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Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

ANNOUNCEMENT

Alex Johnstone (1961-2016)

The Presiding Officer brings to the attention of Members the sad death

of Alex Johnstone, Member of the Scottish Parliament since 1999, pays tribute

to his substantial contribution to the Scottish democratic process and

recognises the affection and respect in which he was held by all.

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

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-02537

Brian Whittle: Doon Valley Boxing Club

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Debate:
Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability
Delivery Plan

followed by Finance and Constitution
Committee Debate: Written Agreement
between the Scottish Parliament and Scottish
Government

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Culture, Tourism, Europe and
External Relations Committee

9:00am Public Audit and Post-legislative
Scrutiny Committee

9:15am Equalities and Human Rights
Committee

9:30am Public Petitions Committee

1:00pm Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government whether decisions regarding Highlands and Islands Enterprise economic development and social support spending will be made locally by people who live and work in the area. ([S5O-00449](#))
- 2. John Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to concerns regarding the future of the Jim Clark Rally. ([S5O-00450](#))
- 3. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that the NHS has sufficient stocks of blood for the winter period. ([S5O-00451](#))
- 4. David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to assist sites in Scotland that are preparing to apply for licences to operate as spaceports. ([S5O-00452](#))
- 5. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact it expects its tax policies to have on inequality of wealth and income. ([S5O-00453](#))
- 6. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider making Scottish history a priority subject on the school curriculum. ([S5O-00454](#))
- 7. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce personal physical literacy programmes, such as the STEP programme, in schools as part of its obesity strategy. ([S5O-00455](#))
- 8. Gail Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what the timetable is for its strategic environmental and habitats regulations assessments of the beaver population. ([S5O-00456](#))
- 9. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what the timetable is for improvements at the Sheriffhall Roundabout. ([S5O-00457](#))
- 10. Ash Denham:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out of the impact on Scotland's economy of the Institute for Fiscal Studies findings that suggest that Brexit could result in 13 years without growth in real wages. ([S5O-00458](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Ruth Davidson:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the day. ([S5F-00605](#))
- 2. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the week. ([S5F-00610](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S5F-00617](#))
- 4. Willie Rennie:** To ask the First Minister what issues will be discussed at the next meeting of the Cabinet. ([S5F-00616](#))
- 5. Kate Forbes:** To ask the First Minister how much the Scottish Government has allocated to tackle fuel poverty and improve energy efficiency in this parliamentary session. ([S5F-00622](#))
- 6. Alison Harris:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's position is on increasing the sentences imposed for causing death by dangerous driving. ([S5F-00612](#))

7. Jackie Baillie: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the recent growth forecast by the EY Scottish ITEM Club. ([S5F-00608](#))

8. Christine Grahame: To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government can take in light of Age Scotland's campaign to tackle loneliness during the festive season. ([S5F-00631](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-02537](#) **Brian Whittle: Doon Valley Boxing Club**—That the Parliament notes the success of Doon Valley Boxing Club in Dalmellington; understands that the club attracts members from across Ayrshire and that some of those who train there have gone on to compete at a national level; believes that local sports clubs play a hugely important role in their communities, by providing positive opportunities for young people, improving physical and mental health, reducing antisocial behaviour and helping to improve performance in school; recognises the vital contribution that volunteers play in sustaining such clubs and commend them for their hard work, and wishes community sports clubs across Scotland, including Doon Valley Boxing Club, continued success.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan

[S5M-02948](#) **Jeane Freeman: Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan**—That the Parliament recognises the importance of the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities in drawing attention to the human rights of disabled people around the world; acknowledges that there is a need for a transformational change to achieve disability equality and therefore welcomes the publication of the report, *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Our Delivery Plan to 2021 for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*; expresses its thanks to all the individuals and organisations who responded and contributed to the consultation on this plan and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to engage with disabled people as the experts in the continued actions that need to be taken to ensure that rights and independent living can be enjoyed and that as a society the long-term ambitions set out in the plan can be achieved; agrees that the Scottish Government should be firmly committed to implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in full so that disabled people in Scotland can realise all of their human rights, and condemns the actions and welfare cuts of the UK Government, which have led the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to conclude that there have been “grave and systematic violations” of disabled people’s human rights.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-02948.2](#) **Adam Tomkins: Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan**—As an amendment to motion S5M-02948 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan), leave out from “report” to end and insert “UK Government report, *Work, Health and Disability Green Paper: Improving Lives*, and the Scottish Government report, *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Our Delivery Plan to 2021 for the UN Convention on the*

Rights of Persons with Disabilities; expresses its thanks to all the individuals and organisations who contributed to the development of these publications and agrees that the Scottish and UK governments should continue to engage with disabled people as the experts in the continued actions that need to be taken to ensure that rights and independent living can be enjoyed and that as a society the long-term ambitions set out in the two publications can be achieved; recognises that the UK was among the first countries to sign the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and that the convention is aligned with the UK approach to disability equality, which focuses on inclusion and mainstreaming; understands that the UK Disability Discrimination Act 1995 has been recognised internationally as a model of effective anti-discrimination legislation, and supports the UK's aspiration that disabled people get the same opportunities as other people to find work, while ensuring that people who cannot work because of a disability or health condition receive the support that they need."

[S5M-02948.1](#) Mark Griffin: Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan—As an amendment to motion S5M-02948 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan), insert at end “; recognises that the new Scottish social security system will be a vital tool to ensure that disabled people have independence, decent incomes and fairer working lives; further recognises that two fifths of people in poverty live in a household with at least one disabled person and that the costs associated with a disability can average £550 per month, and agrees that new disability benefits powers will give the Parliament and the Scottish Government both the substantial responsibility and opportunity to support Scotland's disabled people by halting and reversing the worst effects of Tory social security cuts, under a system that is based on the principles of dignity and respect.”

followed by Finance and Constitution Committee Debate: Written Agreement between the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government

[S5M-02937](#) Bruce Crawford on behalf of the Finance and Constitution Committee: Written Agreement between the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government—That the Parliament, in light of the Smith Commission agreement recommendation that inter-governmental arrangements to support the devolution of further powers be “underpinned by much stronger and more transparent parliamentary scrutiny”, agrees to the written agreement with the Scottish Government on inter-governmental relations, which is set out in the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee's 4th Report, 2016 (Session 4): *Annual Report 2015-16* (SP Paper 980), as recommended by the Finance and Constitution Committee.

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.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee 14th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

- The implications of the EU referendum for Scotland: EU nationals and their rights:** The Committee will take evidence in roundtable format from—
Professor Robert Wright, University of Strathclyde;
Kirsty MacLachlan, Senior Statistician and Head of Demographic Statistics, National Records of Scotland;
Professor Rebecca Kay, Professor of Russian Gender Studies, University of Glasgow;
Professor Christina Boswell, University of Edinburgh;
Lorraine Cooke, Policy Manager, COSLA Migration, Population and Diversity Team;
Colm Wilson, Interim Manager, Fife Migrants Forum;
Angela Hallam, Strategic Analysis Team, Office of the Chief Statistician and Strategic Analysis, Scottish Government.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
- The implications of the EU referendum for Scotland: EU nationals and their rights (in private):** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 12th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- Section 23 report - Common Agricultural Policy Futures programme: An update:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Common Agricultural Policy Futures programme: An update" from—
Leslie Evans, Permanent Secretary, Liz Ditchburn, Director-General Economy, Elinor Mitchell, Director, Agriculture, Food and Rural Communities, Nicola Richards, Director of People, and Anne Moises, Chief Information Officer, Scottish Government.
- Section 23 report - Common Agricultural Policy Futures programme: An update:** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 11th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

- Draft Budget Scrutiny 2017-18:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18 from—
Dr Jane Balmforth, Conservatoire Counsellor & Disability Adviser, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland;
Carol Baverstock, Head of Admissions, University of Aberdeen;

Sheila Williams, Director of Student Disability Services, University of Edinburgh;
Ann Duncan, Disability Service Manager, University of Strathclyde;
Kirsty Knox, Assistant Head, Recruitment, Admissions and Participation Service,
University of the West of Scotland.

2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2017-18 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
3. **International Human Rights Day 2016:** The Committee will discuss human rights priorities with teachers and students from Thornlie Primary School in Wishaw, North Lanarkshire and Westfield Primary School, West Lothian, to mark International Human Rights Day on 10 December 2016

Public Petitions Committee 8th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Consideration of a continued petition:** The Committee will consider the following continued petition—
PE1615 by Logan Steele, on behalf of the Scottish Raptor Study Group, on state regulated licensing system for gamebird hunting in Scotland; and will take evidence from—
Tim Baynes, Director, Scottish Moorland Group;
Dr Colin Shedden, Director Scotland, British Association for Shooting and Conservation.
2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE1622 by Stephen Duff on make failure to recycle a criminal offence;
PE1624 by Akri Jones on definition of adultery.
3. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
PE1223 by Ron Beaty on school bus safety;
PE1408 by Andrea MacArthur on updating of pernicious anaemia-vitamin B12 deficiency understanding and treatment;
PE1463 by Lorraine Cleaver on effective thyroid and adrenal testing, diagnosis and treatment;
PE1581 by Duncan Wright, on behalf of Save Scotland's School Libraries, on save Scotland's school libraries;
PE1600 by John Chapman on speed awareness courses;
PE1604 by Catherine Matheson on inquests for all deaths by suicide in Scotland.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing 4th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 1.00 pm in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Sub-Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private. The Sub-Committee will also decide whether to further consider its work programme in private at its next meeting on 12 January 2017.
2. **Police Service of Scotland:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's policing priorities and budgeting for 2017-18 from—
Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and Don McGillivray, Deputy Director, Police Division, Scottish Government.

3. **Police Service of Scotland:** The Sub-Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Sub-Committee will consider its work programme.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 7 December 2016

Tuesday 13 December 2016

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Welcoming International Migrants in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-02930 Fulton MacGregor: Walk This Way at Dunbeth Park

Wednesday 14 December 2016

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Finance and the Constitution

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Economy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-02049 Maree Todd: Scotland's Climate Targets

Thursday 15 December 2016

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-02445 Gordon Lindhurst: The Future of Edinburgh's World Heritage Site

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Draft Budget 2017-18

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering Scotland's Food Waste Target

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 December 2016

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 December 2016

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;
Rural Economy and Connectivity

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 22 December 2016

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

Future Committee Meetings

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

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Motions

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

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

Motions for Debate

S5M-02948 Jeane Freeman: Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan—That the Parliament recognises the importance of the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities in drawing attention to the human rights of disabled people around the world; acknowledges that there is a need for a transformational change to achieve disability equality and therefore welcomes the publication of the report, *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Our Delivery Plan to 2021 for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*; expresses its thanks to all the individuals and organisations who responded and contributed to the consultation on this plan and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to engage with disabled people as the experts in the continued actions that need to be taken to ensure that rights and independent living can be enjoyed and that as a society the long-term ambitions set out in the plan can be achieved; agrees that the Scottish Government should be firmly committed to implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in full so that disabled people in Scotland can realise all of their human rights, and condemns the actions and welfare cuts of the UK Government, which have led the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to conclude that there have been “grave and systematic violations” of disabled people’s human rights.

Supported by: Angela Constance, Kevin Stewart

***S5M-02948.4 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan**—As an amendment to motion S5M-02948 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan), insert at end "; believes that the National Framework for Families with Disabled Children and Young People should be part of a comprehensive, resourced strategy for disabled children and young people, including looked-after children and those in hospital or in secure accommodation, that clearly sets out what provision and standards they can expect alongside the outcomes that are being aspired to, and considers that, when Scotland receives power over the administration of benefits for terminally-ill people, doctors should be given greater discretion to fast-track the provision of support to these people."

***S5M-02948.3 Alison Johnstone: Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan**—As an amendment to motion S5M-02948 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan), insert at end "; notes that such cuts include those suffered

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by thousands of people in Scotland in the transfer from disability living allowance (DLA) to personal independence payments (PIP), and believes that building a fairer Scotland for disabled people should begin with the UK Government pausing the transfer from DLA to PIP until the relevant power is devolved, so that the Scottish Parliament can take decisions on how to implement and deliver a new, fairer and more respectful system."

***S5M-02948.2 Adam Tomkins: Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan**—As an amendment to motion S5M-02948 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan), leave out from “report” to end and insert "UK Government report, *Work, Health and Disability Green Paper: Improving Lives*, and the Scottish Government report, *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Our Delivery Plan to 2021 for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*; expresses its thanks to all the individuals and organisations who contributed to the development of these publications and agrees that the Scottish and UK governments should continue to engage with disabled people as the experts in the continued actions that need to be taken to ensure that rights and independent living can be enjoyed and that as a society the long-term ambitions set out in the two publications can be achieved; recognises that the UK was among the first countries to sign the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and that the convention is aligned with the UK approach to disability equality, which focuses on inclusion and mainstreaming; understands that the UK Disability Discrimination Act 1995 has been recognised internationally as a model of effective anti-discrimination legislation, and supports the UK’s aspiration that disabled people get the same opportunities as other people to find work, while ensuring that people who cannot work because of a disability or health condition receive the support that they need."

***S5M-02948.1 Mark Griffin: Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan**—As an amendment to motion S5M-02948 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan), insert at end “; recognises that the new Scottish social security system will be a vital tool to ensure that disabled people have independence, decent incomes and fairer working lives; further recognises that two fifths of people in poverty live in a household with at least one disabled person and that the costs associated with a disability can average £550 per month, and agrees that new disability benefits powers will give the Parliament and the Scottish Government both the substantial responsibility and opportunity to support Scotland’s disabled people by halting and reversing the worst effects of Tory social security cuts, under a system that is based on the principles of dignity and respect.”

Supported by: Pauline McNeill*, Alex Rowley*

Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

***S5M-02971 Bob Doris: Closure of Glasgow Jobcentres**—That the Parliament notes with concern reports that eight jobcentres in Glasgow are facing closure, including in Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn; believes that the closure of these jobcentres would have a devastating impact on jobseekers who rely on the service, and would be incompatible with the ambition of supporting people into work, and further believes that the social security system should have dignity and respect at its heart.

Supported by: James Dornan*, Sandra White*, Bill Kidd*, Anas Sarwar*, Angus MacDonald*, Kenneth Gibson*, Patrick Harvie*, John Mason*, Tom Arthur*, Gordon MacDonald*, Graeme Dey*, Alison Johnstone*, Stuart McMillan*, Ash Denham*, Richard Lyle*, Ruth Maguire*, Clare Haughey*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*

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***S5M-02961 Brian Whittle: CVO East Ayrshire**—That the Parliament recognises the work of the Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire) (CVOEA); understands that CVOEA operates a number of highly successful initiatives across East Ayrshire, including the Ayrshire (East) Foodbank and GRAFT, which is a multi-faceted project aiming to alleviate the effects of poverty by offering a route into volunteering for people who might otherwise be excluded from the process, and offers affordable services, such as home and garden maintenance to the most vulnerable and economically challenged in East Ayrshire communities; notes that other initiatives include the Community Connectors service, which operates across every East Ayrshire GP practice to strengthen links between primary care and non-medical community support services; further understands that CVOEA operates WG13, a social enterprise café/restaurant designed to address the lack of employment and training opportunities for young people with additional supports needs, giving them experience of working in a commercial environment and the opportunity to gain accredited qualifications provided by Ayrshire College; believes that the work of CVOEA and other third sector organisations play a vital role in improving the life chances of those in society in the greatest need; commends the staff and volunteers of CVOEA and its partner organisations for their impressive achievements; thanks them for their efforts, and wishes them and their service users continued success in the future.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, John Lamont*, Miles Briggs*, Donald Cameron*, Alexander Stewart*, Gordon Lindhurst*, David Stewart*, Margaret Mitchell*, Jeremy Balfour*, Maurice Corry*, Richard Lyle*, Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Ross Thomson*

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***S5M-02976 Colin Beattie: Industrial Strategy for a More Prosperous, Fairer Britain**—That the Parliament notes the publication of the report, *Industrial Strategy for a more prosperous, fairer Britain*, in August 2016 by the Industrial Communities Alliance; considers that the strategy is a significant step forward in providing a context for debate that acknowledges the demise of Scotland's industrial base where whole sectors, including coal, steel, textiles, shipbuilding and heavy engineering, have disappeared entirely or have been reduced to a shadow of their former selves; regrets the impact on communities in Midlothian and across Scotland, which it considers have been left behind and now often have to get by on low-paid work in call centres or warehousing, or on benefits as a main source to top up income; considers that a revival of British industry would be especially beneficial to the economies of the Midlands, the north of England, Wales and Scotland; believes that the adoption of an effective industrial strategy would enhance competitiveness and help deliver a high-wage, high-employment economy, and notes the views that the industrial strategy document, with its focus on the economy, manufacturing, trade, procurement, finance, business support, skills, infrastructure, energy costs and research and development, would benefit from a Scottish dimension, with the aim of finding a consensus on how to best address what it considers are significant issues within communities and agreeing on a progressive and sustainable way forward.

***S5M-02957 Stuart McMillan: Biomass Regeneration Projects**—That the Parliament commends River Clyde Homes, which is based in Greenock, for its investment into one of the largest regeneration projects of its kind in Scotland; recognises that the Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy, Paul Wheelhouse, recently visited with both leaders and beneficiaries of the project to demonstrate his support, stating that this and future projects will be a key priority in the Scottish Government's forthcoming energy strategy; understands that the £26 million project will also see over 600 properties refurbished with external wall insulation, brand new kitchens and bathrooms, double-glazed windows, and hi-tech security features, as well as a new biomass and

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gas district heating system, which became operational in September 2016 and understands that this system has drastically reduced residents heating costs; further recognises what it sees as the many financial benefits of the new biomass heating systems, including a 40% reduction in costs of fuel as opposed to oil or LPG systems and supplemental reductions as residents earn Renewable Heat Incentive payments; acknowledges that in many cases, the combination of the lower cost in fuel and the Renewable Heat Incentive payments cover the entire monthly cost of the heating system; further understands that biomass boilers have many environmental benefits including sustainable, carbon-neutral fuel that can be purchased with a smoke-free option; recognises that biomass can be sourced in Scotland, which benefits the Scottish economy, and understands that biomass systems operate at up to 90% efficiency, a drastic increase in efficiency when compared with more conventional systems and that, in many cases, minimal maintenance and checks are sufficient to keep the systems in top shape.

Supported by: James Dornan*, Graeme Dey*, Kenneth Gibson*, Sandra White*, Bill Kidd*, Tom Arthur*, Clare Adamson*, Clare Haughey*, Ivan McKee*, Emma Harper*, David Torrance*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-02985 Finlay Carson: Congratulations to Douglas Ewart High School and Electric Theatre Workshop Ltd**—That the Parliament congratulates Douglas Ewart High School in Newton Stewart and Electric Theatre Workshop Ltd in Dumfries on their successful funding applications to Awards for All Scotland; recognises that between them they have secured a total of £19,050 of funding; understands that Douglas Ewart High School will use these funds to purchase new sporting equipment to be used by the school's extracurricular clubs and supporting pupils to take part in more sporting activity; further understands that the Electric Theatre Workshop group will use its money to train eight local community leaders to promote and encourage participation in the annual Big Burns Supper, which is a festival dedicated to an array of art events and creative inputs from local communities and organisations, and sends both organisations its best wishes.

Supported by: Peter Chapman*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam Kerr*, James Dornan*, Liz Smith*, Margaret Mitchell*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, John Lamont*, Maurice Corry*, Sandra White*, Emma Harper*, Colin Beattie*, Alexander Stewart*, Douglas Ross*

***S5M-02984 Richard Lochhead: Congratulations to the Tomintoul and Glenlivet Development Trust**—That the Parliament congratulates the Tomintoul and Glenlivet Development Trust on winning the Community Led Regeneration Award at the 2016 SURF Awards, which were held in Glasgow on 6 December 2016; understands that the trust was established in 2012, with the support of the Cairngorm National Park, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Moray Council and the Crown Estate, to address economic decline in the area; understands that the trust's efforts are focused on Tomintoul, Glenlivet and the surrounding communities, including Glenfarclas, Cragganmore, Morinish and Bridge of Brown; praises the trust for the work it has done to regenerate these Speyside communities, including the takeover of the Smugglers Hostel and the running of the Tomintoul Visitor Information Centre and Museum; recognises that the trust aims to make the Tomintoul and Glenlivet area a better place to live, work and play for local residents and visitors, and that great efforts have been made to develop a unique and varied events programme for these communities; commends the efforts of the trust's board and staff, who it considers are playing a vital role in the regeneration of this unique area, and wishes the trust continued success in the future.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan*, James Dornan*, Joan McAlpine*, Richard Lyle*, Sandra White*, Graeme Dey*, Clare Haughey*, Tom Arthur*, Colin Beattie*, Douglas Ross*

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***S5M-02983 Jackie Baillie: Included in the Main**—That the Parliament recognises the campaign, Included in the Main?!, and the conclusion of a national conversation about the reality of educational experiences for children and young people who have learning difficulties, by ENABLE Scotland, which, it understands, is the largest voluntary organisation in the country for children and adults with learning difficulties and their families; notes that the national conversation was led by young people and their families and looked at inclusive education and what it means for pupils who have learning difficulties; understands that the campaign has since engaged with over 800 young people, their parents and carers, and the education workforce, to talk about their experiences and consider what makes education truly inclusive; believes that the country has come a long way from when people with learning difficulties were viewed as “ineducable” and notes that the charity’s members have campaigned hard over many decades for education for all; considers that inclusive education is still far from a reality for many and that this can have whole-life consequences; acknowledges that a report, *22 Steps on the Journey to Inclusion*, has been published as a result of the national conversation, which makes 22 recommendations and acknowledges that inclusive education is not about school setting or placement, but rather that all children should receive an inclusive education in a setting that best meets their educational and developmental needs, and believes that it is time to talk about how to make that vision a reality in Scotland by using these recommendations.

***S5M-02982 James Dornan: Equal? Still not, why not? Disabled People Face a Rise in Hate Crime and Poverty**—That the Parliament condemns the increase in prejudice, greater risk of poverty and discrimination that affects Scotland’s disabled citizens, which was highlighted in the recent report by Disability Agenda Scotland, *Equal? Still not, why not?*; notes that the report demonstrated a 20% increase in disability hate crime between 2013 and 2016, that only 43% of disabled people are in work, which is 30% less than in the wider population, with employment continuing to fall in groups such as those living with sight loss; considers that this is unacceptable in 21st century Scotland, and commits to doing all it can to help disabled people.

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***S5M-02981 Sandra White: Iranian Scottish Association**—That the Parliament congratulates the Iranian Scottish Association (ISA) in the Glasgow Kelvin constituency, which has recently received £9,760 from Awards for All Scotland; notes that the ISA aims to support cultural and educational programmes and partnerships that contribute to better race relations and integration, and create better futures for Iranian families in Scotland; further notes that the ISA will use the funding for a programme of sporting activities and language classes for the community, which will act as a vital support network for Iranian groups, and commends the ISA on its crucial work to help Iranian families in Scotland.

***S5M-02980 Mairi Evans: Awards for All Scotland Grant, Angus Young Engineers After-school Club**—That the Parliament congratulates Angus Young Engineers After-school Club on receiving £7,892 from the Awards for All Scotland programme; understands that this project will set up extracurricular coding clubs in Angus’s eight secondary schools, linked to the FIRST Lego League, a mechatronic-based coding project and competition, which builds on STEM skills, and thanks Awards for All Scotland for giving groups a chance to apply for grants of between £500 and £10,000 for projects that aim to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

***S5M-02979 Ross Greer: ReUselt Barrhead**—That the Parliament congratulates the furniture recycling charity, ReUselt, in Barrhead on having diverted nearly 500 tonnes of waste from landfill

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in the last six years; notes that this equates to a landfill diversion rate of 79%; recognises that ReUselt was shortlisted for Community Project of the Year at *The Herald Society Awards* in 2013, and won Social Enterprise of the Year at East Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce's Business Awards in 2015; recognises that this was achieved by a team of 4.5 staff, who are all paid a living wage, and around 10 volunteers, and that, as a small charity, this has been achieved with no core funding and only £85,000 external funding in six years; thanks the charity for providing affordable, high-quality, second-hand furniture to the community in Barrhead and East Renfrewshire, and wishes everyone involved well for the future.

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***S5M-02978 Gillian Martin: Congratulations to the Tempo Café**—That the Parliament congratulates the Tempo Café in Aberdeen on raising £9,988 for CLAN cancer support in its first month of opening; notes that the unique venture charges customers for time spent in the café as opposed to per item, with all proceeds going to CLAN cancer support, which provides practical and emotional support to people affected by cancer throughout the north east of Scotland; acknowledges that a number of partners worked together and provided donations to open the café, and wishes it continued success in the future.

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***S5M-02977 Stewart Stevenson: Modo – Circus with Purpose**—That the Parliament congratulates Modo – Circus with Purpose in Peterhead on securing £9,980 from the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All Scotland programme; understands that the funding will be used to deliver a workshop programme "Oot and Aboot", which will provide a youth café for people in disadvantaged circumstances and also increase Modo's work with young people; notes that Modo uses circus performance and activities to help improve life chances, skills, confidence and self-esteem of young people; considers that this funding will enhance its ability to continue constructive work with young people, and wishes it success with its new workshop programme.

***S5M-02975 Lewis Macdonald: Aberdeen Schools Win Sporting Gold**—That the Parliament congratulates Hazlehead Primary School and Bridge of Don Academy in Aberdeen on achieving the Gold School Sport Award from sportscotland; understands that the awards are a national initiative designed to encourage schools to improve physical education and sport and to create sporting links with their local communities; commends all the staff at both schools on their achievement, and hopes that pupils at schools throughout Aberdeen and the north east will continue to benefit from innovation in physical education and extra-curricular sport.

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***S5M-02974 Emma Harper: Welcoming Wee Windaes**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the website, Wee Windaes, which celebrates both the history of the Scots language and its continuing relevance; understands that the website has been produced by the Scots Scriever, Hamish MacDonald, in collaboration with the staff at the National Library of Scotland; notes that the website is based on a selection of Scots language material from the library's collection that date as far back to *The Buke of Howlat*, which is a performance poem from the 1440s; believes that the launch of the website by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills on 1 December 2016 will help raise awareness of the cultural significance of Scots and its status as one of the indigenous languages of Scotland, alongside English and Gaelic; welcomes the news that contemporary writing will be added to the site as it develops further, and wishes the project every success.

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***S5M-02973 Annie Wells: Armed Forces' Charity Reaches Out to Veterans**—That the Parliament congratulates the armed forces' charity, SSAFA, on launching its campaign, Got Your Back, which aims to encourage veterans to put aside their pride and seek help when they need it; understands that the charity's Glasgow branch has already served 249 veterans in 2016 but there are still many others who could benefit from assistance; notes the struggle that some veterans can face when returning to civilian society; is encouraged by the charity's progress in helping to deal with this, and hopes that veterans will take advantage of the resources that are made available to them by both the public and private sectors.

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***S5M-02972 Neil Findlay: Bridgend Shale History Project** —That the Parliament congratulates the community of Bridgend in West Lothian on it being nominated for a Scottish group learning award for its Bridgend Shale History Project; notes that the project was a partnership between pupils from Bridgend Primary School and the community that brought together several generations to share their experience and knowledge of the development of the shale industry and both the community and its culture; understands that this culminated in the publication of a book, *Memories of a West Lothian Village*, a DVD and a website that all retell the story of Bridgend, and thanks the Heritage Lottery Fund, Helen Mein, Catherine Stirling and everyone else concerned with project on their excellent work.

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***S5M-02970 Gordon MacDonald: Friends of the Pentlands Wins the Public Vote**—That the Parliament congratulates Friends of the Pentlands on winning the public vote in Tesco's Bags of Help initiative; understands that they will receive funding of £12,000 for their project that will focus on the Harlaw Visitor Centre near Currie in Edinburgh; notes that local school children will be involved in planting a wild flower meadow and community orchard, and building a willow tunnel and den; further notes that the project includes the design and building of a drystone planter that is accessible to young wheelchair users, and recognises that this project will assist pupils work towards their John Muir Award.

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***S5M-02969 Claudia Beamish: World's Poorest Countries Show Leadership and Way Forward for Renewables**—That the Parliament commends the 48 nations that form the Climate Vulnerable Forum for the inspirational leadership shown by their Marrakech Vision, which launched at the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP22); notes that these nations, which are among the poorest in the world, including Bangladesh, Ethiopia and the Philippines, have promised to dramatically reduce their carbon emissions and rapidly move to 100% domestic renewable energy production; believes that these nations, who it considers have done the least to cause climate change, are challenging other countries, such as Scotland, which have rich renewables resources, to do more and go further; notes that, while Scotland has made excellent progress in generating renewable electricity, there is much more to do to switch to

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renewables in the areas of transport and heat, and that organisations, including WWF, have called for a target of generating 50% of all Scotland's energy from renewables by 2030, and calls on all MSPs to build on the leadership shown by the Climate Vulnerable Forum nations, and to do more to promote renewables, including the economic benefits that they can have for all parts of Scotland, especially in rural regions such as the south of Scotland.

***S5M-02968 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Barnton Development Wins Best UK Retirement Housing Award**—That the Parliament congratulates McCarthy & Stone on its Ramsay Grange and Lyle Court developments in Barnton, Edinburgh, which won the Best Retirement Scheme Award for the whole of the UK at the 2016 Housebuilder Awards in London; commends everyone involved in the successful consultation, design and implementation of the development, which included the restoration of the former Barnton Hotel; understands that this is the company's first assisted living development to be built in Edinburgh; notes what it sees as the vital role that retirement housing can play in alleviating pressures on health and social care budgets and in freeing up homes on the market, and considers that there is a need for Scotland to provide more older people's housing of all types and tenures to help address the needs of the country's ageing population.

***S5M-02967 Jackson Carlaw: UN Group Recognises IDF Field Hospital as World's Best**—That the Parliament notes that the UN has recognised the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) field hospital with the first-ever Type 3 rating, the highest score that the World Health Organization (WHO) can give; understands that Type 3 recognition deals with the provision of inpatient referral surgical care; acknowledges that the IDF field hospital is run by Medical Corps doctors, soldiers and reservists; understands that it has provided immediate, high-quality medical care to thousands of patients in Nepal, Haiti, Philippines, the Syrian border and numerous other countries following both natural and man-made disasters; believes that 17 countries worldwide, including democratic Israel, are currently recognised by WHO as having qualified foreign medical teams that can be deployed to countries and provide help in medical disaster relief, and thanks the IDF for its overseas work in continuing to provide humanitarian medical care to those countries and their people shocked by the many natural and man-made disasters without which this assistance would have been exasperated.

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***S5M-02966 Alexander Burnett: Scottish Green Awards**—That the Parliament welcomes all the winners of the Scottish Green Awards, which were held in front of 1,200 guests in Edinburgh; thanks Scottish Renewables for organising the event; acknowledges the support that it has given the industry, and congratulates Ecosse Subsea Systems, which is a company based in Banchory, on winning the Engineering Excellence Award.

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***S5M-02965 Liam Kerr: BP North Sea Operation Expansion**—That the Parliament commends BP, which on 6 December 2016 announced that the company is expected to grow its North Sea operation by 200,000 barrels per day by 2020, drilling five new exploration wells and 50 new developments over the next three years; understands that this announcement comes on top of its plans to work with the Norwegian state oil company, Statoil, to drill an exploration well on the Jock

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Scott prospect east of Shetland in mid 2017; further welcomes the news that BP has also started drilling in the southern North Sea to test the potential of a carboniferous age horizon hundreds of metres under the Ravenspurn ST2 platform; believes that this exploration for gas in the southern North Sea could pave the way for future prospects on the UK Continental Shelf and extend the life of existing infrastructure; welcomes the words from BP's chief executive, Bob Dudley, who hailed the North Sea as one of the company's crown jewels, and celebrates the positive impact that it considers this will have on the economy and employment prospects in Aberdeen and the wider north east of Scotland.

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***S5M-02964 Miles Briggs: Congratulating Street League on its Youth Employability**

Award—That the Parliament congratulates Street League on winning the Youth Employability Award at 2016's SURF Awards; understands that Street League, which is the UK's leading sport for employment charity, offers a combined sport and employability programme that uses football and dance fitness sessions as hooks to engage out-of-work young people and help them progress into employment, education and training; acknowledges that Street League offers a number of services in the Lothian region, including programmes in Sighthill and Pilton in Edinburgh and Bathgate in West Lothian; considers that Street League's work is innovative and important and has helped a significant number of out-of-work young people in Scotland go on to positive destinations; commends all those involved in Street League, including the many employment partners who support its work placements, and wishes Street League continued success in future as it works with young people in communities.

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***S5M-02963 Emma Harper: Congratulating Prestwick Airport**—That the Parliament congratulates Prestwick airport on signing a memorandum of understanding with Houston Spaceport, which will provide Glasgow Prestwick Spaceport with access to knowledge, experience, processes, procedures and training from Houston Spaceport and NASA; considers that this partnership will hopefully expedite the establishment of a spaceport at Prestwick airport; further considers that the development of a spaceport at Prestwick will bring huge economic benefits to the Scottish economy, and believes that this development vindicates the action taken by the Scottish Government to avert closure of the airport, safeguarding 3,200 jobs and securing a vital infrastructure asset that contributes more than £61 million annually to the Scottish economy.

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***S5M-02962 Tavish Scott: New Apprenticeship Programme from the NAFC Marine**

Centre—That the Parliament notes the recent approval of a new professional development programme at the NAFC Marine Centre in Aquaculture Management; understands that this programme is the first of its kind and is designed to allow experienced aquaculture staff to gain experience in senior management while continuing their employment; further understands that the

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24-month programme will be flexible enough to allow participants to fit their studies around their work and other responsibilities; welcomes this addition to the aquaculture industry, and looks forward to seeing further development of vocational training in this area.

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[S5M-02856 Adam Tomkins: New £10 Million MRI Scanner at Glasgow's Queen Elizabeth University Hospital](#)—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow has taken delivery of a new MRI scanner worth £10 million, which it understands is the first of its kind in the UK; notes that this will help doctors see small parts of the brain that cannot be viewed with existing technology, and that this will improve doctors' knowledge of conditions such as Alzheimer's and multiple sclerosis, and looks forward to patients in Glasgow and across Scotland benefiting from this advanced technology.

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[*S5M-02856.1 Clare Haughey: New £10 Million MRI Scanner at Glasgow's Queen Elizabeth University Hospital](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-02856 in the name of Adam Tomkins (New £10 Million MRI Scanner at Glasgow's Queen Elizabeth University Hospital), after “multiple sclerosis” insert “; looks forward to patients in Glasgow and across Scotland benefiting from this advanced technology; understands that the scanner will be housed in the new Imaging Centre of Excellence research and development facility at the hospital and that the University of Glasgow acknowledges that this is an important development that would not have been possible without £2.3 million of EU funding; further understands that the university acknowledges that the ability to form collaborations across Europe, and also bring skilled staff from the EU to work on such advanced technology, will be a key part of the long-term success of the project; considers that continued EU funding for such vital and commendable projects will be put in jeopardy if Scotland is dragged out of the EU against the will of the Scottish people, and calls on the UK Government to provide urgent assurances that continued support for such funding and collaborations in Scotland will be guaranteed post-Brexit.”

[S5M-02833 Sandra White: Palestinian and Israeli Firefighters Working Together](#)—That the Parliament welcomes the concerted efforts and co-operation shown by Palestinian and Israeli firefighters who are fighting the worst fires in Israel since the Carmel fires in 2010; understands that, while Israeli firefighters have access to a full complement of kit and equipment to carry out their firefighting duties, their Palestinian counterparts do not have equal access; condemns the actions of the Israeli authorities that it understands have embargoed a substantial donation from the Fire Brigades Union, which is currently being kept in Haifa, and strongly urges the Israeli authorities to release the donation as soon as possible to ensure that Palestinian firefighters are equipped to carry out their duties.

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***[S5M-02833.1](#) Jackson Carlaw: Palestinian and Israeli Firefighters Working Together**—As an amendment to motion S5M-02833 in the name of Sandra White (Palestinian and Israeli Firefighters Working Together), leave out from “, while Israeli firefighters” to end and insert “a number of the fires were deliberately set by Palestinian extremists and that over 20 suspects are currently in Israeli custody; condemns these acts and considers that they damage the efforts for peace and for a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; is encouraged by the high levels of equipment possessed by the Palestinian fire service, and believes that all equipment requested and donated through official channels to the Palestinian fire fighters has been delivered to the Palestinian fire service.”

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S5M-02960](#) Bruce Crawford: Social Tourism Success (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02959](#) Jeremy Balfour: Congratulations to Seamab Children’s Charity (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Richard Lyle*, Murdo Fraser*, Edward Mountain*, Douglas Ross*, Alison Harris*, Gordon Lindhurst*, David Torrance*, Annie Wells*, Clare Adamson*, Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-02958](#) Pauline McNeill: Wage Stagnation and Changing Employment (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Iain Gray*, Neil Findlay*, Alex Rowley*, Anas Sarwar*, John Mason*, Jenny Marra*

[S5M-02952](#) Colin Beattie: Lothian Veterans Centre (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Kenneth Gibson*, Tom Arthur*, Jenny Gilruth*, Christine Grahame*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-02951](#) Margaret Mitchell: Ninth Tesco Neighbourhood Food Collection (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Edward Mountain*, Alison Harris*, Christine Grahame*, Jackie Baillie*, Richard Lochhead*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-02950](#) Lewis Macdonald: Donside Hydro Success at the Green Energy Awards (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Gil Paterson*, Kenneth Gibson*, Liam Kerr* R, Jackie Baillie*, David Torrance*

[S5M-02949](#) Christina McKelvie: BEMIS Scotland St Andrew's Day Celebrations (lodged on 06 December 2016)

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[S5M-02947](#) Annie Wells: ASDA's Tickled Pink Campaign Raises More than £50 Million for Breast Cancer Research (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Gil Paterson*, Monica Lennon*, Edward Mountain*, David Torrance*, John Mason*, Gillian Martin*, Ivan McKee*

[S5M-02946](#) Graeme Dey: Volunteering in Angus Awards (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-02945](#) Christina McKelvie: Scott Cunningham MBE (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Monica Lennon*, Gil Paterson*, Edward Mountain*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*, Richard Lochhead*, Clare Adamson*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-02942](#) Jamie Greene: Ayrshire College Appointing a Student Wellbeing Adviser (lodged on 06 December 2016)

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[S5M-02941](#) Lewis Macdonald: Aberdeen Hydrogen Bus Project Award Success (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02940](#) David Torrance: Congratulations to Grant Foster, Ranked 69th on the Courier Impact 100 List 2016 (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*, Gillian Martin*

[S5M-02939](#) Jenny Gilruth: A Life Explored (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, David Torrance*, Ivan McKee*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02938](#) Jenny Gilruth: Fife College (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Gil Paterson*, David Torrance*, Ivan McKee*, Gillian Martin*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02936](#) Emma Harper: Kirkcudbright Art Gallery (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02935](#) Sandra White: Macklin Nissan Dealership Accelerating Glasgow's Economy (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Mairi Evans*, Kenneth Gibson*, Clare Haughey*, Gillian Martin*, Bill Kidd*, Tom Arthur*, Stuart McMillan*, Clare Adamson*, Richard Lyle*, David Torrance*

[S5M-02934](#) Bob Doris: Funding Secured for Maryhill Social History Project (lodged on 06 December 2016)

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[S5M-02933](#) Angus MacDonald: Roslyne McQuillan Wins Graduate of the Year at the Scottish Fashion Awards (lodged on 05 December 2016)

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[S5M-02932](#) Maurice Corry: Congratulations to Margaret Ann Norrie (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, David Torrance*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02931](#) Neil Findlay: Forth Replacement Crossing Workers being Ripped-off (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Claudia Beamish*, Jenny Marra*

[S5M-02930](#) Fulton MacGregor: Walk This Way at Dunbeth Park (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Margaret Mitchell*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02929](#) Daniel Johnson: Air Pollution in Scottish Cities (lodged on 06 December 2016)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02928](#) Maurice Corry: John Clark McMurtrie Walks the Great Glen Way for the Helensburgh Dementia Centre (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02927](#) James Dornan: Congratulating the Mount Befriending Service and the David Cargill Centre (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02926](#) Christine Grahame: The Tweed (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02925](#) Stuart McMillan: Riverside Youth Band (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02924](#) Alison Johnstone: Dying to Care (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Miles Briggs*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02923](#) Clare Adamson: Congratulating North Lanarkshire Schools Pipe Band (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Ruth Maguire*, Alison Harris*, Richard Lyle*, Alex Rowley*, Joan McAlpine*, James Dornan*, Tom Arthur*, Stuart McMillan*, Sandra White*, Clare Haughey*, Bob Doris*

[S5M-02921](#) David Torrance: Douglas Denwette Receives the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur Award (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*, Richard Lochhead*, Clare Adamson*

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[S5M-02920](#) Gail Ross: Green Energy Awards (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Douglas Ross*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02918](#) Miles Briggs: Asda's Tickled Pink Breast Cancer Charity Fundraising Success (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, John Scott*, Richard Lochhead*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02916](#) Lewis Macdonald: Middleton Park School Wins Learning Technologies Award (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02915](#) Bob Doris: Glasgow Gains Chinese Community Newsletter (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02914](#) James Dornan: Congratulating Martin Gallagher, Young Community Champion for Glasgow (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*, Gillian Martin*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02913](#) James Dornan: Recognising Victoria Hospital's Parkinson's Team (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Ivan McKee*, Gillian Martin*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02912](#) Patrick Harvie: The British Army's Increased Intake of 16-year-olds (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02910](#) Mairi Evans: BackStrong Trust set up by Gillian Fowler (lodged on 05 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02905](#) Maurice Corry: Veterans Brewing (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02901](#) Claudia Beamish: Lanark in Bloom Retains Silver Gilt Award (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02899](#) Ben Macpherson: E-VR Opens as Scotland's First Virtual Reality Centre (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02896](#) Colin Beattie: Hickory Catering Sponsors Community Christmas Lunch (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Adamson*

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[S5M-02895](#) Jackson Carlaw: Rouken Glen, Best Park in the UK (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02894](#) Richard Leonard: Congratulations to Community of Wishaw and Surrounding Area (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02893](#) Jackie Baillie: Helensburgh Nurse Retires after 50-year Career (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02892](#) Douglas Ross: Recognising Moray Citizens Advice Bureau's Contribution to the Local Community (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: John Scott*, Richard Lochhead*

[S5M-02891](#) Richard Lochhead: Moray Litter Prevention Forum (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-02890](#) Ben Macpherson: Three Years of Reviewing Accessibility (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02889](#) Bruce Crawford: Stirling Castle (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-02888](#) Richard Lochhead: Craigellachie Primary School Receives Glowing Report (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-02887](#) Alexander Stewart: Disabilities Fife Receives a Big Lottery Fund Grant (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02886](#) Gillian Martin: Inverurie Locos Win the Aberdeenshire Shield (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02885](#) Alexander Stewart: Fife Folk Museum Receive a Big Lottery Fund Grant (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-02884](#) David Torrance: Congratulations to Disabilities Fife (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Jenny Gilruth*

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[S5M-02883](#) Dean Lockhart: Congratulating the Macrobert Arts Centre (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02882](#) Jackson Carlaw: Cart Mill Family Centre (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02880](#) Neil Findlay: National Audit Office Benefit Sanction (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02879](#) Neil Findlay: West Lothian College Advancing Equality Award 2016 Winner (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02878](#) Lewis Macdonald: Woodside School Shortlisted by UK Literary Association (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02877](#) James Dornan: ScottishPower Staff Raise £10 Million for Cancer Research UK (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02875](#) Gillian Martin: Honours for BrewDog Founder and Artist Entrepreneur from Ellon (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02874](#) Bob Doris: Work Experience Programme for Ethnic Minorities in North Glasgow (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02873](#) Annie Wells: Alzheimer Scotland Receives £45,820 Grant (lodged on 01 December 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02872](#) Gil Paterson: Top COSLA Award for West Dunbartonshire Working 4 U Service (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02871](#) Stuart McMillan: Student Citizen 2016, Amanda Allan (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02869](#) Lewis Macdonald: Young Aberdeen Coach's Hat-trick of Awards (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

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[S5M-02868](#) Liam Kerr: Jim Millar, Scottish Samurai Great Shogun Award (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02867](#) Jenny Gilruth: Asda and the Prince's Trust Partnership in Glenrothes (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02866](#) Maurice Golden: Committed to Local Apprentices, Ferguson Marine (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02865](#) Richard Leonard: 30th Anniversary of Workers' Occupation of Caterpillar Plant in Tannochside (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02862](#) George Adam: Costs to Administer Sanctions Greatly Outweigh Savings (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02861](#) Margaret Mitchell: Hamilton Accies Women Promoted (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S5M-02860](#) Kenneth Gibson: Light up our Historic Buildings with the Saltire (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02859](#) Peter Chapman: Turriff United Youth FC's £1,000 Success (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02855](#) David Torrance: Chris Mulraney Awarded Fife's LGBT Volunteer of the Year (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02854](#) David Torrance: Pat Greenhough Named Campaigner of the Year at the Fife Rainbow Gala (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02853](#) Ross Greer: Congratulations to Bearsden Academy (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02852](#) Richard Lochhead: Forres Academy Pupils Win NOSS Debating Competition (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

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[S5M-02851](#) Mary Fee: Tackling Homophobia in Sport (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02850](#) Emma Harper: Congratulating the Sixth Drambusters Festival (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02849](#) Mairi Evans: Congratulations to Carole Clark (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02846](#) Brian Whittle: Cumnock Christmas Festival (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02845](#) Angus MacDonald: Laurieston Bowling Club Awarded Scottish Landfill Communities Fund Grant (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02844](#) Pauline McNeill: Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02841](#) Ruth Maguire: 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence UN Campaign (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02839](#) Angus MacDonald: Congratulations to St Andrew's Church, Bo'ness on Big Lottery Fund Grant (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02829](#) James Dornan: Izzy Gillespie, Young Food Train Volunteer (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02828](#) Angus MacDonald: Hippodrome Cinema Retains Four-star Rating from VisitScotland (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02826](#) David Torrance: Welcoming the Wemyss Caves Conservation Management Plan (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02825](#) Tom Arthur: Congratulations to Graham Hodgson (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02824](#) Stuart McMillan: 2016 Greenock Gang Show, Greenock and District Scouts (lodged on 29 November 2016)

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New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02823](#) David Torrance: Congratulations to Heather Leuchars of Kirkcaldy (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02822](#) David Torrance: Congratulations to Susan Warner and Donna Cairra of Kirkcaldy (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02821](#) John Mason: Payday Loans (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02819](#) Ben Macpherson: Lothian Buses on a Winning Streak at the UK Bus Awards (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02818](#) Ben Macpherson: Tapa to Host Lunch for Autistic Children (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02817](#) Kenneth Gibson: Impact of the 2016 Immigration Act (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02816](#) Jackson Carlaw: The Busby Hotel Victorious at VOWS Awards 2016 (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02814](#) Mark Ruskell: Dunblane Wins SUSTRANS Community Links Awards (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02813](#) Clare Haughey: Rosco McClelland, Scottish Comedian of the Year (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02812](#) Stuart McMillan: Tenant/Resident of the Year, Jenny Speck (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02811](#) Stuart McMillan: Wedding Hairdresser of the Year, Lana Fisher (lodged on 29 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-02730](#) Gail Ross: 10th Anniversary of Ullapool as a Fairtrade Town (lodged on 24 November 2016)

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New Support: Gillian Martin*

[S5M-02728](#) Lewis Macdonald: University of Aberdeen Donates Unwanted Computers
(lodged on 24 November 2016)

New Support: Gillian Martin*

[S5M-02723.1](#) Maree Todd: HIE Board to be Disbanded (lodged on 30 November 2016)

New Support: Gil Paterson*, Clare Adamson*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 14 December 2016

Finance and the Constitution

- 1. Richard Lochhead:** To ask the Scottish Government how its budget will take account of promoting regional policy. ([S5O-00459](#))
- 2. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government what was discussed at the last meeting between the finance secretary and the Scottish Chambers of Commerce. ([S5O-00460](#))
- 3. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact its forthcoming budget will have on Ayrshire. ([S5O-00461](#))
- 4. Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government what was discussed at the recent meeting between the finance secretary and the chancellor. ([S5O-00462](#))
- 5. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that there is constitutional stability. ([S5O-00463](#))
- 6. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Scottish Futures Trust regarding school rebuilding in Edinburgh. ([S5O-00464](#))
- 7. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish its bill on a replacement for air passenger duty. ([S5O-00465](#))
- 8. Bruce Crawford:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it had with UK Treasury ministers regarding the Autumn Statement prior to the statement being made. ([S5O-00466](#))
- 9. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to assist local authorities in overcoming forecasted funding gaps. ([S5O-00467](#))
- 10. Rhoda Grant:** [Not Lodged]

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

- 1. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government what actions it is taking to remove the barriers to employment for disabled people. ([S5O-00469](#))
- 2. George Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has made of the impact on the Scottish economy of the UK Government's Brexit strategy. ([S5O-00470](#))
- 3. Sandra White:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it provides to employers regarding apprenticeship accreditation. ([S5O-00471](#))
- 4. Mairi Evans:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made with the Aberdeen City Region Deal. ([S5O-00472](#))
- 5. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government how many jobs are directly and indirectly linked to the pub sector. ([S5O-00473](#))
- 6. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to grow the economy. ([S5O-00474](#))
- 7. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to provide a skilled workforce that meets the needs of the labour market. ([S5O-00475](#))
- 8. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the Ayrshire regional growth deal bid. ([S5O-00476](#))

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9. Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government how it assesses Scotland's economic performance in comparison with other countries. ([S5O-00477](#))

10. Douglas Ross: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the *Press and Journal* campaign, Keep Highlands and Islands Enterprise Local. ([S5O-00478](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 15 December 2016

1. Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government how many eligible farmers and crofters have received a letter explaining their entitlements under the 2015 Basic Payment Scheme. ([S5O-00479](#))

2. Iain Gray: [Not Lodged]

3. Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding Scotland's role in supporting refugees entering the UK. ([S5O-00481](#))

4. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government what assurances it can give to customers who signed Solar Energy Green Deal agreements with Home Energy and Lifestyle Management Systems, which ceased trading in April 2016, in light of reports that some have found their energy bills increasing by up to three times and the value of their homes being adversely affected. ([S5O-00482](#))

5. Maurice Corry: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure the continued viability of rural care homes. ([S5O-00483](#))

6. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to ensure that water meters are placed in accessible locations. ([S5O-00484](#))

7. Dean Lockhart: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that pupils with disorders on the autism spectrum have equal opportunities in school. ([S5O-00485](#))

8. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding proposals to pay for access to the single market. ([S5O-00486](#))

9. Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the establishment of a new national park would have on tourism and conservation. ([S5O-00487](#))

10. Ash Denham: To ask the Scottish Government how much the screen sector spends on production in Scotland. ([S5O-00488](#))

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Written Questions

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

Inspired Questions are initiated by the Scottish Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

Inspired questions lodged on 07 December 2016

[S5W-05402](#) Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what advice it has commissioned from the Committee on Climate Change on a new Climate Change Bill.

Written questions lodged on 07 December 2016

[S5W-05381](#) Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-04911 by Mark McDonald on 1 December 2016, what the compliance rates are for mandatory staff to child ratios in nursery schools, broken down by local authority.

[S5W-05382](#) John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will list the bidders for the next Gourock to Dunoon ferry contract; when it expects to announce the preferred bidder, and when it will place the full procurement timetable for this contract on the Transport Scotland website.

[S5W-05383](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will list the members of the Review of Student Support group and how it plans to consult students and other stakeholders.

[S5W-05384](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the recommendation in its publication, *Enterprise and Skills Review: Report on Phase 1*, which states that "it may be reasonable to seek certain attributions or contributions from companies seeking and receiving public sector [enterprise] support", what attributes and contributions it is considering, and whether these include the company paying (a) its staff at least the living wage and (b) a fair level of tax.

[S5W-05385](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making in establishing the victim surcharge fund, and when it expects the fund to (a) be operational and (b) issue its first payment.

[S5W-05386](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered using alternative providers for the victim surcharge fund.

[S5W-05387](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) criminal offences, (b) circumstances and (c) descriptions of offender it anticipates will cause a victim surcharge to be imposed.

[S5W-05388](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S4W-27438, S4W-29576 and S5W-00415 by Michael Matheson on 22 September 2015, 10 February 2016 and 14 June 2016 respectively, whether it will provide an update on the progress of developing guidance on the use of restorative justice, and when the guidance will be published.

[S5W-05389](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) charges and (b) prosecutions there have been in Scotland for offences of forced marriage under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, broken down by year, including the current year to date, and how this compares with the use of forced marriage protection orders.

[S5W-05390](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what its assessment is of how effectively Section 122 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, regarding forced marriage, is operating.

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[S5W-05391](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the statement in the *Council of Economic Advisers: Annual Report 2015-16* that the Scottish Government could do more to incentivise greater participation in the Scottish Business Pledge.

[S5W-05392](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government whether its decision to double the large business rates supplement considered "the vibrancy of town centres as a starting point", as set out in its Town Centre First Principle.

[S5W-05393](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government how many local authorities have taken advantage of the opportunity under the Community Empowerment Act 2015 to reduce business rates.

[S5W-05394](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to introduce statutory protection of the freshwater pearl mussel population in the unnamed water, "river x".

[S5W-05395](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the findings of the recent survey by the National Centre for Social Research regarding how the Scottish electorate voted in the EU referendum.

[S5W-05396](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what additional senior management staff will be required for the proposed statutory board that will oversee skills and enterprise agencies.

[S5W-05397](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to fill the vacancy of chief executive of (a) Highlands and Islands Enterprise and (b) the Scottish Funding Council.

[S5W-05398](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans for there to be four chief executives covering each of the skills and enterprise agencies following the implementation of the recommendations of its enterprise review.

[S5W-05399](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase productivity at a regional level.

[S5W-05400](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has achieved its target of increasing exports by 50% by 2017 and, if not, what levels have been achieved.

[S5W-05401](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has achieved its target of being in the top quartile of OECD countries for productivity by 2017 and, if not, what level has been achieved.

[S5W-05403](#) Douglas Ross: To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that the Scottish Police Authority and its committees carry out their functions in ways that are proportionate, accountable and transparent and consistent with principles of good governance, as required by the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, and what the reasons are for its position on this matter.

[S5W-05423](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when it will provide a substantive answer to question S5W-04749, which received a holding response on 30 November 2016.

[S5W-05424](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many and (b) where vacant and derelict town centre buildings have been brought back into use as affordable housing through the Town Centre Housing Fund.

[S5W-05432](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to ensure that school pupils with learning difficulties receive adequate support.

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[S5W-05433](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that local authorities can deal effectively with emergency cases of homelessness outwith office hours and in a way that does not rely on the person having access to the internet or a phone line.

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New Subordinate Legislation

Laid only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 7 December 2016 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 6) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/410 (C.41))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Members' 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 indication is given that the Scottish Government or UK 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 5 Proposals:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/12419.aspx>

Final Proposals for Members' Bills

James Kelly: Proposed Football Act (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to repeal the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012. (lodged 29 November 2016)

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which may be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) or on the website page referred to above. Individual responses may also be viewed in SPICe.

Supported by: **Kezia Dugdale, Iain Gray, Claire Baker, Colin Smyth, Monica Lennon, Neil Findlay, Jackie Baillie, Daniel Johnson, Johann Lamont, David Stewart, Rhoda Grant, Pauline McNeil, Anas Sarwar, Mark Griffin, Lewis MacDonald, Alex Rowley, Richard Leonard, Mary Fee, Patrick Harvie, Douglas Ross, Liz Smith, Rachael Hamilton, Murdo Fraser, Liam Kerr, John Scott, Tavish Scott, Maurice Corry, Annie Wells, Graham Simpson, Peter Chapman, Liam McArthur, Ross Greer, John Lamont, Mike Rumbles, Ross Thomson, Gordon Lindhurst, Donald Cameron, Maurice Golden, Willie Rennie, Adam Tomkins, Margaret Mitchell, Miles Briggs, Jeremy Balfour, Alison Harris, Alexander Stewart, Edward Mountain, Neil Bibby, Elaine Smith, Brian Whittle, Jenny Marra*, Jackson Carlaw*, Claudia Beamish***

Gillian Martin: Proposed Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to ensure that seat belts become a legal requirement on all dedicated home-to-school transport in Scotland (lodged 16 November 2016).

The proposal was accompanied by a statement of reasons, which may be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) or on the website page referred to above.

Supported by: **Neil Findlay, Rona Mackay, Angus MacDonald, Stewart Stevenson, Clare Haughey, Christina McKelvie, Fulton MacGregor, Ivan Mckee, Ben Macpherson, Ash**

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Progress of Legislation

Bills

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 29 November 2016

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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Criminal Finances Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-6

Lodged 22 November 2016

Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-5

Lodged 17 November 2016

Higher Education and Research Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-4

Education and Skills Committee, 30 November 2016

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Report – Education and Skills Committee (3rd Report, 2016), published 5 December 2016

Subordinate Legislation (*date of laying*) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Lead committee to report by 12 December 2016

[Arbitration \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Transitional Provisions\) Order 2016](#) [draft] (3 November 2016) (Justice)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 9 December 2016

Lead committee to report by 5 December 2016

[Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Rules of Procedure\) Amendment Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/333\)](#) (31 October 2016) (Justice)

[Tenant Information Packs \(Assured Tenancies\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2016 \(SSI 2016/334\)](#) (31 October 2016) (Justice)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber \(Procedure\) Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/339\)](#) (31 October 2016) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 19 December 2016

Lead committee to report by 12 December 2016

[Asset Transfer Request \(Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/357\)](#) (10 November 2016) (Local Government and Communities)

[Asset Transfer Request \(Review Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/358\)](#) (10 November 2016) (Local Government and Communities)

[Asset Transfer Request \(Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/359\)](#) (10 November 2016) (Local Government and Communities)

[Asset Transfer Request \(Appeal Where No Contract Concluded\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/360\)](#) (10 November 2016) (Local Government and Communities)

[Asset Transfer Request \(Designation of Community Transfer Bodies\) \(Scotland\) Order 2016 \(SSI 2016/361\)](#) (10 November 2016) (Local Government and Communities)

[Community Empowerment \(Registers of Land\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/362\)](#) (10 November 2016) (Local Government and Communities)

[Community Planning \(Locality Planning\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/364\)](#) (10 November 2016) (Local Government and Communities)

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Subject to annulment by 20 December 2016

Lead committee to report by 19 December 2016

[Land Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Consequential and Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/366\)](#) (11 November 2016) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 23 December 2016

Lead committee to report by 19 December 2016

[Title Conditions \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Conservation Bodies\) Amendment Order 2016 \(SSI 2016/371\)](#) (14 November 2016) (Justice)

[Scottish Ministers Annual Plan Planning Period \(Scotland\) Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/373\)](#) (14 November 2016) (Education and Skills)

Subject to annulment by 12 January 2017

Lead committee to report by 9 January 2017

[Air Quality Standards \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/376\)](#) (18 November 2016) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Subject to annulment by 17 January 2017

Lead committee to report by 16 January 2017

[Caseins and Caseinates \(Scotland\) Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/383\)](#) (23 November 2016) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 18 January 2017

Lead committee to report by 16 January 2017

[Land Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Consequential and Saving Provisions\) Amendment Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/389\)](#) (24 November 2016) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Lyon Court and Office Fees \(Variation\) \(Devolved Functions\) Order 2016 \(SSI 2016/390\)](#) (24 November 2016) (Justice)

[Tweed Regulation \(Salmon Conservation\) \(No. 2\) Order 2016 \(SSI 2016/391\)](#) (24 November 2016) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/392\)](#) (24 November 2016) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Subject to annulment by 19 January 2017

Lead committee to report by 16 January 2017

[National Health Service \(Dietitian Supplementary Prescribers and Therapeutic Radiographer Independent Prescribers\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/393\)](#) (25 November 2016) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 25 January 2017

Lead committee to report by 23 January 2017

[Patient Rights \(Complaints Procedure and Consequential Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/401\)](#) (1 December 2016) (Health and Sport)

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Valuation for Rating \(Decapitalisation Rate\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2016 \(SSI 2016/402\) \(1 December 2016\)](#) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 30 January 2017

Lead committee to report by 23 January 2017

[Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes \(Scotland\) Order 2016 \(SSI 2016/406\) \(6 December 2016\)](#) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 8 December 2016—

Justice Committee, 9th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010 (Transitional Provisions) Order 2016 (SP Paper 49)

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 6 December 2016 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland Annual Report and Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/242 laid under paragraph 11(1) of schedule 1 to the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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