

Thursday 5 September 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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

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

Committee Meetings

8:45am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

9:00am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:00am Public Audit Committee

9:30am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs last met with the Chief Constable of Police Scotland. ([S6O-03677](#))
- 2. Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to support communities to bring derelict buildings back into use as houses. ([S6O-03678](#))
- 3. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent on mitigating any UK Government reductions to UK-wide benefits since 2019. ([S6O-03679](#))
- 4. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in light of the most recent annual update on suicide statistics showing that people living in Scotland's most deprived areas are 2.5 times more likely to die by suicide than those living in the least deprived areas. ([S6O-03680](#))
- 5. Pauline McNeill:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-03681](#))
- 6. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported significant increase in shoplifting recorded in Scotland. ([S6O-03682](#))
- 7. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any steps that it is taking to ensure that any increases in the Scottish Police Authority resource budget continue to support further police recruitment, in light of any challenging financial circumstances as a result of the UK Government's proposed financial settlement. ([S6O-03683](#))
- 8. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to take any action in relation to reported concerns regarding how the 2018 GP contract is working in the Highlands and Islands. ([S6O-03684](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Douglas Ross:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03283](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03284](#))
- 3. Lorna Slater:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03291](#))
- 4. Kevin Stewart:** To ask the First Minister what analysis the Scottish Government is undertaking of any impact that reductions to winter fuel payments will have on people in Scotland. ([S6F-03302](#))
- 5. Roz McCall:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the recently published report, *Education Outcomes for Looked After Children 2022/23*. ([S6F-03289](#))
- 6. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking in response to reports that newly qualified nurses are unable to find employment in the NHS despite there being over 3,300 whole-time equivalent unfilled nursing and midwifery vacancies. ([S6F-03298](#))

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

[S6M-14137 Sarah Boyack: Recognising the UN's Declaration for Future Generations](#)—That the Parliament recognises the UN's Declaration on Future Generations, a document launched in relation to the UN's Summit of the Future in September 2024; acknowledges the calls urging Scotland to be governed with future generations and their interests in mind; notes the belief that Scotland must commit to playing its part to seize the global opportunity that present generations possess to leave a better future for generations to come, and further notes calls to advance the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, including in the Lothian region, in order to build strong and resilient foundations to achieve this.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

- 1. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to implement Scotland's National Transport Strategy. ([S6O-03669](#)) R
- 2. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details of its position on the re-introduction of peak fares on ScotRail trains. ([S6O-03670](#))
- 3. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review its goal of decarbonising transport, in light of its reported decision to increase fares and reduce services on Scotland's railways. ([S6O-03671](#))
- 4. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with Network Rail and ScotRail with regards to improving the Dumfries-Glasgow train service. ([S6O-03672](#))
- 5. Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to assist local authorities with repairing potholes, in light of reports of the detrimental impact that large numbers of potholes are having on drivers across Scotland. ([S6O-03673](#))
- 6. Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve road safety on the A75. ([S6O-03674](#))
- 7. Humza Yousaf:** To ask the Scottish Government what its priorities are for COP29, which will take place in Baku later this year. ([S6O-03675](#))
- 8. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the dualling of the A9. ([S6O-03676](#))

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

[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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-14322.2 Miles Briggs: Programme for Government – Eradicating Child Poverty—As an amendment to motion S6M-14322 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Programme for Government - Eradicating Child Poverty), leave out from "14" to end and insert "17 years of financial mismanagement by the Scottish Government; notes that 26% of children live in poverty in Scotland, and that this rate has remained largely unchanged since 2007; recognises that the number of children in temporary accommodation has reached 10,000, which has increased by 138% since 2014; urges the Scottish Government to recognise that child poverty has a detrimental impact on the health of children, and notes that, by September 2023, the percentage of children waiting over 12 weeks for medical care increased to 49.8%, and that the total number of paediatric waits was 10,512, which was a 114.6% increase from October 2012; calls on the Scottish Government to recognise that the poverty-related attainment gap poses another barrier for children, and notes that, in 2024, the pass rates at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher were at record low levels since 2016; urges the Scottish Ministers to accept the findings of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee's report, *Addressing Child Poverty Through Parental Employment*, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver a holistic strategy for tackling child poverty, which ensures that no child in Scotland goes without safe housing, modern and efficient local healthcare, and high-quality educational opportunities."

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S6M-14322.3 Maggie Chapman: Programme for Government – Eradicating Child Poverty—As an amendment to motion S6M-14322 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Programme for

Government – Eradicating Child Poverty), leave out from "; further notes" to "once and for all" and insert ", but also notes the Child Poverty Action Group's finding that Scottish Government policy is not yet adequate to ensure that child poverty targets are met, and that bold, decisive action is required; believes that part of that bold, decisive action must include increasing the Scottish Child Payment to at least £40 a week by the end of the current parliamentary session, providing accessible employability support, especially for lone parents, and establishing an independent review of childcare in Scotland to ensure the provision of what is most needed, as well as robust rent controls to complement affordable housing; notes with deep concern the apparent change in position from the Scottish Government on free school meal provision for all primary school children, with the Programme for Government only committed to expanding free school meals to those in receipt of the Scottish Child Payment in P6 and P7; calls on the Scottish Government to urgently confirm whether it is still its intention to complete the full roll-out that was previously promised; believes that the previously promised Human Rights Bill for Scotland would have provided the framework for improving Scotland's public services, delivering its minimum core obligations, and thereby eradicating child poverty; expresses its deep dismay that the Human Rights Bill does not appear in the Programme for Government; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the burdens of its financial decisions do not fall upon the shoulders of Scotland's most marginalised people, including families in poverty".

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 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 McMahon, 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 (in private):** 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.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 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.

Public Audit Committee 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.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 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 Hockenhill, 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.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 4 September 2024

Tuesday 10 September 2024

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-13649 Elena Whitham: Common Ground Forum on Deer

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 Opposition Debate: 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 — S6M-14024 Graham Simpson: Retrofitting and Tenement Maintenance

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 — S6M-13909 Bill Kidd: The Late Reverend John Ainslie.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Mission to Reduce Deaths and Improve Lives of People Impacted by Drugs and Alcohol

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 Question: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 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: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

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Future Committee Meetings

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Motions

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Motions for Debate

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

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Supported by: Michael Marra*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-14319](#) Fiona Hyslop: Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2024 [draft]**—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Jim Fairlie

***[S6M-14318](#) Stuart McMillan: Beacon Arts Centre, Lighting Up Lives in Inverclyde and the West of Scotland**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital contribution that the Beacon Arts Centre makes to the local community and economy; understands that Inverclyde is one of the most deprived parts of Scotland; considers that the Beacon is a critical resource in Inverclyde with, it understands, more than a third of Inverclyde's 37,406 households visiting each year; understands that the Beacon is used by major companies, including the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, National Theatre of Scotland and Scottish Opera, and that it supports the development of new work; recognises the Beacon's role in creating jobs and training places in the arts in Scotland; understands that the Beacon recently applied for an uplift in funding from Creative Scotland to support its work and that this funding is critical to supporting the Beacon in the long term; considers that the funding is vital for the people of Inverclyde and the west of Scotland, and supports the Beacon in its application.

***[S6M-14316](#) Kevin Stewart: Grampian Society for the Blind**—That the Parliament congratulates the Grampian Society for the Blind on receiving a £150,491 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this funding will be used to provide a suite of activities such as lunch clubs, gym-based fitness, yoga, cookery, crafts and lip-reading for adults experiencing significant sight and hearing loss; notes that these activities will be aimed at delivering a number of outcomes, including reducing isolation, increasing confidence, providing friendship and peer support, and improving physical and mental health; further notes that the Grampian Society for the Blind, which operates as North East Sensory Services, seeks to help build a Scotland that is aware of the needs of people with sensory impairment, including them as equal participants in community life and offering them the same opportunities available to everyone else; believes that the organisation's mission of achieving independence for blind and deaf people is absolutely crucial, and wishes all those involved in the organisation well with their future endeavours.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*, Jackie Dunbar*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*

***[S6M-14315](#) Kevin Stewart: Music 4 U**—That the Parliament congratulates Music 4 U in Aberdeen on receiving a £20,000 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this funding will allow the group to employ a support worker to deliver training and employability skills over a 12-month period, in its social enterprise café, to young people living in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire who are 16 and over with additional support needs; notes that Music 4 U, which has been operating since 2003 and is based in Aberdeen city centre, is an inclusive provider of performing arts classes, welcoming participants from all backgrounds, including those with support needs, delivering tailored learning experiences in a supportive, fun and friendly environment; further notes that its social enterprise café, The Ivories Coffee Shop, is based at The Courtyard on Clarence Street and has been running since October 2022; hopes that this funding will help many people to improve their employability skills over the course of the next year, and wishes everyone at Music 4 U and The Ivories Coffee Shop well in their endeavours.

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Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Jackie Dunbar*, Christine Grahame*, Bill Kidd*, Audrey Nicoll*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*

***S6M-14314 Kevin Stewart: Early Intervention Aberdeen**—That the Parliament congratulates Early Intervention Aberdeen on receiving a £9,800 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this funding will help the group provide musical therapy and mindfulness sessions over the course of the next year; notes that Early Intervention Aberdeen is a parent-led group that offers recreation and support for families of pre-school age children who present as having challenges with speech, language and social communication, with an emphasis on identifying effective support at the earliest opportunity to make greater improvements in development and enhancing future life chances; believes that supporting neurodivergent children through initiatives such as this offers the best route to building a neurodiverse, inclusive and positive society, and wishes the group well in its endeavours.

Supported by: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Jackie Dunbar*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie* **R**

***S6M-14313 Kevin Stewart: Mind Store**—That the Parliament congratulates Mind Store in Aberdeen on receiving a £13,307 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this funding will be used to deliver three six-week programmes annually for two years, which will provide community interventions for adults experiencing mental health challenges; notes that Mind Store, which is based at CFINE in Aberdeen city centre and has been operational since 2019, provides person-centred counselling, cognitive behavioural therapy and eye movement desensitisation and reprocessing (EMDR) in an effort to improve the wellbeing and mental health of adults aged 16 and over in the Aberdeen area; believes that Mind Store's aim of developing the links between nutrition and mental and physical wellbeing is particularly important during the cost of living crisis, and hopes that this grant will go a long way in supporting Mind Store's activities in the coming months.

Supported by: Jackie Dunbar*, George Adam*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*

***S6M-14312 Kevin Stewart: Cairns Counselling**—That the Parliament congratulates Cairns Counselling in Aberdeen on receiving a £17,008 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this 12-month award will be used to fund a counselling service manager whose role will be to manage the recruitment and induction of new volunteers to increase the size of the counselling volunteer team; notes that Cairns Counselling provides a space for people to discuss any difficulties that they are facing in life with a counsellor without fear of being judged, including life events, relationships, patterns of behaviour and ways of thinking, helping people to identify the right course of action through a variety of counselling approaches; believes that services such as Cairns Counselling are crucial to tackling society's rising mental health challenges, and wishes the staff and volunteers at Cairns all the best with their endeavours.

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***S6M-14311 Annie Wells: Clydebuilt Festival Returns to Glasgow** —That the Parliament welcomes the return of the Clydebuilt Festival at Glasgow's Riverside Museum, which is set to take place on 7-8 September 2024 and will mark the opening of the Govan-Partick footbridge; understands that the event celebrates Glasgow's rich maritime heritage and that aside from the water activities, a range of onshore programmes await festival-goers from ceilidhs, performances from the Glasgow Folk Music Workshop, traditional craft demonstrations, sea monster storytelling

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sessions, face painting, and a Clydebuilt Market for locally-made products, and acknowledges that the free festival will also host Scotland's biggest open water competition, Castle to Crane, culminating in a prize-giving celebration at the festival.

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***S6M-14310 Clare Haughey: Congratulating Rutherglen Comedian, Colette Boyd**—That the Parliament congratulates Rutherglen comedian, Colette Boyd, on reaching the finals of the recent Laurel Awards at the Britannia Panopticon in Glasgow; notes that the Awards commemorated former Rutherglen resident and comedy legend, Stan Laurel, who made his debut at the Panopticon in 1906; understands that over the past year Colette has quickly established herself as a talented regular on the Scottish stand-up circuit, and wishes her all the best for her future endeavours.

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***S6M-14303 Alex Rowley: Celebrating the Success of AMS Walking Football in Cupar, Fife**—That the Parliament recognises the success of AMS Walking Football, which takes place in Cupar, Fife; understands that it was set up in 2016-17 under the auspices of the locally based AM Soccer, investing in the health and fitness of participants by improving their quality of life and contributing to their longevity and engaging participants in social interaction to reduce isolation; further understands that the club is open to everyone and anyone, primarily for over-55s who would like to participate in Walking Football, regardless of age or ability; celebrates the growth of the club from an initial interest of around half a dozen, to now having a pool of around 26 individuals; notes that the club has participated in the Scottish FAs Walking Football Tournaments in 2017 and 2018, the Taking on Legends of Scottish Football event at Rouken Glen Tournament, and has its own SFA qualified referee to keep "good order"; understands that the club also supports local children's charities; is thankful for the work undertaken over the last few years by coach Harvey Walker, from Cupar, who, it understands, has been central to organising events, and recognises what it sees as the importance of community-organised social events such as these and the benefits that they bring to developing friendships, providing social interaction and developing important social bonds within communities.

***S6M-14302 Monica Lennon: Celebrating Stephen McGuire's Boccia Gold Medal at the Paris 2024 Paralympics** —That the Parliament commends Stephen McGuire on winning the Gold medal at the Paris Paralympics in the men's BC4 individual boccia event; recognises Stephen's significant contribution to boccia and disability sport and believes that this well-deserved win for Team GB is testament to 20 years of hard work, commitment and perseverance; understands that Stephen was a late addition to the Team GB line-up after recovering from a broken leg and knee sustained in 2022, which left him bedbound for a significant period; believes that Stephen's Gold medal is a cause for celebration in his hometown of Hamilton, Scotland and Great Britain, and that it will inspire athletes and fans around the world; values boccia as a sport unique to the Paralympics, played by athletes with a disability affecting locomotor function, and as a game of control, accuracy and tactics for which, it understands, Stephen is affectionately known as "Mr Strategy" in recognition of his ability to outthink rivals, and congratulates Stephen McGuire and the entire British Paralympics team on their achievements at the Paris 2024 Paralympics.

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***S6M-14301 Stephanie Callaghan: Congratulating Blameless SCIO on its National Lottery Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Blameless SCIO on securing a grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund; acknowledges the project's commitment to enriching the lives of children and young people in the communities of Uddingston and Bellshill through a nine-month initiative offering holiday programmes in Hamilton, where, it understands, local children and young people can participate in free activities and receive meals or snacks at no cost to their families; commends Blameless SCIO for its dedication to providing valuable services to the community, and wishes Blameless SCIO continued success in its future endeavours.

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***S6M-14300 Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival 2024** —That the Parliament welcomes the return of the Glasgow Doors Open Days festival, which will run from 16 to 22 September 2024; understands that the festival has been organised by Glasgow Building Preservation since it began in 1990 as part of the City of Culture celebrations, and that it is now in its 35th year; notes that the theme of this year's festival is "We're All Here: Diversity of Diaspora", focusing, it understands, on how immigration and emigration have shaped Glasgow into the multicultural place that it is today and inviting people to explore how diaspora communities have influenced and contributed to Glasgow's rich cultural heritage; notes that the week-long programme of events allows residents and visitors alike the opportunity to access open buildings, guided walks and talks, all for free, and wishes all involved in this popular festival all the best for its continued success.

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***S6M-14299 Roz McCall: Fife Pub Wins 2024 Scottish Bar and Pub Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Hugo's Bar and Pavilion in Dalgety Bay, on winning the Staropramen Award of Outstanding Quality at the 2024 Scottish Bar and Pub Awards; understands that the awards, which were held in Glasgow on 27 August 2024, are now in their 29th year, and that it is an opportunity to celebrate the best of the Scottish hospitality industry; notes that there were more than 100 venues shortlisted as finalists at the event; recognises what it sees as the vital importance of pubs, restaurants and bars in Scottish local communities and the economy as a whole, and wishes Hugo's Bar and Pavilion, along with all the other finalists, the very best of luck in the future.

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***S6M-14298 Stephanie Callaghan: Congratulating Petal Support Limited on its National Lottery Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Petal Support Limited on securing a grant of £16,500 from the National Lottery Community Fund; acknowledges the NGO's dedication to empowering individuals who have been bereaved by murder or culpable homicide, and giving

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them a voice to effect change within the communities of the Uddingston and Bellshill constituency and beyond; notes that the grant will be used to deliver workshops at seven locations across Scotland; understands that Petal Support Limited, established in 1994, is considered Scotland's most recognised and longest-serving criminal justice bereavement support NGO, and extends its best wishes for its continued success.

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***S6M-14297 Paul O'Kane: Beyond Srebrenica**—That the Parliament notes that the charity, Remembering Srebrenica Scotland, has been renamed Beyond Srebrenica in light of its educational work being expanded to include events that took place in the lead up to, during and after the 1992 to 1995 war across the whole of Bosnia and Herzegovina; acknowledges what it sees as the invaluable work that the charity does to commemorate and raise awareness of the Srebrenica genocide; understands that the charity was founded in 2016 and has since grown to become an important member of Scotland's third sector, managing the Lessons of Srebrenica programme in Scotland; notes that the charity will continue to acknowledge and teach about the genocide in Srebrenica and to work with the Mothers of Srebrenica, the Srebrenica Memorial Centre, and survivors, and commends the charity's board and volunteers for what it considers to be the invaluable work that they do to ensure that the horrors of the past are never forgotten, and never repeated.

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***S6M-14295 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen YMCA**—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen YMCA on receiving a grant of £4,290 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this grant will go towards supporting the continuation of the group's weekly "warm space" initiative, as well as adding an additional morning over the next 12 months; notes that the "warm space" cafe, which has been operational since September 2023, gives young people an opportunity to meet in the community, keep warm and get support during colder months, while being provided with free hot drinks and food; believes that this kind of initiative is particularly important in supporting families during the cost of living crisis, and wishes the organisers well in supporting those who use the service over the coming months.

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***S6M-14294 Kevin Stewart: Seaton Community Hub**—That the Parliament congratulates Seaton Community Hub on receiving a £19,200 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this grant will support dementia-friendly afternoon discos at the hub that are suitable for all people; notes that attendees at these discos will be entertained with music from the 1950s to the present day, along with a light lunch, allowing participants to form new social connections while getting their dancing shoes on; believes that events such as these are important in ensuring that people with dementia avoid social isolation and keep an active mind; hopes that this award, which is for two years, will be a great success, and wishes the organisers and participants all the best.

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***S6M-14293 Kevin Stewart: Ice Candy Polska Szkola Sobotnia**—That the Parliament congratulates Ice Candy Polska Szkola Sobotnia on receiving a £10,000 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that this one-year project will deliver arts and crafts sessions to children and young people in Aberdeen; understands that Ice Candy is a Polish Saturday school that delivers a curriculum designed for Polish children, and that this project will seek to broaden participation among other ethnicities and communities across Aberdeen; believes that this project is a great example of how diverse communities can come together to enrich each other's cultures, and wishes the organisers and participants all the best in their endeavours.

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***S6M-14291 Evelyn Tweed: Sophie Unwin and Jenny Holl Win Paralympic Gold**—That the Parliament congratulates Sophie Unwin and pilot, Jenny Holl, on winning Gold in the B 3000m individual pursuit at the Paris 2024 Summer Paralympic Games; understands that Unwin won their first Paralympic Gold, alongside pilot Jenny Holl, originally from Blair Drummond, in the women's 3000m individual pursuit with a time of 3:19.149, and notes that the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games is taking place from 28 August to 8 September 2024, featuring as many as 4,400 athletes from around the world who will compete in 22 sports across various iconic venues in Paris, including at the Eiffel Tower, the Chateau de Versailles and the Grand Palais.

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***S6M-14266 Kevin Stewart: Labour's North Sea Policies**—That the Parliament notes with concern the strong words of Jim Johnson, CEO of Hunting PLC, that the UK is "committing suicide economically" over North Sea policies; understands that the comments, which were reported in *Energy Voice* on 29 August 2024, refer to the new UK Labour administration's policies of raising the tax rate of the Energy Profits Levy (EPL) and removing associated investment allowances; notes Mr Johnson's reported comments comparing these with the Norwegian Government's approach to the North Sea and recognising that the Norwegians believe that the energy transition will take place over decades rather than years; considers that Mr Johnson's comments highlight the need for the UK Government to rethink how it is approaching the task of delivering the energy transition, and hopes that they go some way to convincing the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero to start working with the energy industry to ensure that there is a just transition that does not cause tens of thousands of jobs in the north east to be lost needlessly.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-14346 Mairi Gougeon: Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024 [draft] (lodged on 04 September 2024)

New Support: Jim Fairlie*

S6M-14345 Mairi Gougeon: Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] (lodged on 04 September 2024)

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New Support: Jim Fairlie*

[S6M-14317](#) Tim Eagle: Merchant Navy Day 2024 (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Jamie Greene*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, John Mason*, Russell Findlay*, Roz McCall*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-14304](#) Rachael Hamilton: 90-year-old Glasgow Pensioner's Zipline to Help Homeless (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Edward Mountain*, Murdo Fraser*, Alexander Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Russell Findlay*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Gosal*, Christine Grahame*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Brian Whittle*, Fulton MacGregor*, Tim Eagle*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-14296](#) Ariane Burgess: Supporting Community Energy (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Ross Greer*, Colin Beattie*

[S6M-14292](#) Ben Macpherson: Teuchters Landing Wins Best Drinks Offering at Scottish Bar and Pub Awards 2024 (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-14290](#) Kevin Stewart: SSEN Community Funding (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Jackie Dunbar*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-14289](#) Rona Mackay: Billington's of Lenzie Named Scotland's Deli of the Year (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Ross Greer*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-14287](#) Pam Gosal: The Kirky Cake and Coffee Trail Comes to Kirkintilloch, East Dunbartonshire (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*, Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*, Russell Findlay*, Fulton MacGregor*, Roz McCall*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-14286](#) Foyso Choudhury: Recognising the Work of Health All Round (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14285](#) Kevin Stewart: Decarbonising the Oil and Gas Sector (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-14284](#) Christine Grahame: Congratulating Chief Superintendent Mike Flynn on His Retirement from the Scottish SPCA (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Clare Adamson*

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[S6M-14283](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Congratulations to Dounby AC on Winning the Thomson Cup (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*, Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14281](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Island of Rum Named Scotland's First Dark Sky Sanctuary (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*, Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14280](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Shetland Islands Named Cleanest Part of Scotland (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*, Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14279](#) Marie McNair: Beloved Milngavie Vet Retires after 30 Years (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Pam Gosal*, Jackie Dunbar*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Ross Greer*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Christine Grahame*, David Torrance*, Annie Wells*, Clare Adamson*, Annabelle Ewing*

[S6M-14278](#) Willie Coffey: Sakai Karate Club Success (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, Jackie Dunbar*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Pam Gosal*, Annie Wells*, Kevin Stewart*, Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*, Annabelle Ewing*

[S6M-14277](#) Marie McNair: AllARMED Awarded Scottish EDGE Funding (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Dunbar*, Bill Kidd*, Evelyn Tweed*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Pam Gosal*, Annie Wells*, Clare Adamson*, Annabelle Ewing*

[S6M-14274](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Community Hoping to Improve Robroyston Park (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Brian Whittle*, Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14273](#) Emma Roddick: Congratulating Sandra McKinlay on her Retirement (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Clare Adamson*, Stuart McMillan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Miles Briggs*, Jackie Dunbar*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*

[S6M-14272](#) Alexander Stewart: Toast and Taste Hospitality Guide Launched for Alloa (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*, Russell Findlay*, Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*, Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-14271](#) Alexander Stewart: Annual Golf Day Raises Record Sum for Scottish Autism (lodged on 03 September 2024)

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[S6M-14270 Sarah Boyack: Highlighting the Nature Restoration Fund](#) (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14269 Alexander Stewart: Stirling Business Awards Return for a Third Year](#) (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-14268 Sandesh Gulhane: Rangers Charity Foundation Annual Review 2023-24](#) (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Bob Doris*, Clare Adamson*

[S6M-14267 Jackie Dunbar: Verlume Success at Scottish Green Energy Supply Chain Awards](#) (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14265 Kevin Stewart: Thanks to Aberdeen Muslims](#) (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14263 Martin Whitfield: Freedom of East Lothian for Josh Taylor](#) (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[S6M-14261 Tim Eagle: Ardbeg Distillery Named the Best Whisky Experience in Scotland](#) (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Stuart McMillan*, Maurice Golden*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14260 Martin Whitfield: East Lothian Partnership Poverty Plan 2024-2028](#) (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

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New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: David Torrance*

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

New Support: Beatrice Wishart*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Willie Rennie*, Maurice Golden*, Monica Lennon*

[S6M-14230](#) Alexander Burnett: Crathes Equine Grass Sickness Charity Raises over £5,000 During its Charity Horse and Dog Show (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14227](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Tailors Partnership with Mental Health Charity (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14217](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Construction Groups Apprentice Programme (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14215](#) Annie Wells: Silverburn's Flamingo Beach Raises £46,000 for Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14214](#) Annie Wells: Irish Dancing Competition Attracts Thousands of Visitors to Glasgow (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14211](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Pub with Over 100 Years of History Nominated for a Top Award (lodged on 26 August 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14208](#) Keith Brown: Armed Services Advice Project Closure (lodged on 28 August 2024)

New Support: Martin Whitfield*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-14198](#) Alexander Stewart: 136th Annual Muckhart Flower Show (lodged on 23 August 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Beatrice Wishart*

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

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New Support: Beatrice Wishart*, Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Beatrice Wishart*, Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14182](#) David Torrance: Love and Harmony CIC Awarded Funding for Health and Wellbeing Activities in Kirkcaldy (lodged on 23 August 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14181](#) David Torrance: Burntisland First Aid Services Trust Receives Funding for Repair of New Building (lodged on 23 August 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14179](#) Foysoyl Choudhury: Mel Young Receives Edinburgh Award (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14178](#) Alexander Burnett: Funding in Aberdeenshire West from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 23 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14175](#) Rona Mackay: National Lottery Community Fund Support for Groups in Strathkelvin and Bearsden (lodged on 23 August 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14174](#) Marie McNair: Milngavie FC Nominated for Diversity in Sport Award (lodged on 23 August 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14170](#) Paul Sweeney: Applied Shipbuilding Academy Glasgow (lodged on 23 August 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-14166](#) Annie Wells: COPD Day Recognition 2024 (lodged on 22 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Rhoda Grant*, Maurice Golden*

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[S6M-14145](#) Pam Gosal: Clydebank Community Fire Station Annual Open Day 2024 (lodged on 22 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14139](#) Craig Hoy: Congratulating Drummohr Camping and Glamping Site (lodged on 20 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14138](#) Craig Hoy: Congratulating Galedin Vets (lodged on 20 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Liam McArthur*, Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-14123](#) Alexander Stewart: Student from Dollar Performing at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2024 (lodged on 19 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14121](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Qualifications Achievement at Glasgow's East Park School (lodged on 19 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14119](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa Fire Station Open Day (lodged on 15 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14115](#) Finlay Carson: Allen Kerr Wins Prestigious Conservation and Education Award (lodged on 20 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14114](#) Finlay Carson: Jim McLelland Charity Venture Raises Funds for Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary (lodged on 19 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14109](#) Craig Hoy: Recognising Asda Foundation Grants (lodged on 15 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14090](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayrshire's Most Senior Police Officer Awarded the King's Police Medal (lodged on 14 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14086](#) Douglas Lumsden: Celebrating Ian McDiarmid's 80th Birthday (lodged on 16 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14046](#) Liam Kerr: Mackintosh of Glendaveny Wins Three Great Taste Awards (lodged on 08 August 2024)

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New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14043](#) Douglas Ross: The 150th Anniversary Keith Show (lodged on 07 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14042](#) Alexander Burnett: Susi McLarty, from Huntly, Awarded a Clean Up Scotland Hero Award for Litter Picking (lodged on 08 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14035](#) Craig Hoy: Congratulating Scott Brash MBE and the Olympic Show Jumping Team (lodged on 07 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14031](#) Jackson Carlaw: East Renfrewshire Golf Club Fundraising Efforts for Health Charity (lodged on 07 August 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-14025](#) Tess White: Safety of Female Athletes at the 2024 Paris Olympics (lodged on 02 August 2024)

New Support: John Mason*

[S6M-13938](#) Neil Bibby: Foxbar School Awarded Gold Sportscotland Award (lodged on 23 July 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-13908](#) Monica Lennon: Rainbow Room International Uddingston Owner Suzie McGill Named Creative Colour Genius and Best Global Stylist (lodged on 17 July 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-13907](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Support for Accessible Venues Campaign (lodged on 17 July 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-13895](#) Craig Hoy: Congratulating Swimmer, Stefan Krawiec (lodged on 17 July 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-13893](#) Annie Wells: Movies in MRI Thanks to Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity and Rangers Charitable Foundation (lodged on 15 July 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-13189](#) Bob Doris: Tackling the Misuse of Off-road Vehicles (lodged on 15 May 2024)

New Support: Claire Baker*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 11 September 2024

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the return has been on any anticipated community, biodiversity and environmental outcomes resulting from the £17.6 million public purchase of Glen Prosen by Forestry and Land Scotland. ([S6O-03685](#))
- Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support animal welfare. ([S6O-03686](#))
- Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what interaction and correspondence it has had, regarding matters related to Scotland's rural economy, with the UK Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, including relevant officials, since their appointment in July. ([S6O-03687](#))
- Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason rainforests were excluded from the deer management incentive scheme pilots. ([S6O-03688](#))
- Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to ensure that any future Galloway National Park will work in the best interests of local communities. ([S6O-03689](#))
- Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact its recently announced budget reductions will have on investment in infrastructure that supports agriculture in remote and island communities. ([S6O-03690](#)) R
- Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding how its procurement powers can encourage the availability of healthy, local food. ([S6O-03691](#))
- Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing for new entrants to farming. ([S6O-03692](#))

NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

- Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with NHS Forth Valley. ([S6O-03693](#))
- Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Dr Stephen Smith's evaluation of the Alcohol Related Brain Damage (ARBD) Residential Rehabilitation Service in Edinburgh. ([S6O-03694](#))
- Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with NHS Lanarkshire regarding the progress of the Monklands Replacement Project. ([S6O-03695](#))
- Humza Yousaf:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on funding allocations to ensure the best possible cancer care for patients, particularly within their local communities. ([S6O-03696](#))
- Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent outbreak of mpox in Africa, which was declared by the World Health Organization on 14 August to be a public health emergency of international concern, what plans it has put in place for any potential outbreak of mpox in Scotland. ([S6O-03697](#))

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6. Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support specialist neonatal intensive care units across Scotland. ([S6O-03698](#))

7. Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government what impact reductions to mental health budgets will have on child and adult mental health services. ([S6O-03699](#))

8. Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide any additional funding to NHS Highland, in light of the reported overspend in excess of £50 million by the NHS board in its 2023-24 revenue budget. ([S6O-03700](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 12 September 2024

Social Justice

1. Ben Macpherson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Act 2024 and Cladding Remediation Programme, including the Scottish Safer Buildings Accord and Single Building Assessment pilot programme. ([S6O-03701](#))

2. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports of almost 10,000 children living in temporary accommodation and 110,000 households on the waiting list for affordable social housing, what progress it has made towards providing those affected with safe and affordable accommodation. ([S6O-03702](#))

3. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment the Ministerial Taskforce on Population has made of the reported population increase in Edinburgh and the south east, including any proposals that it has made to address this, since it was established in June 2019. ([S6O-03703](#))

4. Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its Pre-budget Fiscal Update on 3 September, what the potential impact will be of its "review and reprofile of recruitment" at Social Security Scotland on the agency's provision of frontline services to clients. ([S6O-03704](#))

5. Willie Coffey: To ask the Scottish Government what impact its national mission to tackle child poverty is having in the Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley constituency. ([S6O-03705](#))

6. Annabelle Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Fife Council regarding the impact of its housing adaptation policy. ([S6O-03706](#))

7. Karen Adam: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding any impact on the administration of Scottish social security benefits, what information it holds on the percentage of pensioners in Scotland who have not claimed pension credit for which they are eligible. ([S6O-03707](#))

8. Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how much it estimates it will cost to fund the Minimum Income Guarantee scheme proposed in the *Minimum Income Guarantee Expert Group Interim Report*. ([S6O-03708](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 12 September 2024

1. Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it plans to achieve its net zero and just transition goals. ([S6O-03709](#))

2. Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the most recent Recorded Crime in Scotland statistics, which showed a 22% rise in crimes recorded under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 in a single year. ([S6O-03710](#))

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- 3. Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the renewables economy in the north east of Scotland, including through the retraining of energy workers and enhancing supply chain development. ([S6O-03711](#))
- 4. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the latest achievement rates for Modern Apprenticeships across all frameworks. ([S6O-03712](#))
- 5. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to protect the provision of instrumental music tuition in schools. ([S6O-03713](#))
- 6. Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent Centre for Social Justice report, *Where have all the children gone?*, which found that there has been a 72% increase in severe school absence rates in the last five years. ([S6O-03714](#))
- 7. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to strengthen its Fair Work First Guidance to support and promote the good practice example, referenced in the guidance, of providing a private, healthy and safe environment for breastfeeding mothers to express and store milk. ([S6O-03715](#))
- 8. Rhoda Grant:** [Not Lodged]

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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 04 September 2024

[S6W-29154 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many thrombectomy patients have been treated at each of the thrombectomy hub centres in each of the last five years, also broken down by the number of patients who have been transferred in as part of the hub and spoke model.

[S6W-29158 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government, on average, what proportion of patients who survive a stroke are eligible for rehabilitation within NHS Scotland.

[S6W-29162 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government how NHS boards match demand for funded stroke beds with the flow of patients, and how many patients have been impacted by not having a fully funded stroke bed during their stay in each month in the last five years.

[S6W-29526 Foysoyl Choudhury](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the negotiations between Transport Scotland and Ambassador Living in relation to concluding the Ferrymuir Gait access issue.

[S6W-29527 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29077 by Gillian Martin on 2 September 2024, whether, in principle, it is opposed to deep sea mining, and whether it will prohibit deep sea mining in a similar way to unconventional oil and gas extraction.

[S6W-29528 Carol Mochan](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details of the anticipated delivery timescale for the Prestwick Spaceport.

[S6W-29529 Carol Mochan](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it was first advised to halt the use of puberty suppressing hormones.

[S6W-29535 Katy Clark](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking following reports that at least 16 children and young people have died of suicide or drugs overdoses in Scotland's care system since 2021.

[S6W-29536 Mark Griffin](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it anticipates that the minutes and recommendations of the Single Building Assessment Task and Finish Group will be published.

[S6W-29537 Mark Griffin](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many times the Housing to 2040 Strategic Board has met in 2024, and when it expects to publish minutes of those meetings.

[S6W-29538 Daniel Johnson](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many hours of civil servants' time was spent (a) preparing the Fairer Workplaces Fund to open and (b) processing applications prior to the fund being cancelled.

[S6W-29539 Daniel Johnson](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many businesses and organisations applied for funding from the Fairer Workplaces Fund prior to it being closed on 21 August 2024.

[S6W-29541 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it expects the electrification of Intercity passenger routes between Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, and Inverness to be complete.

[S6W-29542 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it remains committed to removing all diesel passenger trains from the Scottish network by 2035.

[S6W-29543 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of the Rail Services Decarbonisation Action Plan.

[S6W-29544 Roz McCall](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many children's hearing panel members there were in each local authority in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023.

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[S6W-29545 Rhoda Grant](#): To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its reported plans to require ScotRail to procure high-speed trains to replace the current fleet that operates on its InterCity routes between Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Inverness, what impact this will have on journey times, and whether this procurement covers improvements to rail track or is exclusive to train fleets.

[S6W-29546 Neil Bibby](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will set out its working definition of austerity.

[S6W-29547 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what review it has undertaken of its funding of LGBT Youth Scotland, in light of reported allegations regarding safeguarding and the protection of children.

[S6W-29548 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of productivity in the Scottish public sector.

[S6W-29549 Collette Stevenson](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-28112 by Shona Robison on 20 June 2024, whether it will provide (a) an update on the final audited reserves held by each local authority at 31 March 2024 and (b) the percentage increase in reserves for each local authority since 31 March 2014.

[S6W-29550 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will detail how its International Strategy aligns with its commitment to reducing carbon emissions.

[S6W-29551 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-26809 by Mairi McAllan on 25 April 2024, whether it will detail any work that it has undertaken in relation to exploring joining the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA) as a core member.

[S6W-29552 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23975 by Mairi McAllan on 18 January 2024, whether the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy will commit to meeting with representatives of (a) the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA), (b) core member nations of BOGA and (c) the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative.

[S6W-29553 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its engagement with the Under2 Coalition.

[S6W-29556 Daniel Johnson](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-28739 by Tom Arthur on 29 August 2024, whether it will outline the scale of the limited exception applied to each receiving body, including (a) grant amount and (b) number of employees affected.

[S6W-29557 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the letter of 3 September 2024 from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government to the Finance and Public Administration Committee, what elements of the Distress Brief Interventions programme will not continue in 2024-25.

[S6W-29558 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the letter of 3 September 2024 from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government to the Finance and Public Administration Committee, what student mental health measures will not proceed in 2024-25.

[S6W-29559 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the letter of 3 September 2024 from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government to the Finance and Public Administration Committee, how many roles the Mental Health Officer funding allocated in the original 2024-25 budget was expected to fund and what assessment it has made of any impact of this funding being reprioritised on the workforce for this financial year.

[S6W-29560 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the letter of 3 September 2024 from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government to the Finance and Public Administration Committee, whether it will provide more information on the reprofiling of the commencement of the Changing Places Toilet fund.

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[S6W-29561](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to its fiscal statement on 3 September 2024, how much funding was allocated to the affordable homes budget for 2024-25 (a) prior to the statement and (b) after the statement was given.

[S6W-29562](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide any equalities impact assessments that it carried out in relation to the reductions in spending detailed in its fiscal statement on 3 September 2024.

[S6W-29563](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how much it allocated to any work carried out by external consultants on any spending reductions outlined in its fiscal statement on 3 September 2024, and whether it will provide details of any such work.

[S6W-29564](#) Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government how funding to local authorities for flood defences will change as a result of the in-year spending reductions outlined in its fiscal statement on 3 September 2024.

[S6W-29565](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government whether it still plans to begin issuing bonds, as announced by the previous First Minister.

[S6W-29566](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out of the relative value of issuing bonds versus borrowing via the National Loans Fund.

[S6W-29567](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government how many community pharmacies are currently delivering gender identity related healthcare.

[S6W-29569](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-26007 by Shona Robison on 13 March 2024, whether it will provide an update on how much of the reported £756 million that it received in option fees through the 2022 ScotWind leasing round it spent in 2023-24; how much it projects that it will spend in (a) 2024-25, (b) 2025-26 and (c) 2026-27, and by what date it anticipates that all of the funding will have been spent.

[S6W-29570](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has provided to South of Scotland Enterprise in each of the last five financial years.

[S6W-29571](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government who it has sought advice from on the policy of issuing bonds to fund additional spending.

[S6W-29572](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether the forthcoming commercial tender to procure a new fleet of Intercity trains will include a requirement for level boarding, so that ScotRail can play a leading role in ensuring that Scotland has a safe and universally accessible rail network.

[S6W-29573](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to ensuring that there will be a place for a second safety-critical member of staff, which trade unions and passengers reportedly recognise as a playing a key role in providing a safe, secure and accessible railway, on all services operated by the new Intercity fleet of trains that will be procured to replace ScotRail's existing High Speed Train fleet.

[S6W-29574](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will ensure that (a) the forthcoming commercial tender to procure a new fleet of Intercity trains will build upon any benefits already delivered by the existing High Speed Train fleet and (b) this new fleet will provide (i) an uplift in capacity and (ii) adequate facilities to support an increase in leisure and tourist travel, such as family-friendly facilities, ample bicycle and luggage storage, and improved catering provisions, which have reportedly played a key role in supporting ScotRail's post-COVID-19 pandemic recovery.

[S6W-29575](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will ensure that the forthcoming commercial tender to procure a new fleet of Intercity trains will include a clause to allow the option to order additional trains in the future, which would allow ScotRail to increase its fleet size as passenger demand requires or to support potential future uplifts in service levels without any additional costs that could be associated with completing a further procurement process.

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[S6W-29576](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government to what extent the forthcoming commercial tender to procure a new fleet of Intercity trains will increase capacity across Scotland's intercity rail network, and what considerations have been made in calculating long-term passenger estimates to ensure that the new fleet provides ample capacity for ScotRail's long-term future.

[S6W-29577](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government to what extent it has engaged with key stakeholders, such as rail workers and passengers, in relation to the development of the forthcoming commercial tender to procure a new fleet of Intercity trains to ensure that (a) the specification for this new fleet is reflective of the needs and wants of staff and service users and (b) they provide a comfortable environment with, for example, an increase in the number of table seats rather than airline-style seats and ensuring that seats align with windows, which is reportedly a proven driver in making rail travel an attractive alternative to car travel.

[S6W-29582](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how much has been spent to date from the cladding remediation fund.

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The following draft instruments were laid before Parliament on 4 September 2024 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Plant Health \(Import Inspection Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

Laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union Withdrawal Act 2018 (as applied by paragraph 12(3) of that schedule of that Act)

[Rural Development \(Continuation of Operation\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 3(4) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

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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
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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

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

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

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 19 September 2024

Stage 1 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (43rd Report, 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)

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

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

Stage 1 Report – Criminal Justice Committee (7th Report, 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)

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)

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Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 17 September 2024

Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (5th Report, 2024)

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

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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

Lodged on 1 August 2024

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

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 15 September 2024

[Companies Act 2006 \(Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\) \(3 June 2024\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 19 September 2024

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[Tied Pubs \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (7 June 2024) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to approval by 22 September 2024

[Environmental Protection \(Single-use Vapes\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (10 June 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (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)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 11 September 2024
Lead committee report due by 9 September 2024

[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
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)

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[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)

[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)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 4 September 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 49th Report, 2024 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
on 3rd September 2024 (SP Paper 636)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 50th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated
powers in the Housing (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 637)

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