# Thursday 19 September 2024

# **Business Bulletin**

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# **Today's Business**

# Meeting of the Parliament

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11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-14053 Sharon Dowey: Addressing Retail Crime and Antisocial Behaviour

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2021-2022

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment

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# Committee Meetings

**8:45am** Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:00am Public Audit Committee

**9:00am** Social Justice and Social Security Committee

**9:30am** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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# **Meeting of the Parliament**

# 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

#### 11:40 am General Questions

- **1. Foysol Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reported reduction to the Investing in Communities Fund and any impact on its aim of addressing poverty and disadvantage. (S6O-03741)
- **2. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact it anticipates the Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024 will have on local government procurement. (S6O-03742)
- **3. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is improving access to NHS dentistry for patients in the Mid Scotland and Fife region. (\$60-03743)
- **4. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish its review of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland, following the Auditor General for Scotland's decision to issue a Section 22 report in relation to the audit of the organisation's accounts. (S6O-03744)
- **5. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported comments by Glasgow Disability Alliance that the Disability Equality Plan lacks the ambition, meaningful actions or commitments needed to improve disabled people's lives. (S6O-03745)
- **6. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to develop local flood plans, including natural flood prevention measures. (S60-03746)
- **7. Paul O'Kane:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to a recent report from the Scottish Health Equity Research Unit, which highlights that "core outcomes related to inequalities and health are not improving significantly and some are getting worse". (S6O-03747)
- **8. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the provision of psychotherapists. (S6O-03748)

#### 12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Douglas Ross: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-03351)
- 2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-03352)
- **3. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. (S6F-03353)
- **4. Emma Harper:** To ask the First Minister what the implications are for public health in Scotland of the UK Government's announcement that it plans to ban junk food advertising before 9.00 pm. (S6F-03358)
- **5. Tim Eagle:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that Transport Scotland has spent more than £16 million on consultancy fees in relation to the A83 Rest and Be Thankful project. (S6F-03373)
- **6. Ross Greer:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the decision by Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park regarding the Flamingo Land Lomond Banks planning application. (S6F-03376)

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

S6M-14053 Sharon Dowey: Addressing Retail Crime and Antisocial Behaviour—That the Parliament notes the view that addressing retail crime and antisocial behaviour should be a priority for both the Scottish and UK governments; acknowledges and deplores the reported significant increase in abuse and violence towards shop workers and rise in shoplifting, which it understands is often the main factor behind abuse and threats, with official data reportedly showing a 21% annual increase in shoplifting incidents; understands that the British Retail Consortium's latest crime survey reveals that there are 1,300 incidents of violence or abuse against retail workers daily, double the number prior to the COVID-19 pandemic; expresses concern over the reported £1.8 billion cost of retail theft in the last reporting year and the £1.2 billion spent by shops on crime prevention measures such as CCTV and body-worn cameras; highlights what it sees as the importance of the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Act 2021 in improving visibility and legal protection for retail workers in Scotland, including in the South Scotland region; notes the Scottish Retail Consortium's call for a greater prioritisation of retail crime by government and law enforcement; further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to provide the police and courts the necessary direction and resources to prosecute offenders; notes the calls for better reporting of incidents by retailers to ensure a fuller picture of the problem, and further notes what it sees as the need for public communication campaigns to explain any new mandated rules on the selling of regulated products in store, which can often be a common trigger for flashpoints, and to make clear that poor customer behaviour will not be tolerated.

#### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

#### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

# **Education and Skills**

- **1. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that qualified teachers are able to find suitable employment through permanent teaching posts in Scottish schools. (\$60-03733)
- **2. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work to explore the feasibility of an islands scholarship to support higher education students studying in Scotland's islands. (\$60-03734)
- **3. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to deliver better outcomes for children and young people with learning disabilities, autism and neurodiversity, in light of its decision not to include the introduction of its proposed Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill in the Programme for Government 2024-25. (S6O-03735)
- **4. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage teacher retention during the current academic year. (\$60-03736)
- **5. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that green skills are embedded in the provision of further education. (S6O-03737)
- **6. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve the school attendance of care experienced young people. (\$60-03738)

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- **7. Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the levels of funding for tertiary education are adequate to support a thriving sector. (S6O-03739)
- **8. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports wraparound care for school-age children in the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency. (S6O-03740)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2021-2022

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment

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

<u>S6M-14485</u> Siobhian Brown: Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill.

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# **Committee Meetings**

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

# Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 20th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26: The Committee will take evidence from—

Lori Anderson, Director, Culture Counts;

Lyndsey Jackson, Deputy Chief Executive, Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society;

Liam Sinclair, Executive Director, Dundee Rep and Scottish Dance Theatre;

Caroline Sewell, Regional Organiser, Musicians' Union;

and then from-

lain Munro, Chief Executive, and Alastair Evans, Director of Strategy and Planning, Creative Scotland.

# Public Audit Committee 23rd Meeting, 2024

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

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** James Dornan will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4 and 5 in private.
- 3. The 2022/23 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland: The Committee will take evidence from—

Michelle Quinn, Interim Director-General Net Zero, Kersti Berge, Director of Energy & Climate Change, and Catherine Williams, Interim Director of Water Policy, Scottish Government;

David Satti, Interim Chief Executive, Donald MacRae, Chair of the Board, and Robin McGill, Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, Water Industry Commission for Scotland.

4. The 2022/23 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland: The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Carole Grant, Audit Director, Richard Smith, Senior Audit Manager, and Lauryn Graham, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland.

5. **The 2022/23 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

# Social Justice and Social Security Committee 24th Meeting, 2024

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

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** David Torrance will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. **Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).
- 3. Work programme (in private): The Committee will consider its work programme.

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# Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 21st 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 2, 3 and 4 in private.
- 2. **Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill:** The Committee will consider a letter from the Minister for Parliamentary Business.
- 3. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence on strengthening Net Zero scrutiny arrangements.
- 4. **Members' Bills:** The Committee consider an update on a meeting with the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

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# **Future Meetings of the Parliament**

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 18 September 2024

# **Tuesday 24 September 2024**

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health and Social Care Winter Preparedness Plan 2024-25

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The UK Budget - Scotland's Priorities

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

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**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-12935 Martin Whitfield: Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity

# Wednesday 25 September 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

Finance and Local Government

**followed by** Education, Children and Young People Committee Debate: Additional Support for Learning

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

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**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-13436 Gordon MacDonald: Importance of the Scottish Wholesale Sector

#### Thursday 26 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-13767 Rona Mackay: Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Stands with Ukraine

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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# **Tuesday 1 October 2024**

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland)

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

# Wednesday 2 October 2024

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

# **Thursday 3 October 2024**

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

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# **Future Committee Meetings**

The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

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#### **Motions**

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

#### Other new and altered motions and amendments

\*S6M-14549 Mark Ruskell: Butterfly Emergency—That the Parliament recognises that wildlife charity, Butterfly Conservation, has declared a national Butterfly Emergency on 18 September 2024, following the Big Butterfly Count 2024 outcome, which stated an alarming decline in butterfly numbers; understands that participants spotted nearly 50% fewer butterflies in 2024 compared with the 2023 count, resulting in the lowest count in the 14-year history of the Big Butterfly Count initiative; further understands that just over 935,000 butterflies and day-flying moths were recorded across the UK from 12 July to 4 August in total, down by almost 600,000, which is the equivalent to more than a third of the 2023 total; understands that 9,000 participants logged their counts as seeing zero butterflies, the highest zero-butterfly count in the citizen science programme's history; thanks over 5,000 citizen scientists who took part in the count this year, submitting 143,241 counts; believes that butterflies are a key indicator species for the state of nature, and calls on the Scottish Government to consider the outcome of the Big Butterfly Count 2024 and prioritise its response to the nature emergency.

Supported by: Patrick Harvie\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Pauline McNeill\*

\*S6M-14547 Mark Ruskell: Oxfam's Report on Private Jet Tax for Scotland—That the Parliament welcomes Oxfam Scotland's report, *Cleared for Take-off: A Private Jet Tax for Scotland*, published on 18 September 2024; understands that private jets are five to 14 times more polluting per passenger than commercial flights, and around 50 times more than trains; further understands that, since 2019, the same year that the Scottish Government declared a climate emergency, there have been 54,746 recorded private flights in Scotland; understands that there were 12,911 recorded private flights to and from Scotland's airports in 2023, around 6% of the UK total; further understands that, if an air departure tax had been operational in Scotland in 2023, with a private jet tax embedded, it could have raised up to £21.5 million more in tax receipts to invest in climate action, such as sustainable transport initiatives; acknowledges Oxfam Scotland's reported warning that, considering the wealthiest 1% is contributing more emissions than two thirds of humanity, without the implementation of fair policies, such as a private jet tax, this injustice will only deepen, and calls on the Scotlish Government to consider the recommendations in the report and implement a tax on high-emitting private jets in Scotland as soon as possible.

Supported by: Patrick Harvie\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Gillian Mackay\*, John Mason\*, Ariane Burgess\*

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\*S6M-14542 Alexander Burnett: Crathie Cricket Club Celebrates 75th Anniversary—That the Parliament congratulates Crathie Cricket Club on celebrating its 75th anniversary at the end of May 2024; recognises the enduring passion and commitment of its team members, who continue to demonstrate the value of experience and dedication to the sport, with an average age often in the 60s; celebrates the special anniversary event, marked by two T20 cricket matches played between Crathie Cricket Club and a touring Australian team at the club's historic grounds on the Balmoral Estate; notes the unique distinction of Crathie Cricket Club, whose matches, played at Balmoral, have been attended by various prime ministers and members of the royal family, and wishes the club many more years of success and enjoyment in the sport. R

\*S6M-14541 Alexander Stewart: World Mental Health Day, 10th October 2024—That the Parliament acknowledges World Mental Health Day 2024, which is a global observance event dedicated to raising awareness about mental health issues, reducing stigma, and promoting mental wellbeing; believes that this important day serves as a reminder that mental health is an essential part of overall health, and it encourages individuals and communities to take actions that support mental health; understands that this event is observed annually on 10 October and that, each year, World Mental Health Day focuses on a specific theme, allowing for in-depth discussions and initiatives related to that theme; notes that, for 2024, the theme is "It is Time to Prioritise Mental Health in the Workplace", which, it understands, was chosen by a public vote by The World Federation for Mental Health, the founder of World Mental Health Day, and understands that the day was first observed in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH), a global mental health organisation with members and contacts in more than 150 countries, and was established to raise awareness of mental health issues, promote mental health advocacy, and mobilise efforts to support mental wellbeing worldwide.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*, Edward Mountain\*, Pam Gosal\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Monica Lennon\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Douglas Ross\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Jamie Greene\*

\*S6M-14540 Alexander Stewart: National Eye Health Week, 23 to 29 September 2024—That the Parliament welcomes National Eye Health Week, a UK-wide campaign, which focuses on encouraging everyone to take care of their eyes and maintain good eye health; acknowledges that the event, which takes place from 23 to 29 September 2024, is seven days dedicated to promoting the importance of good eye health and the need for regular eye examinations for all; understands that the event highlights the importance of regular eye tests, which, it believes, are essential not only for checking vision but also for detecting underlying health conditions like diabetes and glaucoma; further understands that throughout that week, healthcare professionals and organizations collaborate to provide information, resources, and free or discounted eye tests, aiming to reduce preventable sight loss and promote overall eye health, and asserts the importance of booking regular eye tests and examinations, which, it believes, are crucial for maintaining good vision and detecting early signs of eye conditions.

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\*S6M-14539 Alexander Stewart: World Alzheimer's Month Highlights Proactive Work by Dementia-friendly Doune and Deanston—That the Parliament welcomes the news that with September being World Alzheimer's Month, a group based in rural Stirlingshire has been educating people of all ages regarding the need to become what is known as dementia-friendly; understands that the Dementia-friendly Doune and Deanston group has linked up with Kilmadock

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Development Trust to create a community where people understand dementia and allow those with the condition to live in the way that they wish; believes that dementia-friendly communities are a response to research, which has revealed that many people with the condition feel the need to withdraw as it progresses due to lack of understanding from society around them; understands that, according to the research, alongside a third of people with dementia who reported feeling lonely, around a quarter of carers also reported feeling cut off; recognises that staff at both Doune Health Centre and Woodside Pharmacy have also undertaken dementia awareness training as well as completing an environmental audit of their premises, and understands that awards have been presented to a number of these individuals by the Provost of Stirling, who praised their contribution to supporting those living with dementia in the villages.

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\*S6M-14538 Fulton MacGregor: 65th Anniversary of the Auchengeich Mining Disaster—That the Parliament notes with sympathy the 65th anniversary of the Auchengeich mining disaster, which took place on 18 September 1959; understands that the tragedy was Scotland's worst mining disaster of the 20th century; recognises that the tragedy left 67 children without a father and 41 women without a husband when 47 men aged from 20 to 62 lost their lives; acknowledges what it sees as the impact of the disaster that is still felt in the community of Moodiesburn and the surrounding areas; notes with gratitude that the Auchengeich Memorial Committee continues to keep the miners in living memory by arranging a service every year at the memorial statue at the Auchengeich Miners Club in Moodiesburn, and commends the entire Moodiesburn community for their dignity, respect and togetherness in their hardworking efforts to ensure that the memories of those lost to the disaster are kept alive, while paying respect to them and their families.

Supported by: Richard Leonard\*

\*S6M-14532 Annie Wells: Glasgow Firm Reveal Huge Transformation Plans After 160 Years—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow firm, Matthew Algie, which has revealed plans for a huge transformation after 160 years in business; notes that the coffee roaster, based just south of the city's River Clyde, was founded in 1864 and survived two World Wars; understands that the business is celebrating its longevity with a multi-million pound transformation of its factory; further understands that the factory, with a team of over 400 employees, is now complete with its own pallet-packing robot and other state-of-the-art technology in a bid to become more ecofriendly; believes that Matthew Algie is a company, which prides itself on eco-friendly practices and that it aims to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2040, and understands that the multi-million-pound investment is not just about enhancing the company's operations but about revolutionising how it produces its coffees.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Craig Hoy\*, Miles Briggs\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Russell Findlay\*, Pam Gosal\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Tim Eagle\*, Jamie Greene\*, Douglas Ross\*, Bill Kidd\*, Brian Whittle\*

\*S6M-14531 Rona Mackay: Lottery Funding Success for Community-led Kirky Cinema— That the Parliament congratulates Kirky Cinema, based at Kirkintilloch Town Hall, on being awarded £10,000 from the National Lottery Awards for All Scotland fund to support its efforts in providing a big-screen experience for the people of East Dunbartonshire on their doorstep; understands that the venture, a voluntary association, is in full partnership with East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture; praises the community cinema manager, Serina Marshall,

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and her team of dedicated volunteers for their sterling efforts in bringing the local community together in a much-loved local space; commends them for partnering with Alzheimer Scotland to provide dementia-friendly screenings and also taking the cinema out to East Dunbartonshire schools and local community groups; understands that the official launch of the new cinema will take place on 20 September 2024 with official representatives of East Dunbartonshire Council and Alzheimer Scotland; notes that Awards for All funding is given to projects that improve the places and spaces that matter to communities, help more people to reach their potential and support people, as well as communities and organisations, facing more demands and challenges because of the cost of living crisis, and wishes Kirky Cinema all the very best in its future endeavours.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Colin Beattie\*, Annie Wells\*, Edward Mountain\*, Pam Gosal\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Clare Haughey\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Miles Briggs\*

\*S6M-14530 Gillian Mackay: Lanarkshire DJs' Headline St Andrews Day Gig—That the Parliament congratulates the Lanarkshire-based DJs, Frazi.er and Ewan McVicar, on the announcement of their headline gig at the OVO Hydro on St Andrews Day; recognises the impact that homegrown music artists have on Scottish culture and inspiring the next generation of talent; further recognises that Frazi.er has already performed at, and sold out, the city venue twice before, and has encouraged many budding artists from across Scotland to take up music; commends all those who have organised the event, and wishes them every success.

\*S6M-14529 Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Riverbank Primary School and the Doric Film Festival—That the Parliament congratulates Riverbank Primary School and the Doric Film Festival on their success in the Scots Language Awards 2024; notes that Riverbank Primary School, based in Tillydrone, Aberdeen, won Scots Bairns Book o the Year for its book, *Summer e Magic Scurry*, which was written by the pupils themselves about a naughty herring gull who takes the P5F pupils on an adventure; further notes that the Doric Film Festival, which showcases Doric language and culture through film and was created by the Scots Radio director, Frieda Morrison, won the Scots Cultural Project o the Year; understands that the Scots Language Awards, which have been running since 2019, showcase the Scots leid and celebrate the people who champion its use in daily life, education, business, arts and culture; believes that Riverbank Primary School's book and the Doric Film Festival are fantastic examples of how Scots can be promoted at all age groups through story and film, and wishes the winners all the best with their future endeavours working with Scots.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Clare Haughey\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Annie Wells\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*

\*S6M-14528 Gordon MacDonald: Heriot-Watt University Breaks Ground on £2.5 Million Optical Ground Station—That the Parliament welcomes what it sees as the ground-breaking news of the new Quantum Communications Hub Optical Ground Station (HOGS), which is located at Heriot-Watt University's Research Park; understands that this £2.5 million facility will be a cutting-edge centre for satellite quantum-based communications and will allow the demonstration and testing of quantum technologies; recognises that the ground station will include a state-of-the-art telescope enhanced with adaptive optics, laser beacons, and two quantum receivers; believes that the facility will be essential in proving Scotland's and the UK's quantum capabilities, including creation of ultra-secure communications, tackling cyberattacks and supporting space environmentalism; considers that the facility further elevates Heriot-Watt University's leading expertise in quantum communications and associated technologies; believes that the new facility represents a major step towards the creation of a space cluster on the University's Edinburgh

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campus; understands that the facility is part of the Quantum Communications Hub project, funded through the UK National Quantum Technologies Programme, and involves collaboration with the Universities of Bristol, Strathclyde, and York; notes that HOGS is expected to be fully operational by late autumn 2024, and wishes everyone involved in the project success in trialling new techniques and technologies for innovative research and development.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Bill Kidd\*, Daniel Johnson\*, Annie Wells\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stuart McMillan\*

\*S6M-14527 Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Beatrix Elsberger—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen Royal Infirmary consultant breast surgeon, Ms Beatrix Elsberger, who is to be the ninth recipient of the Hunter Doig Medal from the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh; understands that the medal, which was introduced in 2007, and is named after pioneering female surgeons, Alice Hunter and Caroline Doig, is awarded to a female surgeon who has shown career potential and ambition as well as high standards, and recognises good surgical practice, clinical excellence, ongoing contribution to education and training, and various other important factors; further understands that this award follows the National Institute for Heal Research's CREST Award received by Ms Elsberger's clinical breast cancer research team in 2023; believes that Beatrix is an inspiration to young female surgeons and that this award highlights the huge contribution that she and her team have made towards breast cancer research, and wishes Beatrix all the best when receiving the award at the ceremony in April 2025.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Colin Beattie\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Stuart McMillan\*

\*S6M-14526 Alexander Stewart: Scottish Autism Alloa Art Exhibition Raises Almost £1,000—That the Parliament welcomes the news that artists from one of Alloa's biggest charities have raised almost £1,000 during their annual exhibition; understands that the Art Opportunities service within Scottish Autism held a showcase and sale from its premises in the town centre; further understands that the charity picked the "under the sea" theme for 2024, which saw a number of bespoke items and pieces of artwork created by those who attend the service; believes that the exhibition night raised £969 towards the charity's income; understands that the individuals who attend the Art Opportunities service, have said that they very much benefit from the opportunity to express themselves through the creation of their artworks and that it means a lot to them when people show such appreciation through attending the exhibition and purchasing items, and commends everyone involved with what it sees as this truly excellent initiative.

Supported by: Craig Hoy\*, Miles Briggs\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Bill Kidd\*, Edward Mountain\*, Brian Whittle\*, Douglas Ross\*, Pam Gosal\*, Annie Wells\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Russell Findlay\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Tim Eagle\*, Jamie Greene\*

\*S6M-14525 Audrey Nicoll: Congratulating Ronald Stewart Watt on Receiving the IBSSA Knights of Cyprus Humanitarian Award—That the Parliament congratulates Ronald Stewart Watt on being honoured with the prestigious IBSSA Knights of Cyprus Humanitarian Awards in Hungary; acknowledges his lifelong dedication to martial arts and humanitarian efforts globally; recognises his role in promoting peace, education, and cultural exchange through martial arts, and commends what it sees as his enduring impact on communities and his commitment to using his skills for betterment of society.

Supported by: Emma Harper\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Clare Haughey\*, Colin Beattie\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Miles Briggs\*

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\*S6M-14523 Kevin Stewart: Great Western Community Centre CommCon Event—That the Parliament welcomes the CommCon Event at Great Western Community Centre in Aberdeen on 29 September 2024; notes that the event, which is completely free and is being held in collaboration with Sport Aberdeen and the printmaking workshop, Peacock, will celebrate the work being done by charities and community groups in Aberdeen; understands that the event will feature games and activities with Sport Aberdeen, screen-printing and badge-making workshops with Peacock, a drawing workshop with local illustrator, Mandy Sutherland, fun photo opportunities with the Scottish Imperial Garrison, therapeutic owls provided by Bob's Buddies, and free treats from local award-winning baker, Jo Scrumptious; notes that there will be an array of local stalls selling crafts and gifts; hopes that CommCon will become a regular fixture in the Aberdeen calendar, and wishes the organisers and all those taking part all the very best in what promises to be a fun, informative and exciting event.

Supported by: Clare Haughey\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Bill Kidd\*, Colin Beattie\*

\*S6M-14522 Sarah Boyack: Congratulating Edinburgh Student Housing Co-Op—That the Parliament congratulates Edinburgh Student Housing Co-op on celebrating its 10th year of operation in September 2024; believes that this democratically-run approach to housing, encourages full participation as active citizens; notes its contribution to the founding of Student Cooperative Homes, a secondary co-operative that supports students across Britain and Ireland in the acquisition and maintenance of properties; celebrates the value of co-operative housing in providing what it considers genuinely affordable accommodation; recognises the Co-Op's effort to keep rent increases to under £90/month from its 2014 rates, and wishes Edinburgh Student Housing Co-op and its alumni well in the future.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Colin Beattie\*, Miles Briggs\*

#### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

<u>S6M-14537</u> Alexander Stewart: World Alzheimer's Month and World Alzheimer's Day (lodged on 17 September 2024)

New Support: Marie McNair\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Jamie Greene\*, Beatrice Wishart\*, Tess White\*, Craig Hoy\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Stuart McMillan\*

\*S6M-14534.1 Douglas Ross: Business Programme (lodged on 18 September 2024)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*, Tess White\*, Annie Wells\*, Sue Webber\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Liz Smith\*, Graham Simpson\*, Oliver Mundell\*, Edward Mountain\*, Roz McCall\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Stephen Kerr\*, Liam Kerr\*, Craig Hoy\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Jamie Greene\*, Pam Gosal\*, Maurice Golden\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Russell Findlay\*, Tim Eagle\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Finlay Carson\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Alexander Burnett\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

<u>S6M-14518</u> Claire Baker: Welcoming Funding of £20,000 to Fife-based Re-Employ from Lloyds Banking Group's Bank of Scotland Foundation (lodged on 17 September 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-14517</u> Kevin Stewart: Plaudits to the Aberdeen Friends of Ukraine (lodged on 17 September 2024)

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New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Marie McNair\*

S6M-14516 Claire Baker: Maggie's Cancer Care Centre Supporters in Fife Take on Four Peaks Challenge to Raise £10,000 (lodged on 17 September 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-14512</u> Fulton MacGregor: Michelle Armstrong Wins 2024 Global Recognition Award (lodged on 17 September 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, Marie McNair\*

<u>S6M-14509</u> Fulton MacGregor: Publication of Guidance on School Uniform and Clothing (lodged on 17 September 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*

<u>S6M-14508</u> Fulton MacGregor: Shining Stars ASN Theatre School Receives £30,000 from People's Postcode Lottery (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Marie McNair\*

<u>S6M-14507</u> Fulton MacGregor: Cliftonville and Coatdyke Community Group Receives £70,000 from People's Postcode Lottery (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Marie McNair\*

<u>S6M-14506</u> Fulton MacGregor: Deaf Services Lanarkshire Receives £80,000 from People's Postcode Lottery (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Marie McNair\*

<u>S6M-14505</u> Fulton MacGregor: Coatbridge CAB Receives £100,000 from People's Postcode Lottery (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Marie McNair\*

<u>S6M-14500</u> Annabelle Ewing: CLOCK Street Pastors 10th Anniversary (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Murdo Fraser\*, Bill Kidd\*, Colin Beattie\*, Annie Wells\*, Clare Haughey\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Miles Briggs\*, Stuart McMillan\*

<u>S6M-14499</u> James Dornan: Lingo Flamingo Wins Challenge Us! Award (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-14496</u> Tess White: Importance of Safe and Fair Sport for Women and Girls (lodged on 17 September 2024)

New Support: Carol Mochan\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jamie Greene\*, Craig Hoy\*, Brian Whittle\*, Tim Eagle\*

<u>S6M-14494</u> Colin Beattie: Congratulations to Parrilla Argentinian Grill on Receiving the Title of Best World Cuisine (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

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S6M-14492 Clare Haughey: Legacy of Love, Celebrating the History of St Columbkille's Church (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-14491</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: Congratulating Steven MacIver on Winning the MacRobert Art Award (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-14489</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: Acknowledging Nia Hunter's Dedication to Raising Awareness of Ankylosing Spondylitis (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-14488</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: Congratulating Shetland Amateur Athletics Club on its **30th Anniversary** (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-14487</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: Acknowledging The Keep Left - Skye Initiative for Improving Road Safety (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

S6M-14486 Claire Baker: Gillian Parsons Golf Day Takes Total Funds Raised for Maggie's Fife Close to £150,000 (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-14483</u> Colin Beattie: Midlothian and East Lothian Councils Receiving Funding for Affordable Homes (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-14481</u> Jackie Dunbar: Asthma and Allergy Foundation Awarded £19,989 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Edward Mountain\*, Miles Briggs\*, Bill Kidd\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Rona Mackay\*, Annie Wells\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*

<u>S6M-14480</u> Jackie Dunbar: AberNecessities Awarded £18,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Bill Kidd\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Annie Wells\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*

<u>S6M-14479</u> Jackie Dunbar: Printfield Community Project Awarded £20,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Miles Briggs\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Annie Wells\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*

<u>S6M-14472</u> Annie Wells: GRAHAM Launches the ConstructHER Programme to Inspire Glasgow's Next Generation of Female Workers (lodged on 12 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

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<u>S6M-14470</u> Annie Wells: Big Noise Govanhill Music Programme Serves 1,000 Meals to Kids (lodged on 12 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-14458</u> Sharon Dowey: Ayr India Named Best Indian Restaurant in the West of Scotland (lodged on 12 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14457</u> Alexander Burnett: Chair of VisitAberdeenshire, Claire Bruce, Announces Resignation (lodged on 12 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14455</u> Roz McCall: Paralympic Success for Stirling Local (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14453</u> Michelle Thomson: Zetland Park Rain Garden Project Awarded Beautiful Scotland Award (lodged on 12 September 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

S6M-14451 Mark Ruskell: #SayNoToShein Campaign (lodged on 12 September 2024)

New Support: Katy Clark\*

<u>S6M-14449</u> Annie Wells: Glasgow Restaurateur Wins Entrepreneur of the Year Award (lodged on 16 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-14448</u> Jeremy Balfour: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2024 (lodged on 12 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14446</u> Sandesh Gulhane: Drumchapel Sky Dragon Wins Best East Asian Takeaway Award (lodged on 12 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14445</u> Sandesh Gulhane: Shawlands Restaurant Wins Best South Asian Takeaway Award (lodged on 12 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

S6M-14444 Michelle Thomson: GLitter Team Cleans Up at Beautiful Scotland Awards 2024 (lodged on 11 September 2024)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-14440</u> Craig Hoy: Congratulating Callum Thornley and Oscar Onley (lodged on 11 September 2024)

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New Support: Annie Wells\*, Edward Mountain\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Pam Gosal\*, Tim Eagle\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Douglas Ross\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jamie Greene\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Brian Whittle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Miles Briggs\*

<u>S6M-14439</u> Craig Hoy: Congratulating Blooming Haddington (lodged on 11 September 2024)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Edward Mountain\*, Pam Gosal\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Tim Eagle\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Douglas Ross\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jamie Greene\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Colin Beattie\*, Brian Whittle\*, Russell Findlay\*, Miles Briggs\*

<u>S6M-14437</u> Brian Whittle: Celebrating Scotland's Paris 2024 Success (lodged on 12 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*, Edward Mountain\*

<u>S6M-14436</u> Stuart McMillan: Regulation of the Medical Aesthetics Industry in Scotland (lodged on 17 September 2024)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

<u>S6M-14435</u> Sandesh Gulhane: Children's Choice Award for Royal Children's Hospital Advanced Nurse Practitioner (lodged on 11 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14434</u> Annie Wells: Givin' It Laldie Awarded Funding from Allied Vehicles Charitable Trust (lodged on 11 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

S6M-14427 Jeremy Balfour: Reversal of £10 Million Funding for Changing Places Toilets (lodged on 11 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

S6M-14425 Miles Briggs: World Patient Safety Day (lodged on 10 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14423</u> Annie Wells: Glasgow Sleepy Doctor Wins Lifetime Achievement Award (lodged on 10 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14422</u> Annie Wells: Scottish Women in Business Award Winners Revealed at Glasgow Ceremony (lodged on 10 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14421</u> Emma Roddick: Crisis Report, A Window of Opportunity (lodged on 11 September 2024)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

<u>S6M-14413</u> Sharon Dowey: Congratulating Nanny Mary's of Ayr (lodged on 10 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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S6M-14408 Tim Eagle: Improving Access to Health and Social Care in Rural Scotland (lodged on 10 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

S6M-14396 Pam Gosal: Parish Priest of St Joseph's Church, Helensburgh, Retires after 40 Years of Service (lodged on 10 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14395</u> Jackson Carlaw: Newton Mearns Restaurant Wins Key Prize at Food Awards (lodged on 09 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14394</u> Jackson Carlaw: Whitecraigs Tennis, Squash and Fitness Club Upgrade Facilities (lodged on 09 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14382</u> Liz Smith: Lorraine McCall's Continuous Graham Round (lodged on 09 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14378</u> Alexander Stewart: Asian Restaurant of the Year Awards Scotland 2024 (lodged on 09 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14372</u> Annie Wells: Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival (lodged on 06 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14333</u> Foysol Choudhury: Celebrating the Scottish Poetry Library's 40th Anniversary (lodged on 05 September 2024)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*

<u>S6M-14321</u> Rachael Hamilton: Congratulating Samantha Kinghorn (lodged on 09 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14273</u> Emma Roddick: Congratulating Sandra McKinlay on her Retirement (lodged on 03 September 2024)

New Support: Edward Mountain\*

<u>S6M-14171</u> Annie Wells: Congratulating Scott Richards and East End Walk and Talk for Encouraging Recovery in Glasgow (lodged on 12 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

<u>S6M-14149</u> Annie Wells: Congratulating Robert Harley on Donating Auction Proceeds to Cancer Charities (lodged on 11 September 2024)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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### **Oral Questions**

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 25 September 2024

# Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

- 1. Evelyn Tweed: [Not Lodged]
- **2. Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how its Green Industrial Strategy will encourage companies to remain in Scotland. (S60-03750)
- **3. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of the development and delivery of its economic strategy, what assessment it has made of the contribution of the drinks sector to the economy. (S6O-03751)
- **4. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what improvements it has considered making to governance arrangements at Ferguson Marine, in light of recent reported concerns around quality control at the yard. (\$60-03752)
- **5. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the findings of the Fair Work Convention's inquiry into Fair Work in the Hospitality Industry. (S6O-03753)
- 6. David Torrance: [Not Lodged]
- **7. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will set out how it measures economic growth, including what metrics it uses to assess success in economic growth. (S6O-03755)
- **8. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to boost confidence in the retail sector. **(S6O-03756)**

#### **Finance and Local Government**

- **1. Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the commitment in its 2024-25 Programme for Government to "consult on modernisation of the compulsory purchase system to help deliver a wide range of projects in the public interest", whether this consultation will include compulsory sale orders and compulsory rental orders in its scope. (S6O-03757)
- **2. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of what Scotland's fiscal position would be today if a "Yes" vote had been returned in the independence referendum of 18 September 2014. **(S6O-03758)**
- **3. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of recent UK Government announcements ahead of its Budget statement, whether it will provide an update on its latest engagement with the UK Government regarding the potential devolution of further financial powers to Scotland. (S6O-03759)
- **4. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the comments of Professor Graeme Roy, Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission, that Scotland's net position in 2022-23 was around £624 million lower than it would have been had Scottish economic performance matched that of the rest of the UK. (S60-03760)
- **5. Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the cost of private finance initiative repayments in the current financial year. (S60-03761)
- **6. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Midlothian and East Lothian councils regarding the financial impact of national policies, in light of reports of their constrained budgets. (\$60-03762)

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- **7. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the local government funding settlement, what discussions the finance secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the potential revenue that local authorities could generate through Decriminalised Parking Enforcement regimes in their areas. (S60-03763)
- **8. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to reassess its tax policies, in light of reports from some businesses that higher taxes are having a negative impact on recruitment, including in the most recent Fraser of Allander Institute survey on Scottish income tax. (\$60-03764)

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 26 September 2024

# Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

- **1. Marie McNair:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with ScotRail regarding the operation of a reduced train timetable. (S6O-03765)
- **2. Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Just Transition Commission's recent report on the future of Grangemouth. (S60-03766)
- 3. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government when it last engaged with the four nations steering group on the review of noise guidance for onshore wind turbines as it applies to Scotland. (S6O-03767) R
- **4. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the UK Government regarding action to address the impact in Scotland of the rising energy price cap, which will increase by 10% in October. (S6O-03768)
- **5. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what its policy is on upgrading the infrastructure of ports. (S6O-03769)
- **6. Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the implementation of its heat in buildings strategy, what discussions it has had with the UK Government on consumer protection, in light of reported concerns that customers currently using heat networks are not protected by Ofgem's price cap. (\$60-03770)
- **7. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what financial impact its proposed Heat in Buildings Bill will have on homeowners. **(S60-03771)**
- **8. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its efforts to develop a world-leading green hydrogen sector. (S6O-03772)

#### General Questions selected for answer on 26 September 2024

- **1. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the culture secretary has had with the Music Venues Trust regarding the introduction of a ticket levy, on a voluntary or statutory basis, for stadium and arena shows, to support grassroots culture venues. (S60-03773)
- **2. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government how its investment in Fairer Futures Partnerships will help to tackle child poverty. (S6O-03774)
- **3. Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve access to GP appointments. (S60-03775)
- **4. Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to concerns over its reported plans to downgrade the neonatal intensive care unit at Ninewells Hospital. (S60-03776)

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- **5. Lorna Slater:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recently published Holyrood Park Strategic Plan, what the timeline is for Historic Environment Scotland to complete its Movement Strategy and deliver on its 10 objectives for the park. (S60-03777)
- **6. Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with East Dunbartonshire Council regarding the condition of Milngavie Primary School. (S60-03778)
- **7. Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review its relationship with LGBT Youth Scotland, in light of reported allegations regarding safeguarding failings. (S60-03779)
- **8. Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations from the National Review of Eating Disorder Services. (S60-03780)

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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 18 September 2024

<u>S6W-29908</u> **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-27175 by Gillian Martin on 13 May 2024, on what date it will publish the recommendations of the Transmission Network Short Life Working Group.

<u>S6W-29928</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-28938 by Fiona Hyslop on 9 September 2024, whether its restatement of the position is confirmation that it has not made an assessment of the scope of the role of Transport Scotland, including any duplication of (a) responsibility and (b) funding in the period (i) before and (ii) after the new structures were put in place regarding the nationalisation of ScotRail, and, if this is not the case, and it has made such an assessment, whether it will provide the information requested.

<u>S6W-29989</u> **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to share the analysis of the responses submitted to the Energy Performance Certificate reform consultation, and what opportunities there will be to build the learning from that consultation into its proposed Heat in Buildings Bill.

<u>S6W-29990</u> Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29551 by Gillian Martin on 17 September 2024, when it last directly engaged with the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance in relation to joining as a core member.

<u>S6W-29991</u> **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29551 by Gillian Martin on 17 September 2024, whether the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy will commit to meeting the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance at COP29.

<u>S6W-29992</u> **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the spending on the national acquisition plan in 2023-24, and what its evaluation is of the effectiveness of this spend.

<u>S6W-29993</u> Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its efforts to reduce child poverty, whether it plans to expand the eligibility criteria for the Young Patients Family Fund to include those regularly travelling as day-patients for cancer treatment, in light of Young Lives vs Cancer's #RunningOnEmpty research, which states that one in five families have had to take on debt, and a third have fallen behind on household bills, to help cover the cost of travelling to receive treatment for their or their child's cancer treatment, due to travelling over 400 miles every month on average.

<u>S6W-29994</u> Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29408 by Gillian Martin on 17 September 2024, when it anticipates that it will resolve the technical issues impacting the Scottish Energy Statistics Hub, and when these technical issues were first identified.

<u>S6W-29995</u> Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle Islamophobia through education in schools.

<u>S6W-29996</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29523 by Alasdair Allan on 16 September 2024, how it accurately monitors the total installed solar capacity, of all types, approved by local authorities.

<u>S6W-29997</u> **Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29352 by Gillian Martin on 17 September 2024, what approaches have been made to (a) academia and (b) the private sector to explore the potential for new recovery solutions.

<u>S6W-29998</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the area of (a) prime and (b) other agriculture land that is currently used for renewable energy projects, also broken down by the type of renewable energy project.

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<u>S6W-29999</u> **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government on what date (a) it currently anticipates that CMAL will deliver the Glen Sannox to CalMac, (b) the operator currently anticipates that it will begin delivery to operational sea trials of the vessel and (c) it currently anticipates that the Glen Sannox will enter service on the Troon-Brodick route.

<u>S6W-30000</u> **Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29379 by Siobhian Brown on 13 September 2024, whether it will provide an update on progress on the delivery of the four components outlined in *Scotland's strategic approach to challenging and deterring men's demand for prostitution and supporting the recovery and sustainable exit of those involved in prostitution.* 

<u>S6W-30001</u> Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reported information from National Records of Scotland stating that, in the second quarter of 2024, Dumfries and Galloway had the highest stillbirth rate, perinatal death rate and extended perinatal death rate in Scotland, as well as one of the highest infant death rates and neonatal death rates in Scotland, whether it has any plans to launch an investigation into healthcare outcomes for expectant mothers and infants in Dumfries and Galloway. **R** 

<u>S6W-30002</u> Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-27663 by Fiona Hyslop on 3 June 2024, whether it is committed to retaining the 2035 deadline for the removal of diesel passenger trains in any refreshed Decarbonisation Action Plan. <u>S6W-30003</u> Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-29541 by Fiona Hyslop on 18 September 2024, when it expects the present refresh of the Decarbonisation Action Plan to be concluded.

<u>S6W-30006</u> **Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what efforts it is making to support Scotland's film and screen sector and ensure that it is world class and world leading in its international offering.

<u>S6W-30008</u> **Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has plans to review the principle and methodology of council tax as a taxation method to contribute to the funding of local authorities, and what its position is on whether the current local taxation model is fit for purpose.

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# **New Bills and Accompanying Documents**

# New Bills introduced or reprinted on 18 September 2024

**Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2 (SP Bill 32A) (Member's Bill)

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# **Members' Bills Proposals**

# **Proposals for Member's Bills**

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

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

Proposals for Bills - Scottish Parliament | Scottish Parliament Website

### Final Proposal for a Member's Bill

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 10 September 2024 Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 1 October 2024

Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Tuesday 24 September with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

#### Assisted Dying for Terminally III Adults (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 10 September 2024

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 17 September 2024

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

#### **Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 17 September 2024 Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 25 June 2024

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### **Education (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 18 September 2024 Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 10 September 2024

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

# Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

# Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 10 September 2024 Stage 1 (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), 12 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 (evidence (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)), 17 September 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 2 (Day 1) (Criminal Justice Committee), 2 October 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 26 September with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

#### Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 22 February 2024

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

#### Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 14 May 2024

Lead committee – Health, Social Care and Sport

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

Introduced, 20 June 2024

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Lead committee - Education, Children and Young People

# Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)

Before Stage 2 (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee), 19 September 2024 Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

### Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 17 September 2024

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (<a href="legislationteam@parliament.scot">legislationteam@parliament.scot</a>)

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

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

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

Stage 1 completed, 23 April 2024

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

## Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 completed, 18 September 2024

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (<a href="legislationteam@parliament.scot">legislationteam@parliament.scot</a>)

#### **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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#### **Great British Energy Bill LCM-S6-48**

Lodged on 8 August 2024

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

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

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

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

Lodged on 1 August 2024

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

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#### **Affirmative instruments**

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## 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 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

<u>Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2024 (SI 2024/Draft)</u> (3 September 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

## Subject to approval by 29 October 2024

<u>Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (SI 2024/Draft) (4 September 2024)</u> (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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

#### Subject to approval by 4 November 2024

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

#### Subject to approval by 6 November 2024

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

#### Subject to approval by 11 November 2024

<u>Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)</u> (17 September 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

#### **Negative instruments**

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

<u>Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024</u> (SSI 2024/178) (20 June 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

<u>Police Service of Scotland (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/179)</u> (20 June 2024) (Criminal Justice Committee)

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# 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)

<u>Valuation (Proposals Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/186)</u> (27 June 2024) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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

<u>Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations</u> 2024 (SSI 2024/216) (29 August 2024) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

<u>Charges for Residues Surveillance Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/218)</u> (29 August 2024) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

<u>Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission (Permitted Disclosure of Information) Order 2024</u> (<u>SSI 2024/220</u>) (*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)

<u>Academic Awards and Distinctions (SRUC) (Scotland) Order of Council 2024 (SSI 2024/219)</u> (2 September 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

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

<u>Local Services Franchises (Traffic Commissioner Notices and Panels) (Scotland) Regulations</u> 2024 (SSI 2024/229) (5 September 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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

National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland)

Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/ 233) (5 September 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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

<u>Sheriff Court Fees Order 2024 (2024/235)</u> (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

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<u>Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Order 2024 (SSI 2024/236)</u> (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

<u>High Court of Justiciary Fees Order 2024 (SSI 2024/237)</u> (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

<u>Court of Session etc. Fees Order 2024 (SSI 2024/238)</u> (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

<u>Justice of the Peace Court Fees (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/239)</u> (9 September 2024) (Equalities, Human Right and Civil Justice Committee)

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

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

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

<u>Bus Services Improvement Partnerships (Multi-operator Travel Cards) (Scotland) Regulations</u> 2024 (SSI 2024/243) (12 September 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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#### **New Documents**

# **Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 18 September 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 53rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 17th September 2024 (SP Paper 644)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

#### **Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 18 September 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for September 2024 (SPSO/2024/09) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

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