

Wednesday 4 September 2024

Business Bulletin

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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 First Minister's Statement:
Programme for Government 2024-25

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
Programme for Government 2024-25

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
13189 Bob Doris: Tackling the Misuse of Off-
road Vehicles

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

10:00am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic – Questions 1 and 7.

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

- 1. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its decision not to make survivors of abuse at Fornethy House eligible for Scotland's Redress Scheme was due to budgetary pressures. ([S6O-03653](#))
- 2. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with UK Government counterparts regarding future plans for the Shared Prosperity and Levelling Up Funds. ([S6O-03654](#))
- 3. Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding support for any businesses impacted by the ban on wood burning stoves in new build homes. ([S6O-03655](#))
- 4. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to implement the policy announced in March 2022 in regard to companies maintaining trade links with Russia following the invasion of Ukraine. ([S6O-03656](#))
- 5. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the contribution that housebuilding makes to the Scottish economy. ([S6O-03657](#))
- 6. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with Harland & Wolff regarding any potential job losses at its yards in Methil in the Kirkcaldy constituency and Arnish on the Isle of Lewis. ([S6O-03658](#))
- 7. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it decided that survivors of abuse at Fornethy House should not be eligible to access Scotland's Redress Scheme. ([S6O-03659](#))
- 8. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the development of its Green Industrial Strategy and its commitment to leverage up to £500 million over the next five years for Scotland's offshore wind supply chain. ([S6O-03660](#))

Finance and Local Government

- 1. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met North Lanarkshire Council and what was discussed. ([S6O-03661](#))
- 2. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has allocated to local authorities whose housing stock and former housing stock requires demolition and rebuilding due to the presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. ([S6O-03662](#))
- 3. Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government, in line with the agreed procedure, whether it will provide the Scottish Fiscal Commission with a public sector pay policy ahead of its Budget for 2025-26. ([S6O-03663](#))
- 4. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recently published government expenditure and revenue figures, which reportedly show a £2,400 dividend in the last year for every person in Scotland as a result of its continued membership of the UK. ([S6O-03664](#))

5. Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to fund any pay increases for local government employees. ([S6O-03665](#))

6. Bill Kidd: [Not Lodged] ([S6O-03666](#))

7. Collette Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions the finance secretary has had with the UK Government regarding public spending, in light of the Prime Minister's remarks that the Labour administration's first Budget is "going to be painful". ([S6O-03667](#))

8. Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its reported decision to instruct local authorities to divert money from the Nature Restoration Fund towards local government pay settlements, what discussions the finance secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding action that can be taken to mitigate any impact of this decision on projects aimed at reversing nature loss. ([S6O-03668](#))

followed by First Minister's Statement: Programme for Government 2024-25

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2024-25

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-14305](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—
That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

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followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government – Growing Scotland's Green Economy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 September 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Languages Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 September 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

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2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

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followed by Business Motions

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 September 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-14306](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 27 September 2024.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-14307](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Tied Pubs (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-14308](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that Daniel Johnson be appointed to replace Foyso Choudhury as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

[S6M-14309](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Office of the Clerk—That the Parliament agrees that between 1 February 2025 and 31 January 2026, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 18 April, 21 April, 5 May, 23 May, 26 May, 12 September, 28 November, 24 December (pm), 25 December and 26 December 2025, and 1 and 2 January 2026.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-13189](#) Bob Doris: Tackling the Misuse of Off-road Vehicles—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the significant public safety issues regarding the misuse of off-road vehicles, including quad bikes, being used dangerously, inappropriately and often illegally on

roads, footpaths and various open spaces, which, it believes, poses a serious risk of injury and risk to life for those driving such vehicles, as well as others within the community; considers that their misuse can also have a detrimental impact on a community due to nuisance, antisocial behaviour and damage caused; notes the belief that registration of off-road vehicles, which is a reserved power, may assist Police Scotland with what it considers to be the often hazardous and unenviable tasks regarding policing, identification and enforcement; further notes that the Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill is being progressed by Anne McLaughlin MP within the UK Parliament, and that the UK Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport has agreed to establish a task force to look at the wider issues caused by off-road vehicles, and notes the belief that such a working group in Scotland should include the Scottish Government, local authorities, Police Scotland and others to consider what more can be done to keep the public safe and nuisance-free from the misuse of off-road vehicles across Scotland, including in the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 20th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of evidence on pre-budget scrutiny 2025 to 2026 should be taken in private at item number 3, and at future meetings.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025 to 2026:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Robin Cook, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, Strathclyde University;
Alastair Hamilton, Chair of the NW Coast, Regional Inshore Fisheries Groups Network;
Professor Michel Kaiser, Member, Marine Alliance for Science and Technology for Scotland;
Elspeth Macdonald, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Federation;
Charles Millar, Executive Director, Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust;
Professor Colin Moffat, former Chief Scientific Advisor Marine to the Scottish Government;
Phil Taylor, Director, Open Seas;
Dr Alan Wells, Chief Executive, Fisheries Management Scotland;
Elaine Whyte, Executive Secretary, Clyde Fishermen's Association.
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025 to 2026:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 21st Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Declaration of interests (In Private):** Willie Coffey will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Disability Employment Gap (In Private) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
3. **Work programme (In Private) (in private):** The Committee will consider a scoping paper for its next inquiry on City Region Growth Deals.

Criminal Justice Committee 27th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 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 Fire and Rescue Service - current challenges and proposed reforms:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Colin Brown, Executive Council Member for Scotland, Fire Brigades Union;
Dave Crawford, Scottish Official, and Tim Kirk, Inverness & North Regional Representative, Fire and Rescue Services Association;
and then from—

Ross Haggart, Chief Officer, Stuart Stevens, Deputy Chief Officer, and Sarah O'Donnell, Director of Finance and Contractual Services, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

3. **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - current challenges and proposed reforms:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 22nd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025 to 2026:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—
Graeme Dey, Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans, and Stuart Greig, Deputy Director, Governance and Assurance Division, Lifelong Learning and Skills, Scottish Government.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025 to 2026 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 26 June 2024

Thursday 5 September 2024

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-14137 Sarah Boyack: Recognising the UN's Declaration for Future Generations

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government – Eradicating Child Poverty

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 September 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

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5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 September 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 September 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: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

5 September 2024

22nd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Paul McLennan, Minister for Housing, Catriona MacKean, Deputy Director of Better Homes, Laura McMahan, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, and Matt Howarth, Policy Officer, Homelessness Prevention Team, Scottish Government.
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—
Sheghley Ogilvie, Public Affairs Officer, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO);
Sarah Latto, Senior Policy Officer, Volunteer Scotland;
Douglas Westwater, Chair, Social Enterprise Scotland;
Tim Frew, Chief Executive, YouthLink Scotland;
Ian Bruce, Chief Executive, Third Sector Interface Network Scotland.
4. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.
5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 3.

Proposed future business

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

5 September 2024

18th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Review of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation inquiry (In Private) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
2. **Work programme (In Private) (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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

5 September 2024

21st 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 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to meet in private on Thursday 12 September 2024.
3. **Tackling digital exclusion:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Jillian Matthew, Senior Manager, and Bernie Milligan, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland;
Mike Neilson, Member, Accounts Commission.
4. **Tackling digital exclusion:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Jillian Matthew, Senior Manager, and Bernie Milligan, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland;
Mike Neilson, Member, Accounts Commission.
5. **Tackling digital exclusion:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
6. **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

5 September 2024

20th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Parliamentary Business, and Iain Hockenhull, Elections Bill Team Leader, Scottish Government;
Lorraine Walkinshaw, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate;
Chris Nicholson, Solicitor and Head of Branch, Constitutional Reform and External Affairs, Scottish Government.
3. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Standing Order Rule Changes** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Parliamentary Bureau on allocation of time for opposition business.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at

catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot

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Motions Glusadan				

Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Motions for Debate

***[S6M-14322](#) Jenny Gilruth: Programme for Government – Eradicating Child Poverty**—That the Parliament notes the actions set out in the Programme for Government 2024-25 that focus on eradicating child poverty as the single greatest priority for the Scottish Government; recognises that sustained and cohesive effort is needed across all levels of government and in all parts of society to deliver on this national mission, especially at a time when the public finances are under acute pressure after 14 years of austerity; welcomes continued investment of around £3 billion in 2024-25 to eradicate poverty, mitigate the impacts of the cost of living crisis and invest in prevention to break the cycle of poverty; notes analysis of the Child Poverty Action Group, which estimates that low-income families in Scotland will be around £28,000 better off by the time that their child turns 18 when compared to other families across the UK; further notes modelling that estimates that 100,000 children will be kept out of relative poverty this year as a result of Scottish Government policies such as the Scottish Child Payment; recognises the Scottish Government's commitment to working constructively with the UK Government to end child poverty once and for all, and agrees that the UK Government has the opportunity to lift thousands of children out of poverty in Scotland by taking action in the Autumn Budget to remove the two-child limit.

Supported by: Kaukab Stewart*, Shirley-Anne Somerville*, Paul McLennan*, Natalie Don-Innes*, Graeme Dey*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-14317](#) Tim Eagle: Merchant Navy Day 2024**—That the Parliament welcomes and celebrates Merchant Navy Day 2024; understands that the annual campaign is organised by The Seafarers Charity and that it is honoured by flying the Red Ensign, whether physically or digitally; recognises that Merchant Navy Day falls on 3 September in order to commemorate the anniversary of the start of the Second World War as well as the brave men and women who served as merchant seafarers and kept vital supply lines open during the war; acknowledges that Merchant Navy Day also recognises the lives and work of all merchant seafarers who have served and continue to serve as merchant seafarers; believes that merchant seafarers are vital to both the economies of Scotland and the UK, and understands that they are responsible for shipping over 95% of the UK's trade, and thanks the country's seafarers for all that they do.

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***[S6M-14296](#) Ariane Burgess: Energy Learning Network Launch**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Energy Learning Network, which is a collaborative project that aims to maximise community energy across the UK by supporting more communities to access what it sees as the lasting social and financial benefits that come from community energy ownership, as seen in North Yell, where the community owns five wind turbines, in Tiree, where the community owns one 900kW turbine, and in Applecross, which benefits from a community hydro scheme; regrets that the community energy sector has, it considers, had to overcome multiple financial and regulatory barriers to achieve progress; acknowledges what it regards as the opportunity to expand community energy provided by the new UK Government's Local Power Plan and the Scottish Government's forthcoming Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, and notes the seven calls to action for the Scottish Government from a coalition of Scotland's community sector organisations, including setting a target for 100% community-owned energy, reviewing the opportunities and challenges from repowering, and establishing a national community wealth fund, to ensure that the wealth created from Scotland's abundant natural resources is distributed to communities across Scotland as part of a just energy transition.

***[S6M-14292](#) Ben Macpherson: Teuchters Landing Wins Best Drinks Offering at Scottish Bar and Pub Awards 2024**—That the Parliament congratulates the owners and staff of Teuchters Landing, based at the Shore in Leith, on winning Inverarity Morton's Best Drinks Offering at the Scottish Bar and Pub Awards 2024; notes that Teuchters Landing first opened its doors in 2008, and considers it to be a renowned and celebrated bar in the Edinburgh Northern and Leith constituency; understands that the judges were searching "for a venue that displays creative forward-thinking and is inclined to think outside of the box when it comes to developing its drinks list"; further understands that the bar has a large whisky selection, which includes around 90 single malts, around 20 international and blended whiskies, and its famous Hoop of Destiny, as featured on the BBC documentary, *Scotch! The Story of Whisky*, as well as offering a diverse range of beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks; commends Teuchters Landing for winning this award in recognition of what it sees as its excellent customer service, as well as the bar's ability to diversify and cater to the preferences of a wide range of customers that walk through its doors, and wishes Teuchters Landing continued success for the future as part of what it considers to be a remarkable hospitality industry and scene in the Leith area.

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***[S6M-14290](#) Kevin Stewart: SSEN Community Funding**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of SSEN Transmission's first ever Community Benefit Fund; understands that the fund will allow organisations across the north of Scotland to apply for a share of £2 million for projects that will aid skills development, support the culture of local communities, and help alleviate fuel poverty, with the deadline for applications on 22 November 2024; further understands that this initial £2 million is being released from SSEN Transmission's opening £10 million Regional Community Benefit Fund, which is due to be followed by more local community funds in 2025 and is expected to reach over £100 million in total for local projects; believes that this funding can be of great use in helping projects and communities close to the infrastructure being developed by SSEN Transmission, and hopes that many organisations can benefit from this funding now and in the months to come.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*

***[S6M-14289](#) Rona Mackay: Billington's of Lenzie Named Scotland's Deli of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates the team at Billington's of Lenzie on being named Scotland's Deli of the Year at the 10th Food Awards Scotland 2024; understands that the prestigious award was presented to the local family-run artisan deli, café and bakery at a special ceremony in Glasgow on 26 August 2024, which saw top professionals come together to celebrate their achievements; acknowledges that the awards mark the accomplishments of restaurants, cafes, chefs, producers and other culinary experts across Scotland, and applauds the outstanding quality of nominees who contribute to the country's culinary landscape; commends what it sees as the continuing dedicated customer service and warm welcome extended by the Billington family and its team to all who visit this popular store, and wishes Billington's, which was founded in 2012 and is also the producer of what it considers to be one of Scotland's best gins, Lenzie Gin, which achieved the accolade of Scotland's Gin of the Year at the Scottish Gin Awards in 2019, continued success in serving the constituents of Strathkelvin and Bearsden.

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***[S6M-14287](#) Pam Gosal: The Kirky Cake and Coffee Trail Comes to Kirkintilloch, East Dunbartonshire**—That the Parliament commends the efforts of Kirkintilloch Business Improvement District (BID) in creating the Kirky Cake and Coffee Trail; believes that the trail app will help users navigate the trail and in turn support local hospitality businesses; notes that the pilot project is supported by tech company, Vicinity, and Scotland's Improvement Districts (SIDs) as part of Scotland Loves Local Week; understands that the digital town trail will show how much there is to enjoy in the local area, for locals and visitors alike, and wishes the team every success in the initiative.

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***[S6M-14286](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Recognising the Work of Health All Round**—That the Parliament recognises the work of Health All Round to improve the health and wellbeing of people living within South West and South Central Edinburgh; believes that health inequalities exist across Scotland; appreciates the work Health All Round does to decrease health inequalities through free and low-cost services and by encouraging participation in the planning process; understands that Health All Round seeks to address the broader determinants of health and wellbeing by providing a range of services to meet the physical, emotional and social needs of the community; commends the community work Health All Round does to empower people to

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participate in the community and local resource planning process, build resilience and long-term symptoms maintenance skills; notes in particular, Health All Round's focus on greenspace and outdoor activities for increasing wellbeing; appreciates the partnership work Health All Round does with a range of stakeholders, including GPs and working with the wider community via local forums to avoid duplication of services, manage resources effectively and address local needs; notes Health All Round's work to encourage a social model of health, and wishes Health All Round the best for the future.

***[S6M-14285](#) Kevin Stewart: Decarbonising the Oil and Gas Sector**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of a new research initiative from the University of Aberdeen focused on decarbonising the oil and gas sector, backed by £600,000 of investment from nine energy companies; understands that the Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT), based in the School of Geosciences and led by the University's Director for Energy Transition, Professor John Underhill, will focus on delivering world-class research by equipping researchers with the skills, knowledge and expertise required to provide energy security while reducing emissions and decarbonisation to help accelerate the energy transition; further understands that this investment from BP, Chevron, CNOOC, ExxonMobil, Equinor, Harbour Energy, Shell, Spirit Energy and TotalEnergies will support training and PhD studentships, with the endorsement of Offshore Energies UK (OEUK); believes that the funding from these nine companies sends a strong message about the confidence industry has in the Centre for Doctoral Training's ability to move the energy transition forward and assist the industry's shift to cleaner energy; looks forward to the fruits of this investment and research from the University, helping Scotland make progress on the path to net zero, and wishes all the staff and researchers involved all the best in their endeavours on what it sees as this crucial work.

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***[S6M-14284](#) Christine Grahame: Congratulating Chief Superintendent Mike Flynn on His Retirement from the Scottish SPCA**—That the Parliament congratulates Chief Superintendent Mike Flynn on his retirement from the Scottish SPCA after more than 37 years of dedicated service to animal welfare; notes that Mike began his career with the Scottish SPCA in May 1987, having previously worked as an elephant keeper at Edinburgh Zoo; commends Mike for his remarkable achievements during his tenure, including the establishment of the special investigations unit to tackle organised dog fighting, badger baiting and illegal pet trade, and for his significant contribution to the development and implementation of animal welfare legislation in Jersey, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Canada and Catalonia; recognises his role in authoring the first inspectors instruction manual approved by the Crown Office, and managing all uniformed staff within the society, as well as overseeing all parliamentary issues related to animal welfare and participating in government consultations; acknowledges his tireless campaigning efforts, which culminated in the passage of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill in March 2024, introducing a complete ban on all forms of snares in Scotland and granting the Scottish SPCA enhanced powers to support Police Scotland in tackling wildlife crime; notes his well-deserved recognition in 2006, when he was appointed an MBE in The Queen's 80th birthday honours list for his services to animal welfare; wishes Mike a happy and fulfilling retirement, and expresses its gratitude for his extraordinary contribution to animal welfare in Scotland. **R**

***[S6M-14283](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Congratulations to Dounby AC on Winning the Thomson Cup**—That the Parliament congratulates Dounby AC on their 6-0 victory in the

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Thomson Cup Final against Orphir; acknowledges their remarkable achievement of winning the treble and completing the 2024 season with a perfect 100% winning record, and commends all involved for their efforts.

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***[S6M-14281](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Island of Rum Named Scotland's First Dark Sky Sanctuary**—That the Parliament congratulates the Island of Rum on its designation as Scotland's first Dark Sky Sanctuary; recognises the island's exceptional night skies, making it a premier destination for stargazing; acknowledges the efforts of the local community and conservationists in preserving the natural environment and promoting sustainable tourism, and commends Rum for its dedication to protecting its unique natural heritage for future generations.

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***[S6M-14280](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Shetland Islands Named Cleanest Part of Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates the Shetland Islands on being named the cleanest part of Scotland in a report by Keep Scotland Beautiful; acknowledges the dedication of the Shetland community in maintaining high standards of cleanliness and environmental stewardship, and recognises what it considers to be the importance of such efforts in preserving the natural beauty and quality of life in the islands.

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***[S6M-14279](#) Marie McNair: Beloved Milngavie Vet Retires after 30 Years**—That the Parliament acknowledges George Pate, a veterinary surgeon who has built up the Avalon Veterinary Clinic in Milngavie for the past 30 years; recognises what it sees as the importance of independent vet clinics in Scotland's communities, such as Avalon, that provide valued care and medicine to pets and animals; celebrates the long and dedicated careers of vets like George, and wishes him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

***[S6M-14278](#) Willie Coffey: Sakai Karate Club Success**—That the Parliament congratulates the Sakai Karate Club and, it considers, the legends that are the Coulter family; understands that founder David Coulter, 8th dan, has been training champions all his life, and that now his son Kris Coulter, 6th dan, also a karate coach, has his own children winning titles; further understands that Kory Coulter, who was born with TDSF, a condition that effects his windpipe and oesophagus, has type 1 diabetes and has undergone six surgeries, has recently won the British Karate Federation (BKF) British Karate Title and gained his 1st dan black belt from his karate king grandpa, David Coulter MBE; notes that Kory's younger brother, Frankie, is also a BKF British Champion and, to keep it in the family, their younger sister Lexi has started training with her grandpa, and congratulates the Coulter family on what it sees as their outstanding contribution to the town of Kilmarnock and the inspirational achievements of the whole family.

***[S6M-14277](#) Marie McNair: AllARMED Awarded Scottish EDGE Funding**—That the Parliament recognises Kim Burgess for her developing business, AllARMED, which offers an exciting, novel personal protection approach for anyone who may feel vulnerable in public; acknowledges

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innovative approaches such as AllARMED, with what it understands to be a highly visible deterrent that has the potential to revolutionise personal safety and ensure that the most vulnerable groups in society feel safe and confident; understands that Scottish EDGE awarded an amount of £10,000 for Kim to develop a prototype device; further understands that Scottish EDGE has made 635 awards totalling £26.5million to Scottish businesses since its conception; celebrates this annual competition, which supports up-and-coming, innovative, high-growth potential, entrepreneurial talent, and wishes Kim and AllARMED well for its launch.

***[S6M-14274](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Community Hoping to Improve Robroyston Park—**That the Parliament congratulates the residents of Barmulloch, Balornock, and Robroyston in the north-east of the city of Glasgow, working to re-establish the Friends of Robroyston Park in an effort to transform the park into a safe and enjoyable outdoor space; notes that the group has not been active since the COVID-19 pandemic and that new members will be elected in October 2024; understands that once this takes place, members will be supported by the Barmulloch Community Development Company (BCDC) to secure investment and interest in the park to improve it, and further understands that BCDC carries out a survey each year in the areas surrounding Robroyston Park and that better outdoor spaces came top of the survey.

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***[S6M-14273](#) Emma Roddick: Congratulating Sandra McKinlay on her Retirement—**That the Parliament congratulates Sandra McKinlay of The Flower Shop Tain, on 61 years of serving the community of Tain and beyond; understands that the family business has been in Tain for 61 years started by Sandra's father, Sandy Alexander Macdonald; acknowledges the hard work and dedication to providing a service to the local community through the creation and delivery of top quality products for all occasions; commends Sandra on her long service to the community of Tain, and further acknowledges that The Flower Shop Tain served many areas in the north of Scotland from Inverness to Caithness, proving it always went that extra mile.

***[S6M-14272](#) Alexander Stewart: Toast and Taste Hospitality Guide Launched for Alloa—**That the Parliament welcomes the news that a selection of public houses, restaurants and entertainment venues in Alloa have been celebrated as part of a new town trail guide; understands that Alloa First has partnered up with tech company, Vicinity, to provide the guide, which gathers information on the best the town has to offer; further understands that Toast and Taste will provide visitors, in addition to local residents, with suggestions on where to find good coffee, cake, cocktails or food; believes that Toast and Taste has been made possible with help from Scotland's Improvement Districts (SIDs) and that it has been launched as part of Scotland Loves Local Week; understands that in addition to launching the trail, Alloa First is also encouraging local businesses to sign the Scotland Loves Local pledge, which aims to ensure that people will choose local where possible for them to do so; notes that the Toast and Taste trail can be accessed by downloading the 'LoyalFree' app from the relevant app store; further notes that people can also sign the pledge by going to the dedicated Scotland Loves Local web page, and wishes everyone involved the very best wishes for the guide's and the businesses' collective success.

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***[S6M-14271](#) Alexander Stewart: Annual Golf Day Raises Record Sum for Scottish Autism—**

That the Parliament welcomes the news that a record sum was attained for Scottish Autism at its annual golf fundraiser; understands that, held in partnership with SG Pro Cleaning in Alloa, the golf day at Craigiellaw Golf Course in East Lothian raised over £16,000 for the charity; notes that the event, which was hosted by Rugby celebrity, Scott Hastings, held a raffle and a silent auction, in addition to the day's Golf, which, it understands, collectively realised a total of £16,125, an increase of £1,500 over the sum raised in 2023; commends SG Pro Cleaning for its continued partnership, as well as Mr Hastings and all those taking part, and congratulates Scottish Autism on this excellent funding total, in addition to the sterling work that the charity does for those living with autism and their families and friends.

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***[S6M-14270](#) Sarah Boyack: Highlighting the Nature Restoration Fund—**

That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the success of the Nature Restoration Fund, which, it understands, has granted nearly £40 million worth of funding to over 140 projects across all of Scotland's 32 local authority areas; understands that the funding supports a wide range of nature restoration work, including nature-based solutions to climate change, habitat and species restoration, biosecurity and health and wellbeing projects for local communities, including in the Lothian region; understands, with concern, that Scotland is one of most nature-depleted countries in the world according to the Biodiversity Intactness Index, and that nature is in crisis, with one in nine species at risk of national extinction; notes, with alarm, reports that the Nature Restoration Fund allocation to local authorities for 2024-25 has been re-allocated to cover an increase in staff pay, and expresses the hope that a way forward can be found to pay staff fairly and equitably in line with the cost of living while also conserving and restoring the natural world on which all human life depends, in line with the Scottish Government's stated priorities on Net Zero and its Biodiversity Strategy.

***[S6M-14269](#) Alexander Stewart: Stirling Business Awards Return for a Third Year—**

That the Parliament is enthused at the news that Stirling's 2025 Business Awards have now been launched; understands that Go Forth Stirling has announced that the awards will return for a third straight year, with the ceremony set to take place at the city's Albert Halls on 27 February 2025; further understands that local residents and visitors will have the chance to suggest local businesses for various accolades via a dedicated webpage at independentstirling.co.uk/awards, with categories, including Café/Coffee Shop of the Year, Visitor Attraction of the Year, Hair and Beauty Business of the Year and Retailer of the Year; notes that the Charity of the Year and New Business of the Year categories will also be recognised, alongside Service-led Business of the Year, covering healthcare firms, solicitors, tailors and estate agents, and Restaurant of the Year and Pub/Bar of the Year; acknowledges that a new category for this year's awards will be a New Business of the Year for companies beginning in 2024 and the Outstanding Contribution to Stirling will also be open for nominations; notes that the launch comes as Scotland Loves Local Week highlights how shoppers can boost their local economies and make a difference to their communities by choosing to shop local; believes that voting will close just before Christmas 2024, with the shortlist announced in January 2025, and wishes everyone involved all the very best of luck in this year's contest.

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***[S6M-14268](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Rangers Charity Foundation Annual Review 2023-24**—That the Parliament congratulates the Rangers Charity Foundation on its work in the last year as laid out in its 2023-24 Annual Review; understands that 21 schools from five different local authority areas now engage in its SQA Programme of wider achievement and that, this year, it reached the milestone of handing out its 1,000th SQA Award in its capacity as an SQA Approved Centre; commends the work of the Foundation in the field of health and wellbeing, with particular reference to its work in encouraging better mental health support; recognises the work pursued through its Diversity Wins programme, launched in 2018, which, it understands was the first of its type in the UK and is now delivered in partnership with Glasgow City Council to P6s and P7s and covers important topics such as discrimination, prejudice, stereotyping and employability; understands that the Foundation works with a range of charities both domestically and internationally and has donated over £6.6 million in cash and in-kind support to date; notes that in addition to its broader work, the Foundation plays an active part in the Govan Thriving Place Initiative, which supports work and initiatives around the club's stadium in Glasgow, and wishes the Foundation and all involved every success in the future.

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***[S6M-14267](#) Jackie Dunbar: Verlume Success at Scottish Green Energy Supply Chain Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Verlume on winning the Outstanding SME Award at the Scottish Green Energy Supply Chain Awards, and for becoming finalists in the Green Business Growth, and the Technology and Business Innovation categories; understands that the Outstanding SME category received the most applications from businesses around Scotland, however, Verlume was selected as the winner due its success in pioneering innovative solutions to add distinct value to the supply chain; notes that the awards were presented by Scottish Renewables to recognise the extraordinary talent in the green energy supply chain and to promote new skills and expertise; acknowledges what it sees as the great work of Verlume, as well as the other winners and nominees at the awards, and wishes them all the best for the future.

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***[S6M-14265](#) Kevin Stewart: Thanks to Aberdeen Muslims**—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen Muslims on distributing over 160 free meals to people in need during the relaunch of its FoodBox initiative; notes that the event took place on 28 August 2024 on the square outside the St Nicholas Centre in Aberdeen city centre, with food provided by sponsor Bombay Palace; understands that the FoodBox initiative is scheduled to take place on the last Wednesday of every month between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm; believes that this initiative is an excellent example of people, organisations and businesses coming together to support those in need in communities; thanks the Aberdeen Muslims volunteers for giving up their time and Bombay Palace for its generosity in providing the food for distribution, and wishes all involved with FoodBox all the best going forward, while also looking forward to the day such initiatives are not required to address poverty and hunger in society.

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***[S6M-14263](#) Martin Whitfield: Freedom of East Lothian for Josh Taylor**—That the Parliament welcomes the granting of the Freedom of East Lothian to former undisputed light-welterweight

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boxing champion, Josh Taylor, who is from Prestonpans originally and now lives in Haddington; understands that the accolade has been given to Mr Taylor in recognition of his numerous successes in the sport, which include winning Gold at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014, and the International Boxing Federation (IBF) and World Boxing Association (WBA) light-welterweight titles, before beating Jose Ramirez in 2021 to secure the World Boxing Council (WBC) and World Boxing Organization (WBO) titles and become undisputed world champion, the first British boxer to do so in the four-belt era; commends Mr Taylor and his support team for these outstanding achievements in boxing, and congratulates him on being granted the Freedom of East Lothian.

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***[S6M-14261](#) Tim Eagle: Ardbeg Distillery Named the Best Whisky Experience in Scotland—**

That the Parliament congratulates Ardbeg Distillery on being named the best whisky experience in Scotland in Milroy's of Soho's Whisky Travel Index; understands that the index scores each whisky experience using 15 different areas of assessment, including the cost of the experience, visitor feedback, variety of experience on offer, the quality of the whisky produced, average whisky review score, tour and tasting experiences on offer, and recent industry award wins; recognises that, in order to achieve the impressive score of 92.2 out of 100, Ardbeg placed in the top five of many of the areas of assessment; further recognises what it sees as the importance of the Scotch whisky industry to the Scottish and UK economies, and appreciates the hard work and dedication of all those involved with Ardbeg Distillery, as well as the wider House of Glenmorangie team within Moët Hennessy/LVMH, to maintain such high standards and success.

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***[S6M-14260](#) Martin Whitfield: East Lothian Partnership Poverty Plan 2024-2028—**

That the Parliament notes the approval of East Lothian Partnership's 2024-2028 plan for tackling poverty across the county at a recent full meeting of East Lothian Council; understands that the Partnership includes the local authority, NHS Lothian, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, charity organisations and education providers, and that the first East Lothian Poverty Plan (2021-2023) was central to the county's recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic; further understands that the revised second plan, which has been developed following a year of engagement and consultation with local people and groups, focuses on increasing people's income and creating resilient communities that are ready for the future, with priority actions aiming to ensure a supply of good quality jobs that pay fairly, residents being able to get the income that they are entitled to and support with the cost of living, residents having a good life with access to the essentials such as housing, good health, quality food and a resilient community, and East Lothian being climate change ready by taking preventative action to protect and support communities from the effects of climate change; commends all of the organisations and individuals involved in the partnership for their work on the poverty plan, and urges the Scottish Government to play its part in supporting the plan's implementation over the next four years.

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***[S6M-14259](#) Martin Whitfield: Welcoming 30 Years of Port Seton Centre—**

That the Parliament notes the 30th anniversary celebrations for Port Seton Centre, first opened on 26 August 1994, which have included a family fun day for the local community; understands that, over the last 30

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years, the centre, which is a greatly valued public facility, has been at the heart of the local community in Port Seton and Cockenzie, hosting a wide range of community activities and resources, including a food pantry, public cafe, gym and sports halls, soft play, youth clubs and library facilities, and thanks everyone who has been involved in the centre's management committee, its staff and volunteers, and the groups, organisations and individuals that have supported and used the centre during its first 30 years.

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***S6M-14179 Foysoyl Choudhury: Mel Young Receives Edinburgh Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Mel Young, founder of the Homeless World Cup, on receiving the Edinburgh Award; understands that the Edinburgh Award recognises and celebrates individuals who have made a real and lasting positive impact on the city and have brought national and international attention to Edinburgh; recognises that Mel Young co-founded the Homeless World Cup in 2003, which uses football to support and inspire people experiencing homelessness to change their lives for the better, and improve public attitudes towards those who are experiencing homelessness through the common language of sport; understands that the Homeless World Cup has partners in 75 countries, and works with over 100 000 homeless people every year; notes that Mel also co-founded the *Big Issue* in Scotland, which provides social and economic opportunity for people trapped in poverty through the sale of the *Big Issue* magazine, and chairs sportscotland, Scotland's national agency for sport; commends Mel Young for all his work to create a better society, and hopes for the continued success of the Homeless World Cup.

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S6M-14319 Fiona Hyslop: Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2024 [draft] (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Jim Fairlie*

S6M-14264 Bill Kidd: UN International Day against Nuclear Tests (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Richard Leonard* **R**, Joe FitzPatrick*, David Torrance*

S6M-14257 David Torrance: Contact Point Buckhaven Celebrates 30 Years (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Paul Sweeney*

S6M-14256 Elena Whitham: Netherthird Community Development Group Secures Lottery Funding (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Clare Haughey*, David Torrance*, Sharon Dowey*, Bill Kidd*

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S6M-14255 Elena Whitham: Netherthird Community Action Training Secures Lottery Funding (lodged on 02 September 2024)

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S6M-14254 Elena Whitham: Muirkirk Gala Day Committee (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Sharon Dowey*, Bill Kidd*

S6M-14253 Elena Whitham: Girvan Christmas Street Party Secures National Lottery Funds (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Sharon Dowey*, Bill Kidd*

S6M-14252 Elena Whitham: Straiton Village Secure National Lottery Funds (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Roz McCall*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Clare Haughey*, David Torrance*, Sharon Dowey*, Bill Kidd*

S6M-14251 Colin Beattie: Headway East Lothian 20th Anniversary (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-14249 Pam Duncan-Glancy: Recognising Playlist for Life (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Sarah Boyack*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*

S6M-14248 Martin Whitfield: Ross High School's 70th Anniversary (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-14247 Emma Harper: Shambellie House Celebrates Japanese Culture (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Stephanie Callaghan*, Paul Sweeney*

S6M-14245 Jackie Dunbar: P&J Live to Host 20th UK Stroke Forum Conference (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Joe FitzPatrick*

S6M-14244 Annabelle Ewing: Hugos Bar and Pavilion Recognised at Scottish Bar and Pub Awards 2024 (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Paul Sweeney*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-14243](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Sisters Win Children's Showdance Duet at Dance World Cup (lodged on 30 August 2024)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Christine Grahame*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Kenneth Gibson*

[S6M-14241](#) Finlay Carson: Two Industry Leaders Unite Over First Sustainable Windfarm Decommissioning Strategy (lodged on 30 August 2024)

New Support: Jamie Greene*, Roz McCall*, Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-14240](#) Jeremy Balfour: Remembering Euan MacDonald (lodged on 30 August 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-14239](#) Jeremy Balfour: "Where Have All the Children Gone?" Report (lodged on 30 August 2024)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-14237](#) Foyso Choudhury: Edinburgh TV Festival 2024 (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14236](#) Beatrice Wishart: Congratulating the Shetland Community Bike Project (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14221](#) Tim Eagle: Three Campbeltown Firefighters Receive Royal Recognition for 20 Years of Service (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-14219](#) Annie Wells: Bellrock Technology Takes on Arrochar Alps Challenge to Support Local Charity (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-14218](#) Annie Wells: Scottish Women in Business Awards Returns after Five Years (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Pauline McNeill*

[S6M-14216](#) Annie Wells: Accounting Trainees Take Up Roles with Glasgow Business (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-14213](#) Annie Wells: Springburn Community Festival Hailed Huge Success (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-14209](#) Paul Sweeney: Stockingfield Bridge Impact Report (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-14203](#) Neil Bibby: Commending John McBarron (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-14197](#) Annie Wells: World Sepsis Day 2024 (lodged on 27 August 2024)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Beatrice Wishart*

[S6M-14196](#) Annie Wells: International Day of Sign Languages 2024 (lodged on 27 August 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-14195](#) Annie Wells: Youth Mental Health Day (lodged on 27 August 2024)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-14194](#) Annie Wells: National Eye Health Week (lodged on 27 August 2024)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-14193](#) Annie Wells: Alzheimer Scotland's Memory Walk Glasgow (lodged on 27 August 2024)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-14192](#) Annie Wells: Emergency Services Day 2024 (lodged on 27 August 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-14191](#) Annie Wells: World Suicide Prevention Day 10 September 2024 (lodged on 27 August 2024)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-14177](#) Christine Grahame: Afghan Medical Students (lodged on 23 August 2024)

New Support: Pauline McNeill*, Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-14155](#) Pam Gosal: Repairing Potholes on Scotland's Roads (lodged on 22 August 2024)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-14137](#) Sarah Boyack: Recognising the UN's Declaration for Future Generations (lodged on 22 August 2024)

New Support: Pauline McNeill*, Monica Lennon*, Rhoda Grant*, Richard Leonard*, Alex Rowley*

[S6M-14134](#) Emma Roddick: The Flow Country Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site (lodged on 19 August 2024)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-14132](#) Stuart McMillan: UK Government Austerity (lodged on 02 September 2024)

New Support: Stephanie Callaghan*

[S6M-14128](#) Paul Sweeney: TransiT Hub for Decarbonising Transport Receives £46 Million of Funding from EPSRC and Industry Partners (lodged on 19 August 2024)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane*

[S6M-14117](#) Rona Mackay: St Mary's Kenmure Achieves Silver Level of LGBT Charter
(lodged on 16 August 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-14089](#) Karen Adam: Farm Talk (lodged on 14 August 2024)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-14082](#) Emma Roddick: Full Fibre Broadband Delivered in Jura (lodged on 14 August 2024)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-14081](#) Jackie Dunbar: Partnership Between Aberdeen FC and Fierce Beer (lodged on 14 August 2024)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-14059](#) Emma Roddick: Celebrating the Career and Legacy of Andy Murray (lodged on 14 August 2024)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-14044](#) Karen Adam: Lonely Thoughts (lodged on 07 August 2024)

New Support: Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-14025.1](#) Karen Adam: Safety of Female Athletes at the 2024 Paris Olympics (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*, Joe FitzPatrick*

[S6M-13910](#) Emma Roddick: Welcoming the Expansion of the Community Link Worker Service in the Highlands (lodged on 18 July 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-13767](#) Rona Mackay: Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month
(lodged on 25 June 2024)

New Support: Elena Whitham*

[S6M-13716](#) Rona Mackay: Gold Sportscotland School Sport Award for Lenzie Meadow Primary School (lodged on 19 June 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-13649](#) Elena Whitham: Common Ground Forum on Deer (lodged on 17 June 2024)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton*

[S6M-13268](#) Alexander Burnett: Rachel Dougherty, from Banchory, Wins Scotland's Home of the Year (lodged on 02 September 2024)

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

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-12165](#) David Torrance: Celebrating 125 Years of Learning with Fife College (lodged on 15 February 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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Questions Ceistean				

Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 03 September 2024

[S6W-28610](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to reconcile any discrepancy between the targets for residential rehabilitation, which it set in 2021, and the current status of residential rehabilitation services.

[S6W-29313](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government how many regulations have been removed as per advice from the Regulatory Review Group since it was relaunched in autumn 2023 as recommended by the New Deal for Business Group.

[S6W-29364](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has given any consideration to establishing a publicly available real-time map of (a) proposed, (b) ongoing and (c) completed energy infrastructure projects. **R**

[S6W-29365](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to end the process of "salami-slicing" of energy infrastructure projects. **R**

[S6W-29366](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it can provide to local authorities to help them train community councillors on planning applications in relation to energy infrastructure projects. **R**

[S6W-29447](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to remove any uncertainty and improve communication between it and landlords.

[S6W-29448](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will carry out a review of the cumulative impact of legislative changes on the private rented sector in the current parliamentary session.

[S6W-29449](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will carry out a review to identify any changes required to allow the private rented sector to fulfil the role that it envisages for the sector.

[S6W-29450](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will carry out a review of the support required by local authorities to ensure that there is robust enforcement of the legislation that covers the private rented sector.

[S6W-29451](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will expand the use of policy impact assessments to consider the cumulative effect of legislation covering the private rented sector in terms of costs, compliance behaviours and the availability of tradespeople and other enabling resources.

[S6W-29452](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to providing training opportunities to support landlords in their awareness of their legislative requirements.

[S6W-29453](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what action it takes to better understand the resource constraints associated with tradespeople in relation to the private rented sector.

[S6W-29454](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has mapped existing resource levels geographically against demand in the private rented sector.

[S6W-29455](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what projection it has made of the impact on resource levels in the private rented sector against future planned or proposed legislative requirements, such as those relating to net zero.

[S6W-29478](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work of the Grangemouth Future Industry Board.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-29479](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the ongoing talks with Petroineos and the UK Government on extending the life of the Grangemouth oil refinery.

[S6W-29480](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government on what basis people in receipt of a state pension in Scotland will be able to receive a Winter Heating Payment in 2024-25.

[S6W-29481](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what it has concluded from its economic impact assessment of the potential closure of the Grangemouth Refinery, which is yet to be published.

[S6W-29482](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that three in 10 parents in Scotland believe that the COVID-19 pandemic showed that it is not necessary for their children to attend school every day, and how it plans to address this.

[S6W-29483](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to improve classroom attendance, in light of reports that almost 20,000 pupils in Scotland missed more than half of their lessons last year.

[S6W-29484](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what studies it has conducted into the consequences for individuals and wider society of long-term absence from school.

[S6W-29485](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many shoplifting offences have been recorded by the police in each year since 2019.

[S6W-29486](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many shoplifters have been issued a fixed penalty notice in each year since 2019.

[S6W-29487](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it had with the hospitality sector before making its announcement of the reintroduction of peak fare train tickets.

[S6W-29488](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the impact on eligibility for the Winter Heating Payment in Scotland, what representations it has made to the UK Government regarding simplifying the application process for pension credit.

[S6W-29489](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what promotional efforts it will make in conjunction with the UK Government to encourage any pensioners impacted by the loss of the Winter Heating Payment to apply for pension credit.

[S6W-29490](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to reduce the number of assaults against public sector staff, in light of recent reported figures by Falkirk Council that show a 520% increase in violent incidents.

[S6W-29491](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-28739 by Tom Arthur on 29 August 2024, how many public sector (a) grants and (b) contracts that have been awarded since 1 July 2023 have exempted the receiving body from complying with the "effective workers' voice" criteria, broken down by the (i) receiving body and (ii) reason for exemption.

[S6W-29492](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of how many full-time equivalent police officers there will be in 2025-26.

[S6W-29493](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of how many full-time equivalent prison officers there will be in 2025-26.

[S6W-29494](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of how many full-time equivalent nurses there will be in 2025-26.

[S6W-29495](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of how many full-time equivalent civil servants there will be in 2025-26.

[S6W-29496](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of how many full-time equivalent operational staff there will be in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in 2025-26.

[S6W-29497](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of how many full-time equivalent teachers there will be in 2025-26.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-29498](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how many full-time equivalent police officers there were in 2023-24.

[S6W-29499](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how many full-time equivalent prison officers there were in 2023-24.

[S6W-29500](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how many full-time equivalent nurses there were in 2023-24.

[S6W-29501](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how many full-time equivalent civil servants there were in 2023-24.

[S6W-29502](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how many full-time equivalent operational staff there were in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in 2023-24.

[S6W-29503](#) Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how many full-time equivalent teachers there were in 2023-24.

[S6W-29504](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what recent steps it has taken to ensure that low and zero carbon-fuelled ferries are safely (a) crewed and (b) operational from all harbours on the (i) Clyde and Hebrides, (ii) Northern Isles and (iii) inter-island ferry service contract routes. **R**

[S6W-29505](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will set out the capital allocation for (a) vessel procurement and (b) harbour infrastructure upgrades in Phase 1 of the Small Vessel Replacement Programme. **R**

[S6W-29506](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the cost of the tendering process for the Small Vessel Replacement Programme Phase 1 contract. **R**

[S6W-29507](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what CMAL's total capital budget is for the Small Vessel Replacement Programme. **R**

[S6W-29508](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to issue the invitation to tender for the Phase 1 design and build contract in the Small Vessel Replacement Programme, and what it anticipates the value will be of this public contract. **R**

[S6W-29509](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that the successful bidder for the Phase 1 design and build contract in the Small Vessel Replacement Programme is required to recognise trade unions, including seafarer unions, at the (a) test and survey, (b) launch, (c) equip and (d) sea trial stage of the contract. **R**

[S6W-29510](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with Marine Scotland regarding the upgrades of harbours owned by (a) CMAL and (b) local authorities required by the (i) Small Vessel Replacement Programme and (ii) draft Islands Connectivity Plan. **R**

[S6W-29511](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment (a) Transport Scotland and (b) CMAL has made of comparative crewing levels for the Phase 1 contract in the Small Vessel Replacement Programme. **R**

[S6W-29512](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment (a) Transport Scotland and (b) CMAL has made of (i) passenger accessibility and (ii) crew training for the Phase 1 contract in the Small Vessel Replacement Programme. **R**

[S6W-29513](#) Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what funding it provides to organisations and services providing post-diagnostic support for adults with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

[S6W-29514](#) Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to promote public awareness of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in (a) general and (b) relation to adults.

[S6W-29516](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason NHS Scotland reportedly no longer offers graduate midwives at least a one-year job guarantee, and whether it has plans to review this.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-29517](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Royal College of Midwives' reported statement that fewer than a third of student midwives due to graduate in 2024 have been offered posts by NHS Scotland.

[S6W-29518](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Royal College of Midwives' reported statement that the current number of student midwives due to graduate in 2024 who have not been offered posts could result in an estimated £12 million of public money having been spent on training midwives who do not end up in employment.

[S6W-29519](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to ensure that there will be no loss in whole-time equivalent (WTE) midwifery hours as a result of the reduction in the time worked by midwives by 30 minutes each week, as stated in the NHS Agenda for Change.

[S6W-29520](#) Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to educate (a) communities and (b) businesses to recognise and support people with learning disabilities, autism and neurodivergence (LDAN).

[S6W-29521](#) Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to encourage the employment of more people with learning disabilities, autism and neurodivergence (LDAN) in the public sector.

[S6W-29523](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of new solar developments approved in the last five years have been (a) ground and (b) non-ground mounted.

[S6W-29525](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government how much public funding it allocated to (a) Highland, (b) Argyll and Bute, (c) Orkney Islands and (d) Shetland Islands Council for ferry services in each year since 2017-18 to date.

[S6W-29530](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-26596 by Paul McLennan on 23 April 2024, how many buildings on the pilot programme within the scope of a single building assessment have been placed on a pathway to assessment.

[S6W-29532](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications for the Home Owners' Support Fund it has received since 20 March 2022, broken down by the (a) Mortgage to Rent and (b) Mortgage to Shared Equity schemes, and, of the applications that were received, how many were (i) successful and (ii) ineligible.

[S6W-29533](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what the average time taken to determine a major housing development application has been in 2023-24, broken down by local authority.

[S6W-29534](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what the current underspend is in the Affordable Housing Supply Programme.

[S6W-29555](#) Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what it is doing to encourage the employment of more people with learning disabilities, autism and neurodivergence (LDAN) in the Parliament.

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New Subordinate Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to the affirmative procedure

The following draft instrument was laid before Parliament on 3 September 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes \(Amendment\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#)

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Progress of Legislation

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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)

Stage 2 completed, 11 June 2024

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

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 21 May 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 28 May 2024

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 3 September 2024

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

Education (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 4 June 2024

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 3 September 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)), 5 September 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 September 2024

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee) published, 14 June 2024

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 25 June 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 18 June 2024

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Before Stage 2 (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 26 March 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 1 Report (Criminal Justice Committee) published, 2 July 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)

Introduced, 14 May 2024

Lead committee – Health, Social Care and Sport

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

Introduced, 20 June 2024

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (evidence (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)), 5 September 2024

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

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Education, Children and Young People Committee) published, 24 July 2024

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 19 September 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 12 September 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 (Day 1) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 18 September 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 11 September 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

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

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[Food Additives and Novel Foods \(Authorisations and Miscellaneous Amendments\) and Food Flavourings \(Removal of Authorisations\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/156\)](#) (30 May 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 2 October 2024

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[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)

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[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)

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Report on Fatal Accident Inquiries that concluded in the Financial year 2023/2024 (SG/2024/140) laid under section 29 of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016

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British Tourist Authority trading as VisitBritain and VisitEngland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/126) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Government Improvement Plan - Response to Environmental Standards Scotland Investigation - Climate Change Delivery Improvement Report (IESS.21.012) (SG/2024/86) laid under Section 30 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

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