](#) Tess White: Success for Celebrate Aberdeen's Annual Third Sector Street Parade (lodged on 19 September 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-14554](#) Tess White: Angus Alive Mobile Library Provides Vital Services to Rural Communities (lodged on 19 September 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-14520](#) Ruth Maguire: Irvine Man Cycles 90km for Charity (lodged on 30 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14514](#) Maggie Chapman: 10 Years of Maxwell Garden, Hilltown, Dundee (lodged on 17 September 2024)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14496](#) Tess White: Importance of Safe and Fair Sport for Women and Girls (lodged on 17 September 2024)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S6M-14491](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Congratulating Steven MacIver on Winning the MacRobert Art Award (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-14489](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Acknowledging Nia Hunter's Dedication to Raising Awareness of Ankylosing Spondylitis (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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[S6M-14463](#) Lorna Slater: Edinburgh Tool Library Launches its 10th Anniversary Events Programme (lodged on 12 September 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-14328](#) Jackie Dunbar: Mike Melvin Receives the First Ever Denis Law RGUplus Honorary Award (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-13937](#) Jackson Carlaw: 40th Anniversary of the Brighton Bomb Blast (lodged on 01 August 2024)

New Support: Edward Mountain*

[S6M-13712](#) Brian Whittle: Gold Sport Awards in East Ayrshire (lodged on 19 June 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-13687](#) Brian Whittle: Royal Recognition for Kilmarnock Scout (lodged on 18 June 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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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 01 October 2024

[S6W-30184 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent preparing for the roll-out of its replacement for the Winter Fuel Payment prior to its decision to delay the roll-out until 2025, and what any money was spent on.

[S6W-30185 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has spent any money in the current financial year on transferring responsibility for the Winter Fuel Payment from Social Security Scotland back to the Department for Work and Pensions, and, if so, how much, and what this money was spent on.

[S6W-30211 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report by the Centre for Social Justice, *Where Have All the Children Gone?*, which suggests that there are "crisis levels" of persistent and severe school absence.

[S6W-30212 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to publish details of the number of pupils with 50% or less attendance as part of its summary school statistics series and, if so, how often it will do so.

[S6W-30277 Mark Griffin](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the announcement in its Programme for Government 2024-25 of £100 million of investment to support the construction of mid-market rent homes, when it expects that the first mid-market rent home being built using this funding will begin construction.

[S6W-30278 Mark Griffin](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether the announcement in its Programme for Government 2024-25 of £100 million of investment to support the construction of mid-market rent homes will result in £100 million being invested within the current financial year.

[S6W-30279 Mark Griffin](#): To ask the Scottish Government where the money for the £100 million of investment to support the construction of mid-market rent homes, as announced in its Programme for Government 2024-25, will come from.

[S6W-30280 Richard Leonard](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of section 315(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, which local authorities have (a) applied to the Scottish Ministers for the dispensation of the making of byelaws with respect to accommodation for seasonal workers and (b) been (i) granted and (ii) denied such a dispensation, in each year since 1999; whether it will provide the dates on which any such applications were made by local authorities, and what equivalent information it has on any such applications made to the Secretary of State prior to 1999.

[S6W-30281 Richard Leonard](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many control test inspections on farms have been conducted by Scottish Government Agricultural Wages Inspectors in 2024 to date.

[S6W-30284 Michelle Thomson](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the reported calls from the Scottish Retail Consortium and Scottish Tourism Alliance for the UK Government, in the upcoming Autumn Budget, to restore tax-free shopping for overseas visitors as a means of supporting Scotland's retail, tourism and hospitality sectors.

[S6W-30285 Liam Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-21980 by Graeme Dey on 31 October 2023, whether it has concluded and published the findings of the Student Finance and Wellbeing Study, and, if not, when it will do so.

[S6W-30286 Liam Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-26191 by Jenny Gilruth on 9 April 2024, whether it will provide the latest timescales and developments regarding the establishment of a Centre for Teaching Excellence, including whether

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the co-production of the Centre concluded "by the summer [2024]" as planned, and in relation to the "formal process to determine hosting arrangements".

[S6W-30287 Sharon Dowey](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider continuing to fund the Timberlink shipping service at its current rate of approximately £945,000 per annum, rather than potentially passing on the cost of 30% to the businesses that use the service.

[S6W-30288 Sharon Dowey](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it anticipates the potential impact of any reduction in grant funding to the Timberlink coastal shipping service will be on Scotland's journey towards achieving net zero.

[S6W-30289 Sharon Dowey](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it anticipates the cost of a formal impact assessment regarding any potential reduction in funding for the Timberlink coastal shipping service will be, and whether this cost would exceed the contribution that users of the service are reportedly being asked to make towards Timberlink.

[S6W-30293 Ariane Burgess](#): To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Preparing for Sustainable Farming (PSF) programme, how many farmers and crofters have claimed the Soil Analysis and Development Payment under the PSF programme in each year since it was launched in spring 2022; what data it holds on how many farmers and crofters have carried out soil analysis since spring 2022 without support from the PSF programme; whether it is collecting the results of soil analysis carried out with support from the PSF programme, and, if so, whether this information may be used to help inform future policy development.

[S6W-30294 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the City of Edinburgh Council regarding the proposed closure of the Edinburgh People's Story Museum.

[S6W-30303 Jamie Greene](#): To ask the Scottish Government what the main goal is of alcohol minimum unit pricing, and what its position is on whether this goal has been achieved.

[S6W-30304 Jamie Greene](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to address the reported fall in the number of pupils taking STEM subjects at Higher level.

[S6W-30308 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it considers the potential behavioural impact on officers would be of the reported proposals from the Chief Constable of Police Scotland to deploy live facial recognition technology for law enforcement purposes.

[S6W-30309 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it supports the reported proposals from the Chief Constable of Police Scotland to deploy live facial recognition technology for law enforcement purposes.

[S6W-30310 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has spoken to Police Scotland regarding the reported proposals from the Chief Constable to deploy live facial recognition technology for law enforcement purposes.

[S6W-30311 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has had any correspondence from Police Scotland regarding the reported proposals from the Chief Constable to deploy live facial recognition technology for law enforcement purposes.

[S6W-30312 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it was informed by Police Scotland about the reported proposals to use live facial recognition technology for law enforcement purposes before they were recently referred to by the Chief Constable.

[S6W-30313 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has received any legal advice about the potential equalities impacts of using live facial recognition technology for law enforcement purposes, in light of the reported proposals from the Chief Constable of Police Scotland.

[S6W-30314 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether live facial recognition technology could disproportionately misidentify the faces of ethnic minority people, and what implications this might have for the use of the technology.

[S6W-30315](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has received a reliable estimate of the false positive rate of the live facial recognition technology that the Chief Constable of Police Scotland has reportedly proposed deploying for law enforcement purposes.

[S6W-30316](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has received a reliable estimate of the false negative rate of the live facial recognition technology that the Chief Constable of Police Scotland has reportedly proposed deploying for law enforcement purposes.

[S6W-30317](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the overall accuracy of the live facial recognition technology that the Chief Constable of Police Scotland has reportedly proposed deploying for law enforcement purposes.

[S6W-30318](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is regarding any expected risks of using the live facial recognition technology that the Chief Constable of Police Scotland has reportedly proposed deploying for law enforcement purposes.

[S6W-30319](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government which companies would provide any live facial recognition technology services to Police Scotland under the reported proposals outlined by the Chief Constable.

[S6W-30320](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can guarantee that any companies implicated in human rights abuses will not be used to provide the live facial recognition technology services to Police Scotland under reported proposals outlined by the Chief Constable.

[S6W-30321](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how people will be able to access data on whether they have been subjected to the use of live facial recognition technology, under the reported proposals outlined by the Chief Constable of Police Scotland.

[S6W-30322](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will ensure that Police Scotland deletes and does not retain any images or video used for live facial recognition under the reported proposals outlined by the Chief Constable, and, if so, how it will ensure this.

[S6W-30323](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government where the training data for live facial recognition systems will come from under the reported proposals outlined by the Police Scotland Chief Constable.

[S6W-30324](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether Police Scotland can sufficiently monitor the workings of live facial recognition systems, as proposed by the Chief Constable, in relation to any equalities impacts, in light of the so-called black box problem affecting some AI systems.

[S6W-30325](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether Police Scotland can sufficiently monitor the workings of live facial recognition systems, as proposed by the Chief Constable, in relation to any stereotyping or harmful assumptions, in light of the so-called black box problem affecting some AI systems.

[S6W-30326](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether the live facial recognition systems that Police Scotland's Chief Constable has proposed deploying for law enforcement purposes could be used as evidence in criminal proceedings.

[S6W-30327](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether the live facial recognition systems that Police Scotland's Chief Constable has proposed deploying for law enforcement purposes could be used to corroborate other pieces of evidence in criminal proceedings.

[S6W-30328](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the reported comments by Police Scotland's Chief Constable while proposing the use of live facial recognition for law enforcement purposes, whether Police Scotland has shared with it any evidence that would support the claim that "AI will help us take violent perpetrators off the streets quicker and will keep your children safe".

[S6W-30329](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the reported comments by Police Scotland's Chief Constable while proposing the use of live facial recognition for law enforcement purposes, what its position is on whether the non-consensual use of AI in public for

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live facial recognition is "parallel" to the consensual use of AI in confidential medical settings for the detection of cancer.

[S6W-30330](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what its understanding is regarding whether, under the reported proposals by the Chief Constable, Police Scotland would use live facial recognition only temporarily for major events, or whether permanent installations would be set up.

[S6W-30331](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what safeguards will be in place to protect the rights of law-abiding citizens under the reported proposals by Police Scotland's Chief Constable to deploy live facial recognition for law enforcement purposes.

[S6W-30332](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what safeguards will be in place to minimise any incidences of wrongful arrests under the reported proposals by Police Scotland's Chief Constable to deploy live facial recognition for law enforcement purposes.

[S6W-30333](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what its understanding is regarding how images used by live facial recognition systems will be stored, under the reported proposals by Police Scotland's Chief Constable.

[S6W-30334](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the use of live facial recognition systems, as reportedly proposed by Police Scotland's Chief Constable, will result in fewer officers on duty on Scotland's streets.

[S6W-30336](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government when its last correspondence with Police Scotland was regarding the contents of the 2023 report, *Review of emerging technologies in policing*.

[S6W-30337](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what Police Scotland's response was to the recommendations in the 2023 report, *Review of emerging technologies in policing*.

[S6W-30338](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the reported low incidence of violent and criminal behaviour among the public at large, what its understanding is regarding how the risk of base rate neglect will be factored into the use of live facial recognition technology in criminal proceedings, under the reported proposals by Police Scotland's Chief Constable.

[S6W-30339](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the reported low incidence of violent and criminal behaviour among the public at large, what its understanding is regarding how the risk of base rate neglect will be factored into the operational use of live facial recognition technology, under the reported proposals by Police Scotland's Chief Constable.

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New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 1 October 2024

Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill—The Bill was reprinted as passed. (SP Bill 38B) (Government Bill)

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to the affirmative procedure

The following draft instruments were laid before Parliament on 1 October 2024 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Funeral Expense Assistance \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#)

Laid under paragraph 11 of schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

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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:

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Final Proposals for Member's Bills

Meghan Gallacher: Proposed Desecration of War Memorials (Prevention) (Scotland) Bill— Proposal for a Bill to create a specific offence of desecrating a war memorial. (lodged 1 October 2024)

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

Supported by:

Colin Smyth: Proposed Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to establish an independent commissioner to promote and safeguard the rights and interests of older people. (lodged 25 September 2024)

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

Supported by: Martin Whitfield*, Foyso! Choudhury*, Monica Lennon*, Neil Bibby*

Daniel Johnson: Proposed Restraint and Seclusion (Prevention in Schools) (Scotland) Bill— Proposal for a Bill to ensure restraint and seclusion of children and young people in schools is only used as a last resort where there is an immediate risk of harm and using appropriate methods by providing for statutory guidance for use in schools, which includes detail on: recording; reporting and monitoring; and professional learning. (lodged 17 September 2024)

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

Supported by: Monica Lennon, Rhoda Grant, Neil Bibby, Martin Whitfield, Jackie Baillie, Foyso! Choudhury, Sarah Boyack, Colin Smyth*

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.

Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 1 October 2024

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

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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2024)

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 3 October 2024

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 10 October 2024

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (52nd Report, 2024)

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

Introduced, 24 September 2024

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 17 September 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 25 June 2024

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 2 October 2024
 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 1 October 2024

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 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 1 October 2024
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (50th Report, 2024)
Report – Social Justice and Social Security Committee (10th Report, 2024)

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 19 September 2024

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
[*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 25 June 2024
 Stage 1 (evidence (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)), 17 September 2024

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Before Stage 2 (evidence, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 1 October 2024
Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
[*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Criminal Justice Committee), 2 October 2024

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 22 February 2024

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
[*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 September 2024
Lead committee – Health, Social Care and Sport

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

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Introduced, 20 June 2024

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Before Stage 2 (evidence, Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee), 3 October 2024

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee), 7 November 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 1 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 17 September 2024

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

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

Stage 2 completed, 26 September 2024

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

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

Stage 1 completed, 23 April 2024

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

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 completed, 18 September 2024

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

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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Great British Energy Bill LCM-S6-48

Lodged on 8 August 2024

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

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

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

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

Lodged on 1 August 2024

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)), 3 September 2024

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Product Regulation and Metrology Bill LCM-S6-50

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 1 October 2024

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 28 October 2024

[Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes \(Amendment\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#) (3 September 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 29 October 2024

[Plant Health \(Import Inspection Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#) (4 September 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Rural Development \(Continuation of Operation\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (4 September 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 4 November 2024

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Specification of Devolved Tax\) \(Building Safety\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (10 September 2024) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 6 November 2024

[Public Procurement \(International Trade Agreements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (12 September 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to approval by 13 November 2024

[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Extension of Temporary Justice Measures\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (19 September 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 14 November 2024

[Upper Tribunal for Scotland Bus Registration Appeals \(Composition\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions of the Transport Tribunal\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 17 November 2024

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

[Masterplan Consent Area Scheme \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (23 September 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval by 19 November 2024

[Winter Heating Assistance \(Pension Age\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (25 September 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 25 November 2024

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

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#) (1 October 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 2 October 2024
Lead committee report due by 30 September 2024

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/178\)](#) (20 June 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Police Service of Scotland \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/179\)](#) (20 June 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 9 October 2024
Lead committee report due by 7 October 2024

[Waste \(Materials Facilities\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/191\)](#) (27 June 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Valuation \(Proposals Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/186\)](#) (27 June 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 11 October 2024
Lead committee report due by 7 October 2024

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/216\)](#) (29 August 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Charges for Residues Surveillance Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/218\)](#) (29 August 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission \(Permitted Disclosure of Information\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/220\)](#) (30 August 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/225\)](#) (30 August 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Academic Awards and Distinctions \(SRUC\) \(Scotland\) Order of Council 2024 \(SSI 2024/219\)](#) (2 September 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 30 October 2024
Lead committee report due by 28 October 2024

[Local Services Franchises \(Traffic Commissioner Notices and Panels\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/229\)](#) (5 September 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/230\)](#) (5 September 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[National Health Service \(Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/ 233\)](#) (5 September 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 3 November 2024
Lead committee report due by 28 October 2024

[Sheriff Court Fees Order 2024 \(2024/235\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

[Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/236\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

[High Court of Justiciary Fees Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/237\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

[Court of Session etc. Fees Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/238\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

[Justice of the Peace Court Fees \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/239\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

[Adults with Incapacity \(Public Guardian's Fees\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/240\)](#) (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 6 November 2024
Lead committee report due by 4 November 2024

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Social Security \(Genuine and Sufficient Link to the United Kingdom\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/241\)](#) (12 September 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Bus Services Improvement Partnerships \(Multi-operator Travel Cards\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/243\)](#) (12 September 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 13 November 2024
Lead committee report due by 11 November 2024

[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Early Expiry of Provisions\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/246\)](#) (19 September 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 14 November 2024
Lead committee report due by 11 November 2024

[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/247\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Public Service Vehicles \(Registration of Local Services\) \(Bus Services Improvement Partnerships Service Standards Decisions\) \(Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/248\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Bus Registration Appeals Rules of Procedure\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/249\)](#) (20 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

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

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

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

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

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

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 1 October 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Highland Health Board (Known as NHS Highland) Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/220) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts For the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/219) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Lanarkshire Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts For Year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/221) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Lothian Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31st March 2024 (SG/2024/222) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Orkney Annual Report and Accounts For Year Ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/223) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Shetland Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/224) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Housing Regulator Annual Performance Report and Accounts 2023/24 (SG/2024/164) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 (SG/2024/200) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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