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Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

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Meeting of the Parliament

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 28 June 2017

Tuesday 5 September 2017

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 6 September 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Finance and Constitution;
Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 7 September 2017

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 12 September 2017

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

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Wednesday 13 September 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;
Rural Economy and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 14 September 2017

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Equalities and Human Rights Committee

7 September 2017

19th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Jamie Greene will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
3. **Prisoner voting in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Patrick Harvie MSP;

and then from—

Chris Highcock, Secretary, Electoral Management Board for Scotland;

Michael Clancy, Director of Law Reform, Law Society of Scotland;

Tom Halpin, Chief Executive, Sacro;

Professor Fergus McNeill, Scottish Centre for Crime & Justice Research;

Pete Wildman, Chair of the Electoral Registration Committee, Scottish Assessors Association;

Lucy Hunter Blackburn, Executive Committee Member, Howard League for Penal Reform Scotland;

Alec Spencer, Honorary Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Stirling;

David Strang, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland, HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland.

4. **Prisoner voting in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot.

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S5M-07193](#) Iain Gray: Freedom of Information, Scottish Government and Teach First**—That the Parliament notes the reported difficulties in East Lothian and other parts of Scotland in recruiting teachers, especially primary head teachers and teachers of certain subjects such as physics and maths, but believes that solutions must maintain the principle of a fully trained and qualified teaching profession; therefore notes with concern what it understands has been communication between the Scottish Government and Teach First behind closed doors over a long period, involving two First Ministers and the Prince of Wales; regrets that these contacts were not made transparently and deplores what it understands is the refusal to publish correspondence and minutes of meetings relating to this matter under freedom of information legislation; is further concerned at any suggestion of policy being developed as a result of pressure, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to immediately publish all notes, minutes and correspondence regarding Teach First, including from or with its Patron, the Prince of Wales, in the public interest.

Supported by: Claudia Beamish*, Monica Lennon*, Alex Rowley*, Ross Greer*, Johann Lamont*, Patrick Harvie*

***[S5M-07192](#) Alexander Stewart: Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance**—That the Parliament acknowledges Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA), which launched its life-saving operation in 2013; understands that the SCAA is based centrally at Perth Airport and considers that the distinctive Eurocopter (now Airbus Helicopters) EC135 T2i helicopter is ideally located to respond to time-critical emergencies all over Scotland; notes that Scotland is a country that accounts for a third of the UK landmass, with over 100 islands and some of the most remote communities in Europe; further notes that Scotland's first and only charity-funded air ambulance helicopter flies as and when tasked through the 999 service; understands that Scotland's trunk and rural road network, agricultural and other high-risk industries as well as rural, leisure and sporting pursuits, all offer the potential for time-critical emergencies in addition to the number of cardiac and stroke patients for whom rapid intervention is essential; considers the day-to-day workload profile of the frontline airborne team that responds effectively and efficiently, flying charity-funded vital emergency frontline clinical care straight to the heart of communities; considers that in attending nearly 1,500 individual missions and flying nearly 128,000 nautical miles since its inception in 2013, the SCAA has proved a vital part of the national emergency response framework and a highly valuable asset to the 999 cadre; is concerned that relying totally on charitable giving, the

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SCAA is funded by the people of Scotland for the people of Scotland; further acknowledges that the reason it can fly fast, save lives and tend to those most in need is down to the SCAA's nationwide network of supporters, and commends the people throughout Scotland who are working tirelessly to fundraise the £2 million required each year to keep this life-saving service in the air.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Tom Mason*, Peter Chapman*, Monica Lennon*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Edward Mountain*, Donald Cameron*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Miles Briggs*, Rachael Hamilton*, Margaret Mitchell*, Murdo Fraser*, Liam Kerr*, Finlay Carson*, Alison Harris*, Dean Lockhart*, Gordon Lindhurst*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-07300 Colin Beattie: Rosewell Development Trust**—That the Parliament congratulates Rosewell Development Trust Community Company Limited on its recent award of £106,250 of Big Lottery funding; understands that the funding will be used to secure the long-term future of the existing projects that it runs, including its youth employability programme, lunch, youth and computer clubs and woodland classroom, and will also be used to introduce new volunteering and training opportunities for local people to develop new skills, improve their health and wellbeing and help improve the community spirit; considers that this funding is well-deserved, and wishes the trust success in future fundraising initiatives.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Clare Haughey*, Kenneth Gibson*

***S5M-07299 Tom Mason: Fittie Community Development Trust**—That the Parliament congratulates the Fittie Community Development Trust on being awarded £7,674 by the Big Lottery Fund for its Community Hall Project; recognises that this funding will provide assistance in renovating the Fittie Gospel Hall, with the trust having agreed to purchase the hall from Aberdeen City Council on June 2017; understands that the goals of this project are to provide a sustainable community space for recreational activities, to provide a cultural and historical centre for the Fittie area and to improve the quality of life of all residents through engagement in shared activity, and wishes the trust the best of success in its ongoing efforts to provide this service to its local community.

Supported by: Rachael Hamilton*, Peter Chapman*, Liz Smith*, Miles Briggs*, Maurice Corry*, Michelle Ballantyne*

***S5M-07298 Tom Mason: Sunnybank Community Centre Association**—That the Parliament congratulates the Sunnybank Community Centre Association on being awarded £101,864 by the Big Lottery Fund Scotland; understands that this grant will help to deliver classes for the community, including in English, sports and hobbies as well as for under-5s and youth activity; recognises the commitment from the Big Lottery Fund Scotland to distribute National Lottery good cause funding to help people and communities most in need throughout Scotland, and wishes the Sunnybank Community Centre well in continuing to deliver for the local area.

Supported by: Michelle Ballantyne*, Peter Chapman*, Rachael Hamilton*, Liz Smith*, Miles Briggs*, Maurice Corry*, Kenneth Gibson*

***S5M-07297 Christine Grahame: Interest Link Borders**—That the Parliament welcomes the recent impact report of Interest Link Borders on its work in improving the lives of people with learning disabilities in the region; notes that it does this through volunteer befriending with the aim of mitigating the social isolation that can impact those with learning disabilities; considers that, as

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well as benefitting the wellbeing of service users and volunteers, this also has a positive impact on family and carers; recognises the work of all staff, volunteers and service users who have made this possible, and believes that such initiatives form an important part of enabling people with learning disabilities to live fulfilling lives throughout the Borders and elsewhere in Scotland.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Graeme Dey*, Clare Haughey*, Alison Johnstone*

***S5M-07296 Fulton MacGregor: Carnbroe Primary Receives UNICEF Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Carnbroe Primary School in Coatbridge on achieving its Level 1 UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools Award; understands that this award recognises achievement in putting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of the school's practice, policy and ethos, giving children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens; further notes what it sees as the positive impact of these actions on children, young people and staff in empowering them to see themselves as rights' respecting global citizens and advocates for fairness and children's rights locally and globally; considers that this is a tremendous achievement, and commends all at the school on their award.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Clare Haughey*, Alison Johnstone*

***S5M-07295 Tom Mason: Bon Accord Free Church Refurbishment**—That the Parliament congratulates the members of the Bon Accord Free Church in Aberdeen on their successful return to their church building following a £1.5 million refurbishment; notes that this major renovation took place over 10 months; considers that the final result is to an exceptionally high standard; appreciates the hard work of all those involved in making this possible, and wishes the Reverend David MacPherson and his congregation all the best for the future.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Miles Briggs*, Maurice Corry*, Rachael Hamilton*, Peter Chapman*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Kenneth Gibson*

***S5M-07294 David Torrance: Greener Kirkcaldy Wins Grant from Big Lottery Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates Greener Kirkcaldy on being awarded a £916,068 grant from the Big Lottery Fund's Green Assets Programme; understands that this funding will be put toward its Community Food Hub project, which will offer training, volunteer and work experience opportunities as well as lifelong learning around food production and preparation, and hopes that the funding will improve its facilities in order to promote its goals.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Clare Haughey*

***S5M-07293 David Torrance: Clear Buckhaven 10th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Clear Buckhaven on its 10th anniversary; appreciates Clear's efforts in keeping communities clean and promoting sustainability; understands that Clear works with other important bodies such as schools, businesses and public organisations in order to promote a holistic approach towards environmentally conscious behaviour, and hopes that it continues its exceptional work in keeping local areas clean and green.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Clare Haughey*

***S5M-07292 Clare Haughey: Official Opening of Cuningar Loop Park**—That the Parliament congratulates Cuningar Loop Park in Rutherglen on its official opening on 25 August 2017 by the Minister for Transport and the Islands, Humza Yousaf, who was accompanied by schoolchildren from Burgh and Dalmarnock primary schools; recognises this regeneration project, where Clyde Gateway has worked in collaboration with the Forestry Commission in transforming a large area of derelict, unused land into what it understands is the biggest urban park in South Lanarkshire;

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further congratulates all of the other partner organisations, including South Lanarkshire Council, Glasgow City Council and Healthy N Happy, which have contributed to the development of the park, the new bridge that links it to the former Athlete's Village and the park's outdoor art work and installations, and considers that this new park will be an asset to local communities and those further afield for generations to come.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Graeme Dey*, Bob Doris*, Kenneth Gibson*

***S5M-07291 Iain Gray: Lottery Funding for The Wave Project**—That the Parliament welcomes the award of £106,000 of Big Lottery funding for The Wave Project, which is based at Dunbar, East Lothian; understands that the project will use the funding to build its surf therapy and peer mentoring project aimed at young people aged between 8 and 24 who are experiencing depression, anxiety or low mood, or who have experienced trauma caused by stress-related events such as bereavement, family breakdown or domestic violence; commends everyone associated with the project for the important work that they are undertaking with young people, and wishes them continued success in the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Alison Johnstone*

***S5M-07290 Michelle Ballantyne: North Berwick Rowing Club Regatta 2017**—That the Parliament acknowledges that, on 26 August 2017, North Berwick Rowing Club will be holding its annual regatta; notes that 16 rowing clubs from across Scotland will gather in North Berwick for the regatta, which will have 11 events, including men's, women's and mixed races, over 60s and under 19s; recognises that the regatta is a test of seamanship, strength and technique, and wishes luck to all teams taking part in the races.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Peter Chapman*, Rachael Hamilton*, Colin Beattie*, Tom Mason*, Miles Briggs*, Maurice Corry*, Alison Johnstone*

***S5M-07289 Peter Chapman: Ellon Teenager Visits the Child She Has Sponsored**—That the Parliament recognises the charitable work of the Ellon teenager, Hannah Morton, who is a local nursery apprentice and who has just returned from Rwanda where she visited the child she sponsors; appreciates Hannah's dedicated efforts in financially supporting five-year-old Solange in Rwanda, noting that her actions of contributing £25 each month for a year to Charity Compassion UK has given Solange access to nutritious meals, improved medical support and good quality education; understands that this is Hannah's second visit to Rwanda, and thanks her for being an exemplary role model for her community by showing the positive humanitarian impact of small donations through organisations such as Charity Compassion UK.

Supported by: Tom Mason*, Bill Kidd*, Liz Smith*, Rachael Hamilton*, Miles Briggs*, Maurice Corry*

***S5M-07288 Michelle Ballantyne: Clovenfords Hotel Wins Community Bar Award**—That the Parliament congratulates the Clovenfords Hotel on winning the Diageo Social Responsibility and Community Award at the Scottish Bar and Pub Awards 2017; notes that the hotel was one of four establishments shortlisted for the award; acknowledges that the team won this award for opening a village shop within the pub; recognises the important service that the hotel provides for the community since the previous village shop closed its door in January 2017, and wishes the hotel continued success in its ventures.

Supported by: Margaret Mitchell*, Miles Briggs*, Liz Smith*, Tom Mason*, Peter Chapman*, Rachael Hamilton*, Alison Harris*, Colin Beattie*

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***S5M-07287 Rachael Hamilton: Cross-border Co-ordination on New Website for St Cuthbert's Way**—That the Parliament congratulates Scottish Borders Council, Northumberland County Council and Northumberland National Park Authority on the new website for the St Cuthbert's Way 100km walking route, which goes from Melrose to Holy Island; recognises the positive effect that it considers this will have on the tourism industry on both sides of the border, as well as providing improved digital connectivity for a wide online audience to access recreational opportunities and enjoyment, and commends the effective cross-border co-ordination for making this happen. **R**

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Peter Chapman*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Tom Mason*, Liz Smith*, Margaret Mitchell*, Alison Harris*, Colin Beattie*

***S5M-07286 David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Swimmer to Compete in 2017 School Games**—That the Parliament congratulates the swimmer, Steven McCormick, from Kirkcaldy, on being selected to compete in the national 2017 School Games; notes that the games are a national multi-sport event for the UK's most talented school-age athletes; understands that around 1,600 athletes will compete across 12 sports, seven of which include disability disciplines; appreciates that many British athletes have competed at the event before going on to international success, and wishes Steven the best of luck at the games.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Ash Denham*, Colin Beattie*, Clare Haughey*, Alison Johnstone*

***S5M-07285 David Torrance: Hannah Robertson, What Works to Prevent Violence Project in Nepal**—That the Parliament recognises Hannah Robertson from Kinghorn for organising a team of people from all over the UK for a four-month expedition to Baglung, Nepal; notes that Hannah and the volunteers will be living and working among the community as part of the project, What Works to Prevent Violence; appreciates that the aim of the project is to integrate into the community and prevent violence against women; understands that Hannah will be holding a fundraiser in support of the project, and wishes her and her team success in Nepal.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Ash Denham*, Colin Beattie*, Clare Haughey*, Alison Johnstone*

***S5M-07284 Jamie Greene: Millport Pier's Demolition**—That the Parliament emphasises its deep concern regarding the decision taken by North Ayrshire Council's previous cabinet to demolish Millport Pier; considers that Millport Pier is vital to the long-term health of the local economy and the sustainability of a strong tourism sector; further considers that many local men and women rely on its continuation for their livelihoods and that its demolition will threaten many jobs in the local community; highlights what it sees as significant opposition to this move by the local community; believes that this pier represents a significant part of Millport's history, and calls on all constituency MSPs and those representing the West Scotland region to oppose the pier's demolition.

***S5M-07283 Jamie Greene: Concern Over West Kilbride GP Surgery**—That the Parliament notes with deep concern the recent crisis at West Kilbride's GP surgery where it understands that the practice struggled to find sufficient replacement GPs to meet the demands of the surgery, which nearly led to its closure; further understands that locums were eventually found that will keep the surgery open until at least Christmas 2017, but that this issue is far from resolved; highlights Audit Scotland's recent report on hospital workforce planning, which noted that long-term GP shortages is an issue that Scotland will have to deal with and believes that this is a clear example of such mismanagement affecting local communities, and calls on the Scottish Government to take the appropriate steps to ensure that West Kilbride and other GP surgeries are sufficiently staffed in the future to ensure that they can meet their patients' demands.

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***[S5M-07282](#) Jenny Gilruth: Kennoway Co-op Fundraiser Day**—That the Parliament congratulates Kennoway Co-op on raising funds for four local organisations through a fun day held at Kennoway Building Club; understands that Kennoway Scout Group, Kennoway Star Hearts, Kennoway Spokes Cycling Club and a creche group at the Sandy Brae Centre have each received £160; hopes that the money raised will benefit many people, and wishes Kennoway Co-op success in all future fundraising endeavours.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*

***[S5M-07281](#) Jenny Gilruth: Mark Szaraneck, Commonwealth Games Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Mark Szaraneck, a Glenrothes swimmer, on receiving an individual sportscotland athlete personal award; understands that he has been awarded a £6,000 grant designed to provide additional support for training and expenses, and wishes him luck in his future bid for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia.

Supported by: Alison Johnstone*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, Colin Beattie*

***[S5M-07280](#) Jenny Gilruth: Leonard Cheshire Disability Fife Firewalk**—That the Parliament commends Leonard Cheshire Disability Fife on hosting a charity firewalk over coals on 9 September 2017 to raise funds for a sensory garden; notes that the unique challenge will mark the month of what would have been the charity founder, Leonard Cheshire's, 100th birthday, and wishes the disability charity every success in both meeting the £10,000 fundraising target and all future endeavours.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Alison Johnstone*, Liam McArthur*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, Colin Beattie*, Ross Greer*

***[S5M-07279](#) Jenny Gilruth: Sainsbury's Leven Supports Fife Young Carers**—That the Parliament commends Sainsbury's Leven for donating £4,000 to the branch's charity of the year, Fife Young Carers, which supports young people who care for a family member; understands that the money will pay for opportunities not usually accessible by the carers, such as respite activities and day trips; acknowledges the important work done by both Fife Young Carers and the carers themselves, and wishes Sainsbury's Leven success in all future fundraising endeavours.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*

***[S5M-07278](#) Jenny Gilruth: Letitia Ridley, Apprentice Electrical Engineer**—That the Parliament congratulates Letitia Ridley, an apprentice electrical engineer at Diageo's Leven bottling plant, on being named a finalist in 2017's Scottish Apprenticeship Awards; understands that she was the first electrical engineering apprentice at the site and is now in her final year of the training programme; welcomes Diageo's commitment to creating apprenticeship opportunities in Fife; commends its efforts in supporting women into engineering, and wishes Letitia every success in her future career.

***[S5M-07277](#) Bill Kidd: The Yemen Conflict and Consequent Humanitarian Crisis**—That the Parliament fully supports the Yemini people and the letter from Keith Vaz MP to the Secretary General of the UN concerning the humanitarian crisis in Yemen due to the ongoing conflict; echoes the petition from Mr Vaz to the Secretary General to add discussion of the Yemen conflict to the agenda of the next UN General Assembly, which takes place on 13 September 2017; notes that UN fundraising to help the Yemini people has reached \$2.1 billion; further notes, however, that, despite incredible fundraising efforts, these alone will not end the humanitarian crisis; understands that 19 million people are in need of humanitarian aid, that a child dies every 10 minutes from preventable causes within Yemen borders, three million people are displaced due to

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the conflict and that cholera cases, 40% of which occur in those aged under 15, will reach 500,000 in September, and urges all states and stakeholders that are involved to work in a cooperative spirit to bring an end to this ongoing crisis before it escalates further.

Supported by: Bob Doris*, Rona Mackay*, George Adam*, Elaine Smith*, Ash Denham*, Colin Beattie*, Clare Haughey*

***S5M-07276 Miles Briggs: Volunteering in Edinburgh in 2017**—That the Parliament commends the continuing good work of Volunteer Edinburgh, the infrastructure organisation for volunteering in the city, which has been promoting volunteering and supporting third and public sector organisations that involve volunteering for more than 45 years; welcomes the publication of its recent report, *Volunteering in Edinburgh 2017*, which indicates that Edinburgh has one of the highest rates of volunteering participation in Scotland with 35% of adults now volunteering, compared to the national average of 27%; pays tribute to the efforts of all the city's volunteers and active citizens who make such a difference to residents and communities; notes that the report, despite the increase in both the numbers of volunteers and hours donated, suggests that 61% of organisations said they needed more volunteers; is aware that Volunteer Edinburgh's annual volunteer recruitment fair will take place in St Paul's and St George's Church on York Place on 20 September 2017, and encourages people of all ages and backgrounds who are considering volunteering to attend this free event and find out more about the hundreds of diverse and positive volunteering opportunities available in the city.

Supported by: Tom Mason*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Maurice Corry*, Liam Kerr*, Jeremy Balfour*, Ash Denham*, Peter Chapman*, Margaret Mitchell*, Rachael Hamilton*, Alison Harris*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Alison Johnstone*, Kenneth Gibson*, Ben Macpherson*, Colin Beattie*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

***S5M-07275 Bill Kidd: COPE Charity Action Against Period Poverty**—That the Parliament notes the initiative of COPE Scotland in setting up sanitary product donation baskets; recognises that this scheme has been launched across multiple locations in Glasgow, including the COPE centre based in Drumchapel; further recognises that this scheme allows for members of the public to freely take sanitary products that are left in baskets, or to donate more products so the scheme can be sustained; acknowledges period poverty and the need to tackle it, and encourages continued action to help women in need.

Supported by: Sandra White*, Monica Lennon*, Alison Johnstone*, Clare Haughey*, Stuart McMillan*, Elaine Smith*, Ash Denham*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*

***S5M-07274 Peter Chapman: Turriff & District Pipe Band**—That the Parliament congratulates the Turriff & District Pipe Band on its success at the World Pipe Band Championships, which were held at Glasgow Green on 19 August 2017; recognises that many band members were competing for the first time; notes that the band has competed at all five major band competitions in 2017, and wishes Pipe Major Sinclair Lamb and the band members continued success in the 2018 season.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Margaret Mitchell*, Tom Mason*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam Kerr*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Rachael Hamilton*, Finlay Carson*, Stuart McMillan*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Colin Beattie*

***S5M-07273 David Torrance: David Falconer of Kirkcaldy Cycles for Charity**—That the Parliament recognises the cyclist, David Falconer, from Kirkcaldy for raising funds for Bowl Cancer UK; notes that he will be cycling 555 miles around Scotland as a tribute to his mother and brother-

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in-law; understands that throughout his journey, David will be cycling to locations of significance to himself and his mother, and wishes him the best of luck in his future endeavours.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Haughey*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*

***S5M-07272 David Torrance: Memorial Football Match in Memory of Aidan Sutherland from Kirkcaldy**—That the Parliament welcomes the effort of family and friends of the late Aidan Sutherland, who was from Kirkcaldy, for aiming to raise awareness of diabetes; notes respectfully that Aidan, a young footballer, passed away on 3 July 2017 at age 20; understands that only 12% of all diabetics are type 1; notes that a memorial football match will be held to raise awareness and money for the Diabetes Research and Wellness Foundation, and appreciates the hard work of friends and family for raising awareness of type 1 diabetes.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Haughey*, Alison Johnstone*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*

***S5M-07271 David Torrance: Burntisland Girls Raise £1,000 for Cancer Research UK**—That the Parliament congratulates a group of six girls from Burntisland on raising £1,000 for Cancer Research UK by running a bake sale on their street; understands that the girls, who are aged 6 to 10, came up with the idea and planned it with great team work, and hopes that the money raised is put to good use.

Supported by: Jenny Gilruth*

***S5M-07270 David Torrance: Scottish Water Volunteers Clean Up Kirkcaldy Beaches**—That the Parliament welcomes the hard work of Scottish Water staff for carrying out a series of beach cleans across Fife, including in the Kirkcaldy area, as part of its campaign, Keep the water cycle running smoothly; understands that the majority of items found at the cleans were drinks cans, plastic bottles and wet wipes, and appreciates the hard work of the volunteers, who have put in more than 100 hours to keep local water sources clean.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Haughey*, Graeme Dey*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*

***S5M-07269 David Torrance: Bavarian Beer and Music Festival Kirkcaldy**—That the Parliament welcomes the return of the Bavarian Beer and Music Festival; notes that the festival is being delivered through the partnership led by Kirkcaldy YMCA; understands that 2017 will see new additions, including more Fife and Scottish products promoted alongside Erdinger Bavarian beers, and encourages those in the area to attend the community engagement event.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Haughey*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*

***S5M-07268 David Torrance: Festival of Township Kirkcaldy**—That the Parliament welcomes the first Festival of Township in Kirkcaldy led by Kirkcaldy YMCA; understands that the event will see 60 voluntary organisations and statutory groups provide information and offer taster sessions and recruitment opportunities to people in the area; notes that the event will also showcase live music from local musicians involved with Kirkcaldy YMCA's Youth Music Project, and appreciates that this is a great opportunity for members of the community to see first-hand what kinds of services, support and activities are available for them in their own communities.

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***[S5M-07267](#) Liam Kerr: Reopening of the Carron Restaurant, Stonehaven**—That the Parliament commends Syed Abdul Hamid, who is an award-winning chef and business-owner from Stonehaven, on his decision to reopen the iconic Indian restaurant, the Carron; notes that Syed hopes to have the Carron reopened by Christmas 2017; understands that it closed down suddenly in March 2017 due to the downturn in the Aberdeen oil and gas industry; notes that Syed already owns the restaurant, India on the Green, in Ballater and the takeaway, Nu Spice, in Stonehaven; recognises that he plans to invite pupils from nearby schools to the Carron to give practical experience in cooking authentic Indian cuisine; believes that the reopening will generate jobs for local people, as well as help the local Stonehaven economy; acknowledges the importance of small businesses, not just to the local economy, but to the wider Scottish and UK economies, and wishes Syed every success for the future.

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***[S5M-07266](#) Margaret Mitchell: Maggie's Lanarkshire**—That the Parliament welcomes the invaluable support that Maggie's Lanarkshire provides to people with cancer, their families and friends; notes that the centre is based at Monklands Hospital and provides free emotional, social and practical support, including advice on stress management, exercise, how to eat well and benefits advice; understands that anyone with cancer and their carers can drop in and access quiet sitting areas, including in an enclosed garden in which to chat to an experienced professional or other people with a similar diagnosis; recognises that two sun catchers reflect light down into the centre, which is staffed by a team of five, including three cancer support specialists with a nursing background, a clinical psychologist and a benefits adviser; believes that Maggie's makes a world of difference to people with cancer and their families, and wishes those involved continued success with the centre.

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***[S5M-07265](#) Jackie Baillie: St Mahew's Chapel Celebrates Landmark Year**—That the Parliament congratulates St Mahew's chapel in Cardross on its 550th anniversary; understands that the chapel was first built in 1467 and stands as one of the earliest Christian missionary sites in Scotland; further understands that St Mahew first brought the faith to the site in the sixth century and is understood to be a disciple of St Patrick; notes that the chapel was restored in 1955 after it was acquired by the Archdiocese of Glasgow and remains structurally the same as the one that was built in 1467; hopes that the chapel will continue to serve the people of Cardross for generations to come, and wishes the parishioners all the best for the future.

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***[S5M-07264](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Make and Create Arts**—That the Parliament congratulates the Pennypit Community Development Trust, which is one of three groups sharing £128,330 of funding from the Big Lottery Fund's Young Start programme; notes that the trust will receive £30,000; recognises that this group gives young people the opportunity to volunteer at community clubs in sport-specific roles such as coaching, as well as other activities such as catering, marketing and social media; believes that these activities help to boost young people's self-confidence and self-esteem, and commends Pennypit Community Development Trust on the role that it plays in the community.

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***S5M-07263 Alison Johnstone: Threat of Closure Hanging Over the Kabin Community Centre**—That the Parliament expresses concern at the threat of closure hanging over the Kabin Community Centre at Loanhead in Midlothian just seven years after opening; considers that the charity-run centre provides a valuable resource for the community, offering facilities for parents, children and other interest groups and welcoming hundreds of people and over a dozen organisations every week; understands that the centre's finances have deteriorated over a number of years; notes the centre's online appeal to raise £21,000, and urges Midlothian Council and the Scottish Government to consider how they can assist the centre at this difficult time.

***S5M-07262 Neil Findlay: Midlothian Council Budget**—That the Parliament notes with grave concern recent figures provided by Midlothian Council, which reportedly show a projected budget shortfall of £12.9 million in 2018-19, increasing to £43.2 million by 2021-22; believes that a budget shortfall this severe, which it understands is principally as a result of projected reductions in Scottish Government grants, will lead to further cuts to vital public services; further believes that a budget shortfall is not necessary, and calls on the Scottish Government to take immediate action to fully address the reported funding crisis in local government across Scotland.

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***S5M-07261 Ivan McKee: Congratulating the Happy Club in Easterhouse, Glasgow**—That the Parliament congratulates the Healthy Active Promotion of Positive Youngsters (Happy) Club in Easterhouse, Glasgow, on receiving funding from the Young Start programme; understands that the club will use the two-year grant to fund overheads and implement a programme of sports, healthy eating, cooking and personal care activities and sessions; commends this work, which benefits over 150 young people with disabilities and/or autism; understands the positive impact that this type of work has on the lives of young people, and wishes the club and its members every success for the future.

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***S5M-07260 John Finnie: David Ross Retirement**—That the Parliament notes the retirement from *The Herald* of the journalist, David Ross, who has covered the Highlands for the newspaper since 1988; praises his dedication to the region, covering issues ranging from land reform and the environment to transport and Gaelic; further notes his award earlier in 2017 of the Barron Trophy for lifetime achievement in journalism in the Highlands and Islands, and wishes him well in his retirement.

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***S5M-07259 Mairi Gougeon: New Renal Centre at Stonehaven Kincardine Community Hospital**—That the Parliament welcomes the commencement of works on the new renal dialysis centre at Stonehaven Kincardine Community Hospital; recognises the role of the Rotary Club, which led the community fundraising efforts that raised more than £1 million towards the cost of the new unit, as well as NHS Grampian's contribution of over £500,000 towards the project, and notes that the new unit will serve people from as far south as St Cyrus and Laurencekirk, as well

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as those from across south Aberdeenshire, and means that patients will have much reduced travel times to and from their treatment centre.

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***S5M-07258 Michelle Ballantyne: Beyond Borders Festival**—That the Parliament notes that the weekend of 26-27 August 2017 marks the Beyond Borders International Festival at Traquair House near Innerleithen, an internationally-renowned event, which is now in its seventh year; acknowledges the diverse line-up of artists, writers, journalists, politicians and diplomats, including the former CIA agent, Valerie Plame Wilson, the First Minister and Professor John Curtice; recognises that, for the first time this year, the festival will host a programme of music in the Walled Garden, as well as exhibitions and film screenings; congratulates the organisers on their hard work, and wishes the event every success.

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***S5M-07257 Edward Mountain: Restoration of MV Glenachulish**—That the Parliament celebrates the final restoration of the MV Glenachulish; understands that the vessel is believed to be the world's last remaining manually-operated turntable ferry; recognises the hard work that was involved in the 11-year renovation project led by the Isle of Skye Ferry Company and the Glenachulish Preservation Trust, and wishes the crew of MV Glenachulish the very best as the vessel approaches its 50th anniversary in 2019.

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***S5M-07256 Colin Beattie: Stewart Brewing's Success at World Beer Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Stewart Brewing, of Loanhead, on its recent success at the World Beer Awards 2017; notes that the company's Radical Road ale was a winner in both world and UK categories and that its First World Problems ale won UK Gold in the Belgian style ale category and that its Elysium I won a UK Silver in the Wood Aged category; understands that the World Beer Awards recognise the very best beers in a number of internationally recognised styles, with more than 1,900 beers being submitted in 2017 from over 36 countries; notes that two other Stewart Brewing ales, Hollyrood and Edinburgh Gold, are available on the Parliament premises, and wishes the company success in future competitions.

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***S5M-07255 Michelle Ballantyne: Abbotsford House Races**—That the Parliament notes the success of the inaugural Abbotsford House Races, a pair of trail races starting at Abbotsford House, the home of the author, Sir Walter Scott; acknowledges that more than 150 runners took part in both the junior and adult races; appreciates that the races followed a scenic route around the grounds of the house, taking in woodland areas and the banks of the River Tweed; recognises the hard work that Gala Harriers athletics club has put into organising these races, and wishes the event continued growth in years to come.

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***S5M-07254 Alexander Stewart: Top London Dance Academy Scholarship for Dalgety Bay Teenager**—That the Parliament congratulates the 17-year-old from Dalgety Bay who has beaten thousands of applicants and gained a scholarship to one of London's best performing arts schools; understands that Haydn Smart, a former Inverkeithing High School student, has won countless competitions since she began dancing at the age of 10, and will now realise the opportunity of mastering her craft in London; believes that she has followed in the footsteps of her grandmother, Ann Russell, who won the Scottish Ballroom Championship in 1961; notes that, at the national Can You Dance competition, Haydn won contemporary dancer of the day, was spotted by a couple of schools but chose the D&B Academy of Performing Arts; further notes that her parents would have found the fees to be prohibitive, so this opportunity is especially welcomed, and wishes Haydn the very best of luck in her future studies and potential work.

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***S5M-07253 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Birth Trauma Awareness Week**—That the Parliament commends the work done by the Birth Trauma Association for its awareness week, which ran from 14 to 21 August 2017; recognises that the association aims to highlight the issue of traumatic birth and, in particular, post-natal post-traumatic stress disorder, and welcomes the stories shared by mothers who had a traumatic birth to mark Birth Trauma Awareness Week.

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***S5M-07252 Mark Ruskell: UK Government Financing Arms and Climate Change**—That the Parliament condemns the news that the UK Government has provided more than £1 billion in support of fossil fuel projects in other countries and provided more than £1.7 billion in support to the Oman Government for the purchase of military equipment from BAE Systems in 2016, through its export credit agency, UK Export Finance, and calls on the UK Government to stop financing climate change and the arms trade through UK Export Finance and instead completely re-orientate its activity towards low-carbon infrastructure investment, such as its support for the £100 million contract awarded to Burntisland Fabrications Ltd in Fife to supply wind turbine jacket substructures to the Beatrice offshore wind farm.

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***S5M-07251 Liam Kerr: Horseback UK's Cairn O' Mount Cycle Challenge**—That the Parliament commends the work of Horseback UK, an Aberdeenshire-based charity helping injured soldiers and veterans using horsemanship skills; acknowledges that the purpose behind the charity is to inspire recovery, regain self-esteem and provide a sense of purpose and community to the wounded, injured and sick within the military community; understands that the charity recently held its annual Cairn O' Mount Cycle Challenge to raise money to help those who have served their country; further understands that the challenge was a 54-mile cycle ride from Aboyne, Aberdeenshire to Arbroath in Angus, over the Cairn O'Mount; believes that the total amount raised from this event will be in excess of £5,000; congratulates and thanks all competitors who fundraised, as well as all those who kindly donated, and wishes the charity every success for the future.

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***S5M-07250 Alexander Burnett: Scottish 6 Days Orienteering Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers on the successful Scottish 6 Days orienteering festival, which took place in Deeside recently; understands that it is the UK's largest orienteering event, with more than 3,000 athletes from all over the world participating, and congratulates all the competitors and winners who took part in the festival.

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***S5M-07249 Gil Paterson: Clydebank Powerlifter, Michelle Brand**—That the Parliament congratulates Michelle Brand, who is from Clydebank, on becoming European Powerlifting Champion and winning gold in both the squat and bench press at the European Masters Championship in the Czech Republic in July 2017; recognises the hard work and determination of Michelle and her Great Britain teammates; believes that she is a major role model for young athletes across Scotland by showing how perseverance and determination is rewarded, and wishes Michelle the best of luck as she prepares for the 2017 World Masters in Sweden, which take place in October.

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***S5M-07248 Ash Denham: Bellfield Brewery**—That the Parliament congratulates Bellfield Brewery, which is based in the Edinburgh Eastern constituency, on securing a contract with Asda; notes that the supermarket's stores across Scotland will now stock its quality craft beer; appreciates what it sees as Asda placing huge importance on supporting locally-based suppliers, and wishes the brewery continued success.

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***S5M-07247 Neil Findlay: Retain CCTV Jobs on the Railway**—That the Parliament understands that ScotRail plans to reduce staff numbers in its CCTV department by 22; believes that this will lead to a fall in the number of operators who currently watch over Scotland's stations and who ensure the safety of the travelling public and railway staff; is concerned that the new CCTV IT system that the company plans to introduce will not be able to discern intent or emotion on the faces of passengers, or distinguish between different groups of people, for example, guests travelling to a wedding or football fans going to and from a match, or identify passengers who are suicidal, violent or drunk; recognises that transport facilities such as rail stations are under increased threat of a terrorist attack; notes that both RMT and TSSA unions have issued ballot papers for industrial action, and urges the Scottish Government to immediately intervene with ScotRail to ensure that the CCTV staff are retained in post to help safeguard Scotland's railways.

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***S5M-07246 Clare Haughey: Commending Blantyre Community Council's Incinerator Campaign**—That the Parliament commends Blantyre Community Council on its summer-long campaign to raise awareness about renewed plans to build a waste-to-energy recovery plant at Whitehill, which is on the town's border with Hamilton; understands that, in a very short space of

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time, it engaged with the applicants and also organised public meetings to gauge the views of the community; believes that the community councillors and local volunteers have gathered over 3,400 letters of objection to the proposal, plus a 2,177-signature petition, and this was carried out over an eight week-period; considers this an exceptional example of grassroots community activism and engagement, and trusts that what it sees as the strongly-held views of the community will be taken into account during the planning process.

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***S5M-07245 Alex Rowley: Rockore Music Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates everyone involved with organising the first music festival at Lochore Meadows Country Park, which took place on 19 August 2017; notes that the Rockore festival drew a large crowd to listen to many bands from the area as well as the rock legends, Nazareth, and acknowledges the hard work of Benarty Events Group, which a group of local people who develop and organise activities and events for adults, children and families and aim to bring improvements to the Benarty area, which covers the villages of Ballingry, Crosshill, Glencraig and Lochore.

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***S5M-07244 Bruce Crawford: Another Successful Killin Agricultural Show**—That the Parliament commends the organisers of the Killin Agricultural Show, which was held on 19 August 2017 at Breadalbane Park; notes the range of local businesses offering handmade crafts and produce for sale; congratulates all of the entrants to the Scarecrow competition, whose theme was politicians, and notes the importance of agricultural shows to communities and businesses.

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***S5M-07243 Mark Ruskell: Nine Stirling Schools win Green Flag Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Killin primary, Stirling high, Raploch primary, St Mary's RC primary, Kippen primary, East Plean primary, McLaren high, Buchanan primary and Dunblane primary schools, which are in the Stirling Council area, on being awarded the prestigious Green flag by Eco-Schools Scotland in 2017, the largest sustainable schools programme in the world; understands that, to be eligible, each had to excel in a diverse range of environmental areas; welcomes this initiative, which it considers improves children's understanding of their environmental impact, and hopes for even more Green Flag winners next year.

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***S5M-07242 Colin Beattie: DadsWork East Lothian's New Community Garden**—That the Parliament congratulates the East Lothian-based charity, DadsWork, on the opening of its new community garden, which is based in Musselburgh and has been named by the charity in honour of David Drysdale, who was a board member who passed away in 2016; notes that DadsWork provides help and support to new fathers through the use of support groups, positive parenting classes, workshops on the role of fathers, home visits, and trips and outings for them and their children; understands that the garden includes a fully functioning pizza oven, and sends its best wishes to everyone involved with the charity.

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***[S5M-07241](#) Clare Haughey: Freya Brown from Cambuslang, Set to go the Extra Mile**—That the Parliament wishes seven-year-old Freya Brown, who is from Cambuslang, well for the 2017 Bank of Scotland Great Scottish Run on 30 September; notes that Freya, who was born with a heart condition and who has undergone two operations, will be running the Family Mile race to raise funds for the Children's Hospital Charity, and wishes her good luck for the run and every success for the future.

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***[S5M-07240](#) Emma Harper: Dumfries and Galloway Dairy Women Network**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of Dumfries and Galloway Dairy Women Network, which has been founded by Tracey Roan, who is a dairy farmer from Dalbeattie, with the support of an NFU Scotland regional manager, Teresa Dougall, to ensure that women in Dairy can access training and information; recognises that the launch took place at the 2017 Stewartry Show in August; notes that the network is open to all women involved in the dairy industry, including farmers' wives, partners, daughters, and vets, feed-nutritionists, dairywomen, milk recorders and others who engage in very important roles in the farming industry; understands that the first meeting is scheduled to take place on 26 September, and wishes the network well.

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***[S5M-07239](#) Clare Haughey: Douglas Park in Cambuslang to be Leased to the Community**—That the Parliament congratulates the Friends of Douglas Park, Cambuslang, on the success of its application for the park to be leased to the community as an asset transfer from South Lanarkshire Council under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015; notes that the park has been a community resource for over 100 years and that the friends have wide-ranging plans for its development, including opening up views across the Clyde Valley and investigating the creation of a sensory garden and the provision of opportunities for outdoor learning and educational projects, and wishes the group well.

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***[S5M-07238](#) Clare Haughey: Cambuslang's New Primary School, Newton Farm**—That the Parliament congratulates everyone at Newton Farm Primary school in Cambuslang, which recently opened its doors to 200 pupils; notes that the £13.5 million school was constructed as part of South Lanarkshire Council's £836 million primary school modernisation project and includes a multi-use games area, a stage with lighting equipment, two nursery playrooms, and four additional support needs, and 14 mainstream, classrooms; understands that the school will enjoy the use of a full-size 3G pitch, which forms part of a newly-built community facility, and wishes the staff and pupils all the very best.

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***[S5M-07237](#) Mairi Gougeon: Care About Angus**—That the Parliament commends Care About Angus, which is an employee-controlled social enterprise that employs 52 staff and has cared for over 700 clients since its conception in 2015, on its people-centric approach and fine work, which includes providing home help and sheltered housing services, and welcomes its plans to expand

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its operations to introduce an Angus-wide befriending service that will offer face-to-face interaction, telephone calls and social media apps initially to around 270 people.

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***S5M-07236 Maurice Corry: Bravehound, the UK's Best Voluntary/Charity Project**—That the Parliament congratulates Glen Art, which is a charity that help veterans return to their communities, on receiving a £5,000 National Lottery Award for its Bishopton-based initiative, Bravehound; notes that this is a project that aims to match veterans with dogs to help them adapt to civilian life; understands that it is designed specifically to provide companionship and support for those experiencing isolation or mental illness, such as post-traumatic stress disorder; recognises that, despite being only launched in 2016, it was voted the UK's best voluntary/charity project of 2017, from among 1,300 entrants; commends Glen Art on its work, and wishes it all the best.

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***S5M-07235 Michelle Ballantyne: Success for Borders' Athletes at the National Championships**—That the Parliament commends the young athletes from the Borders who took part in the under-13,15 and 20 age group athletics championships at Scotstoun; notes in particular the achievements of Ellie O'Hara, from Cardrona, who won the gold medal for triple jump while setting a new under-15's Scottish record, Adam Leighton from Galashiels, the winner of the under-15's high jump, which was his fourth title of 2017, Michael Girdler from West Linton, who won the under-15 gold for the 200 metres, and Craig Mullins from Peebles, who won silver in the under-20's hammer throw; recognises the hard work that they have all put into their training; acknowledges their achievements, and wishes them continued sporting success.

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***S5M-07234 Alison Harris: Major Boost for Alexander Dennis**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that the renowned Camelon coach-builder, Alexander Dennis, will benefit from a £44 million deal that will support 1,000 jobs by constructing 90 low-emission double-deckers that will be shipped to cut congestion and pollution on the Paseo de la Reforma, which is considered to be Mexico City's answer to The Mall, and considers that building these iconic buses is a great example of how the UK Government is using its muscle to help Scottish companies both reach markets across the globe and win multi-million pound contracts that support jobs.

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***S5M-07233 Alexander Burnett: Elsick Charity Clay Shoot Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Neil Adams and his family on organising the Elsick Charity Clay Shoot; commends them for raising £23,780, which will be shared between CLIC Sargent and CCLASP, and welcomes the news that CLIC Sargent is currently fundraising for a new property for when the hospital relocates to a new site later in 2017 and creating a fantastic centre next to the new hospital site.

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***S5M-07232 Alexander Burnett: Spirit of Ballater Awards 2017**—That the Parliament congratulates Aileen Longino from Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action on organising the successful Spirit of Ballater Awards 2017; congratulates Sheila Sedgwick, the late Tom White, Val Norton, Patsy Reynolds, Martin Reynolds, Ian Hay, Elizabeth Wilson, David Horne, Cat Scripps, Sabine Muir, Amy Muir and Bell Macaulay on receiving their awards, and commends Ballater for continuing to be a fantastic community for all.

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***S5M-07231 Fulton MacGregor: Fundraising in Memory of Marc Russell**—That the Parliament congratulate the effort of family and friends of the late Marc Russell, who was from Coatbridge, on raising over £3,000 for Cash for Kids; notes respectfully that Marc passed away in 2010 aged 30 and understands that, since then, the group has hosted annual fundraising events to commemorate his life and to support good causes, welcomes its support in 2017 for Cash for Kids, which responds to the needs of children in our communities who are disabled, disadvantaged or experiencing abuse or neglect, to help them live life to the full and realise their potential; commends all from the group who participated in the Ben Nevis Highland Challenge event on their fantastic achievement, and wishes them all continued success.

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***S5M-07230 Fulton MacGregor: The Innishmohr Pub, Coatbridge**—That the Parliament congratulate the staff of the Innishmohr pub in Coatbridge on raising over £700 for Lanarkshire Association for Mental Health (LAMH); notes that LAMH was formed in 1983 to establish a forum to serve as a focus for the development of community-based support services for people experiencing mental illness; welcomes its ongoing contribution to the development of community care services in Lanarkshire; commends the efforts of the pub's 10 strong team in undertaking the challenging 12-mile Tough Mudder obstacle course, and wish all involved every success in future ventures.

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***S5M-07229 Alexander Stewart: Iceland Alloa Holds Fun Day in Aid of Alzheimer's Research**—That the Parliament congratulates Iceland in Alloa on its fun day in aid of Alzheimer's research, which was held on 12 August 2017; notes there were such attractions as *Paw Patrol* characters, a tombola, a raffle which offered a free photoshoot, print and frame with the photographer, John Howie, which in itself raised £110; notes that the charity endeavours continued in the store throughout the week, with lucky dip toys donated by Alloa BID, along with another raffle offering a prize from the hair salon, Siskos, and understands that around £260 was collected for the Alzheimer's Society on the Saturday alone.

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***S5M-07228 Willie Coffey: Nathan McNaughton**—That the Parliament commends Nathan McNaughton, who is a photography student from Kilmarnock, on spending the summer by volunteering to English to impoverished children at the Oasis de Esperanza school in Colombia; regrets that Nathan was subject to an attack at knifepoint in Bogota, during which he lost the camera equipment that he was using to document his experiences, cash and mobile phone; applauds him on his resilience and maturity in dealing with such a dangerous situation; wishes him well in his efforts to crowdfund replacement equipment to help progress his future career in photography and film, and recognises that Nathan is a credit to his family and to Scotland.

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***S5M-07227 Colin Beattie: Fiona Grant-MacDonald's Bike Ride and Climb for Charity**—That the Parliament congratulates Fiona Grant-MacDonald, who is from Musselburgh, and her colleagues who took part in a charity bike ride and climb on 20 August 2017; understands that the group hope to raise over £4,000 for Headway East Lothian, which supports and aims to improve the quality of life for people in the area with acquired brain injuries, and helps their families and carers; believes that this fundraising by Fiona, who has experienced a brain haemorrhage in recent years, to be a very generous and selfless, and wishes all concerned success with future fundraising attempts.

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***S5M-07226 James Kelly: Hawthorn Housing Co-operative, Celebrating 30 Years of Service to North Glasgow**—That the Parliament congratulates Hawthorn Housing Co-operative, which is based in Possilpark, as it approaches its 30th anniversary; notes that the co-operative is fully mutual and managed by a dedicated voluntary management committee of local residents who, along with its staff, provide housing and other services to over 300 tenants; believes that it is a perfect example of a community working together, and wishes its members and staff well.

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***S5M-07225 Bill Kidd: Tony de Brum, Climate and Anti-nuclear Crusader**—That the Parliament notes the passing of Tony de Brum, the former Foreign Minister of the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the Pacific Ocean; understands that he was one of the first Marshall islanders to graduate from university, becoming his country's chief negotiator in achieving reparations for the nuclear test annihilation and poisoning of Bikini Atoll; acknowledges that he was noted internationally as a high-profile climate change campaigner due to the threats to his low-lying island nation; understands that he witnessed 67 nuclear tests as a child, which devastated his homeland, and that, having become his country's Foreign Minister, he spoke on the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty at both the UN and at the International Court of Justice, becoming recognised as a voice of knowledge, passion and reason on this issue, and sends its sincere condolences to the Marshall Islands, and, in particular, to Tony's wife, three children, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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***[S5M-07224](#) Fulton MacGregor: Pakistan Welfare Trust**—That the Parliament notes the 30th anniversary of the Pakistan Welfare Trust, which coincides with the 70th anniversary of Pakistan's independence; understands that the trust, whose current president, Dr Imtiaz Majid is from Coatbridge, was founded in 1987 with the purpose of providing advice and support on a range of issues relevant to the Pakistani community, includes, but not exclusively, issues related to immigration, race relations, education, health and social services; notes that it is completely non-religious and apolitical and is run solely on income from donations of its members, and wishes it well.

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***[S5M-07223](#) Fulton MacGregor: Kirkshaws Neighbourhood Centre**—That the Parliament congratulates the Kirkshaws Neighbourhood Centre, which is in Coatbridge, on being awarded £7,900 by Big Lottery Scotland's Award for All Programme to fund its Journey into Work Programme, which aims are to establish a series of job clubs to assist disabled people and others with long-term health conditions on their journey back into employment; welcomes that the clubs, which will be delivered by people with a lived experience of disability, will take a holistic approach and deliver a unique combination of personalised peer support and work-ready activities to increase confidence levels, obtain and improve work-ready skills and engage with local community to prevent social isolation; considers that this approach has a significant impact on the confidence, motivation and overall wellbeing of all of the participants by contributing to positive employment outcomes, and wishes all involved the very best for the delivery of the programme.

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***[S5M-07222](#) Fulton MacGregor: Sunnyside Coffee Co**—That the Parliament congratulates the Kirkshaws Neighbourhood Centre, which is in Coatbridge, on being awarded £7,900 by Big Lottery Scotland's Award for All Programme to fund its Journey into Work Programme, which aims to establish a series of job clubs to assist disabled people and others with long-term health conditions on their journey back into employment; understands that the clubs, which will be delivered by people with a lived experience of disability, will take a holistic approach and deliver a unique combination of personalised peer support and work-ready activities to increase confidence levels, obtain and improve work-ready skills and engage with local community to prevent social isolation; considers that this approach will have a significant impact on the confidence, motivation and overall wellbeing of all of the participants by contributing to positive employment outcomes, and wishes all involved the very best for the delivery of the programme.

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***[S5M-07220](#) John Finnie: A Green Journey to Growth**—That the Parliament notes the publication of Transform Scotland's report, *A Green Journey to Growth*, which records that rail journeys between central Scotland and London rose from a 20% market share to 33% between 2005 and 2015 and that the move to rail has saved more than 680,000 tonnes of carbon emissions, which it believes is equivalent to removing all traffic from the M8 between Glasgow and Edinburgh for two years; notes that it also argues that additional emissions would be saved should rail use continue towards a 50% share of the travel market between Edinburgh and London by 2023; understands that it also highlighted that further emission reductions could be expected through the introduction of the new Azuma trains on the East Coast route, which aim to cut the

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journey time between Edinburgh and London to four hours and that these trains will emit 28kg of carbon, 84% less than a flight, and welcomes the research, which it considers supports the call for greater investment in rail as a sustainable alternative to unnecessary tax giveaways for frequent flyers.

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***S5M-07219 Colin Beattie: Professor Julie Fitzpatrick Awarded Honorary Doctorate of Science**—That the Parliament congratulates Professor Julie Fitzpatrick, who is the Scientific Director of the Moredun Institute and the Chief Executive of the Moredun Group, on being awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science by Napier University; understands that Julie, who is based at the institute's offices at the Bush Estate, is world renowned for her work in research and education of livestock health and welfare and that she participates in numerous scientific advisory bodies in Scotland, the UK and internationally; notes that Julie was appointed an OBE in 2014 for services to animal health and science and received her honorary doctorate at special ceremony held in the Usher Hall, and considers this award to be well-deserved.

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***S5M-07218 Sandra White: GCU Advanced Higher Hub Success**—That the Parliament congratulates the Advanced Higher Hub (AHH) at Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) on what it regards as achieving an outstanding pass rate of 88% in the 2017 SQA examination diet; understands that four subject areas, Business Management, English, History, and Physics, achieved 100% pass rates; notes that GCU is committed to the common good by raising aspirations and widening access to higher education through its partnership with Glasgow City Council and the Scottish Funding Council, and with the AHH going in to its fifth year, wishes the new cohort of associate students the very best for the new academic year.

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***S5M-07217 Liam Kerr: Merchant Navy Day 2017**—That the Parliament notes that Merchant Navy Day will be marked on 3 September 2017; pays tribute to the merchant navy personnel who fought and gave their lives in the First and Second world wars; understands that the awareness day was introduced in 2000 in honour of the SS Athenia, the first UK vessel sunk during the Second World War; acknowledges the campaign by Seafarers UK to celebrate the day by flying the Red Ensign; notes that the flag will fly above the Ball House in Montrose from 1 to 4 September; recognises that, today, merchant seafarers are responsible for 90% of UK imports that are carried by ship and more than 75% of its exports, and appreciates the great work that the men and women of the merchant navy continue to do around the world.

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***S5M-07216 Bob Doris: University of Glasgow's Sports Reforms**—That the Parliament expresses concern regarding the reported plans to restructure staffing and service provision at University of Glasgow Sports as part of a programme to save £100,000 each year; understands with disappointment that the restructuring process plans were drawn up without any advance

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consultation with staff, trade unions or service users; rejects the plans for redundancies and significant pay decreases; believes that the proposals could lead to some staff having additional workload and responsibilities with less salary; rejects the plan to downsize the workforce at the Garscube Sports campus in Maryhill by withdrawing all receptionist cover and grounds staff; believes that this would place additional burdens on attendants, lead to poorer service for users and compromise the quality of ground maintenance; understands that many feel that these proposals are part of a wider-managed decline of the campus over a number of years; believes the facility has an important role to play in the development of Maryhill and is of economic significance to the city, given that clubs, such as Nottingham Forest, Astana, Stuttgart and Spartak Moscow, have used the facility as a training camp, as well as athletes, such as Laura Muir; appreciates that all services require reform from time to time, as well as investment, and calls on the university to implement a moratorium on the its plans and enter into discussions with staff, service users and unions over how to take forward any future reforms that can secure a vibrant future for the Garscube campus.

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***S5M-07215 Miles Briggs: New RCN Scotland Report**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of a new report by RCN Scotland, *Enhanced care in the palm of their hand: Developing mobile technologies for Scotland's district nursing teams*, which argues how improved mobile technologies can support district nursing teams work more effectively with people at home and in care homes, lead to support system efficiencies and bring better health outcomes; is aware that it was informed by interviews with district nurses and community nursing managers from seven NHS boards, as well as academics; understands that it suggests that the development of fit-for-purpose mobile technology for community nursing is still in its early stages in many areas and makes a number of recommendations on what is required to progress matters; considers that district nurses play a vital role in communities and can be enabled through the use of modern digital technology to make an even greater contribution, and hopes that the report both informs the Scottish Government's forthcoming digital health and social care strategy and leads to enhanced care across the country.

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***S5M-07214 Jackie Baillie: Dunbritton Housing Association**—That the Parliament congratulates Dunbritton Housing Association on its 25 years of service to people in West Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute; understands that it will mark this by hosting an anniversary celebration on 20 September 2017; recognises the huge contribution that the association makes to the area, with over 800 properties currently available, 150 in development and plans for a further 26 in place; notes that it also works with a range of partners to deliver employment opportunities to people through initiatives such as the modern apprenticeship programme; thanks the association for its contribution, and wishes it well for the next 25 years and beyond.

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***S5M-07213 Alexander Stewart: Asda's £875,000 Scottish Craft Beer Contract**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that St Andrews Brewing Company has agreed a contract with Asda to stock its craft beer in stores across Scotland; notes that with customer demand for craft beer growing, Asda has extended its range after collaborating with 10 breweries to bring an

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additional 25 new lines with a total contract value of £875,000; further notes that, for St Andrews, and the Black Isle, Bellfield, Tempest and Alchemy breweries, this represents their first listing with Asda following the company's collaboration with the Craft Beer Clan; understands that these deals mean that Asda's Scottish stores will now stock over 100 beers, ales and ciders brewed in the country; notes that its stores in Alloa and Dunfermline will be among those stocking these products, and considers this to be a further example of the company's commitment to supporting Scotland-based suppliers.

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***S5M-07212 Jackson Carlaw: Amy Clark, Special Olympics Hero**—That the Parliament applauds 17-year-old Amy Clark, who is a gymnast from Eaglesham, on her Gold medal haul at the 2017 Special Olympics GB National Games in Sheffield; understands that Amy won all four of her chosen rhythmic gymnastic routines and was ultimately named overall winner, taking her medal haul to an impressive five; pays tribute to Amy's hard work in reaching this level, which started when she began training with the City of Glasgow Gymnastics Club when aged five; notes that Amy has continued to improve, having built upon her successes, both national and international, which have seen her triumph at the 2013 GB Games in 2013 and the World Games, which were held in Los Angeles in 2015; believes that this is even more impressive given that no funding is provided to the athletes to attend the games, which take place every four years and are the largest such event in the UK; pays tribute also to the other 13 gymnasts from the west of Scotland who helped the team bring home a total of 23 Gold, 24 Silver and 14 Bronze gymnastic medals across all disciplines and levels; thanks Amy's coaches, family and fellow gymnasts on the role that they have played in supporting her growth as an athlete, and wishes Amy every success in gymnastics and for whatever other opportunities in life await her.

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***S5M-07210 Graeme Dey: Taste of Angus Food Charter**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Taste of Angus Food Charter, which seeks to have cafes, restaurants, schools, public bodies, community groups, shops and individuals promote the use of locally-sourced food and, in so doing, strengthen the area's economy and shorten supply chains; notes that it also aims to reduce food waste and unnecessary packaging, promote high animal welfare and provide opportunities for people to learn about farming, food growing and cooking, and wishes the initiative every success.

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***S5M-07209 Maurice Corry: Helensburgh Summer Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers of the annual Helensburgh summer festival, which was held in Colquhoun Square, on a successful occasion; recognises that over 3,000 people attended the event, which showcased the best assets of the town; commends everyone who gave their time to make the festival a reality, and looks forward to its continued success in future years.

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***S5M-07208 David Torrance: The Kingdom Kangaroos**—That the Parliament congratulates the Australian rules football club from Kirkcaldy, the Kingdom Kangaroos, on reaching the Scottish Australian Rules League Grand Final, which was played at Linlithgow Rugby Club; understands that the team, which was founded in 2013 and is Fife’s only representative in the sport, reached its first final by defeating the Edinburgh Bloods in an entertaining semi by 15-points after "owning" the third quarter; believes that, despite losing to the Glasgow Giants in the final, the players should be commended on their performance throughout the tournament, and wishes them all the very best for the future.

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***S5M-07207 Bruce Crawford: Stirling Highland Games**—That the Parliament acknowledges that the 2017 Stirling Highland Games were one of the city’s most anticipated annual events; notes that the competitions include running, cycling, Highland dancing, heavyweights and the long and triple jumps; appreciates the phenomenal piper performances throughout the day, and thanks the event organisers for once again providing a great family day out in Stirling.

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***S5M-07206 Angus MacDonald: New Carrongrange High School Opens its Doors**—That the Parliament welcomes the opening of the new Carrongrange High School in Grangemouth, which replaces the former school in Larbert; understands that it is a state-of-the-art facility that offers a learning environment specifically designed for children and young people with additional support needs; notes that it has been funded jointly by Falkirk Council and the Scottish Government’s Schools for the Future programme, which is managed by the Scottish Futures Trust and aims to support local authorities in achieving the best value-for-money by focussing on needs and by effective collaborative working; recognises the benefits that the new school will bring thanks to it having features such as therapy and sensory rooms, a life skills training flat, swimming and hydrotherapy pools and a sensory garden; acknowledges the building's focus on energy efficiency and sustainable energy, with the development of a green-roof garden that is accessible to all pupils and staff and solar panels to provide electricity and underfloor heating; wishes the pupils and staff a very happy “moving in day”, and looks forward to hearing of the positive outcomes that will be achieved in this fantastic new facility.

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***S5M-07205 Colin Beattie: Volunteer Midlothian Awarded Investing in Volunteers Status**—That the Parliament congratulates Volunteer Midlothian on it being awarded Investing in Volunteers status in recognition of it demonstrating good practice in the recruiting and managing volunteers; notes that it has around 100 volunteers who bring commitment and passion to their different roles, including befriending isolated older people, IT tutoring, supporting people with

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dementia, and community gardening; considers that the awarding of this status is well-deserved, and wishes Volunteer Midlothian the greatest of success with its future endeavours.

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***S5M-07204 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Corstorphine Art Group**—That the Parliament congratulates the Corstorphine Art Group on the success of its annual exhibition, which closed on 5 August 2017 after attracting hundreds of visitors; acknowledges that the group plays a valued role in the area; sends its full credit to the organisers and congratulates the artists who sold paintings during the event, and considers that the celebration of creative talent in communities is very welcome.

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***S5M-07203 Donald Cameron: Launch of First Isle of Barra Gin**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Isle of Barra Distillers' first product, Barra Atlantic Gin; recognises that the distillery is the first of its kind on the island and was set up in 2016 by Katie and Michael Morrison; understands that the main botanical ingredient used in the gin is locally-sourced seaweed, carrageen, which is collected from the shallows surrounding the island; acknowledges that around 70% of UK gin that is consumed comes from Scotland, and wishes Katie and Michael, and the business, every success.

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***S5M-07202 Alexander Stewart: Good Luck to Alva's Louise Young in the Great Scottish Run**—That the Parliament is enthused with the news that Louise Young, who is from Alva in Clackmannanshire, is preparing to take on the challenge of completing the Great Scottish Run on 1 October 2017 to raise money for Parkinson's UK; understands that Louise has always wanted to participate in a walking or running event to help support a charity and is taking part in the 10k challenge to help raise funds to tackle Parkinson's, which is a condition that her mother has, and wishes her the very best of luck in her endeavours.

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***S5M-07201 Michelle Ballantyne: The Depressed Cake Shop**—That the Parliament acknowledges the opening in Galashiels of the Depressed Cake Shop in Galashiels, which uses grey cakes to symbolise how depression can cover up and dampen otherwise vibrant lives; notes that it was inspired by the suicide of Evie Douglas, a dancer from Peebles who tragically passed away in 2014; recognises that, since then, Evie's mother, Freda, has campaigned to highlight mental health issues; notes that the shop will raise fund for the Inspiring Life Evie Douglas Memorial Fund, which raises awareness of mental health issues, challenges stigma and fundraises for mental health charities and support groups in the area; acknowledges that the shop will hold an event on 30 September 2017, which will allow people to discuss issues with

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professionals and experts and to take part in the SeeMe Walk a Mile, which is a walk that brings people together for friendly conversation and help them to challenge preconceptions of mental health, and wishes Freda, the organisers and participants well in their endeavours.

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***S5M-07200 John Scott: Ayr and District Flower Show**—That the Parliament congratulates the members of the Ayr and District Flower Show Committee on staging their inaugural show on 18 and 19 August 2017; applauds the efforts of the volunteers who ensured that the show ran so smoothly; thanks all of the local sponsors who contributed towards the staging of the event, and wishes the committee every success with their future shows.

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***S5M-07199 Sandra White: Glasgow University Union's European Success**—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Student's Debating Council's (SSDC) participants on their success at the 2017 European Universities Debating Championships (EUDC) in Tallinn; notes that Glasgow University Union's "A" Team won the Europe-wide open finals, and was the fifth-highest ranked team in the Open category, and that Edinburgh University Debates Union reached the quarter-finals; believes that the Glasgow team's success was the second time that a team from Scotland has won at the EUDC, following the University of St Andrews victory in 2015; notes that Glasgow's Bethany Garry, who was named the joint-first best speaker with an average of 83.3 points, was the first woman to win the top prize since 2005, and that, with an average of 83.2, the team's Owen Mooney was joint-third; understands that 11 SSDC teams from Glasgow, Edinburgh, St Andrews, Strathclyde and Aberdeen universities, grouped alongside teams from Durham and Newcastle, were among the 216 that took part; understands that 14 judges from Scotland's institutions helped to facilitate the event, including seven group judges from the SSDC, and that University of Glasgow graduates, Duncan Crowe and Elliot Porter, served as independent adjudicators; congratulates everyone involved, and welcomes the news of the return of the EUDC to Scotland in 2018, where it understands over 750 participants will take part in the 20th edition in Edinburgh.

Supported by: Clare Haughey*, Joan McAlpine*, Ash Denham*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*, Stewart Stevenson*, Ross Greer*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*, Jenny Gilruth*, Bill Kidd*, Tom Arthur*, Richard Lyle*

***S5M-07198 Michelle Ballantyne: Stowed Out Festival**—That the Parliament welcomes the Stowed Out Festival, which is a boutique music and arts festival that will be held in Stow from 25 to 26 August 2017; commends the high quality and diverse mix of performers across music, the spoken word and art; acknowledges the rapid growth of the festival in recent years; commends its ethos of championing acts that are both musically and emotionally engaging and its highlighting of the area's talent, and wishes success to everyone organising and taking part in the festival.

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Motions Gluasadan				

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***S5M-07197 Michelle Ballantyne: Penfest 2017**—That the Parliament welcomes Penfest 2017, which will run from 2 to 10 September; notes that the annual festival in Penicuik showcases the community's talent and brings events and arts to the town; acknowledges the diverse range of events, which will include the Penicuik Turner Prize, poetry and music in Rosslyn Chapel, the Festival Concert and readings and exhibitions from the area's writers and artists; notes that it is organised by Penicuik Community Arts Association, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary; acknowledges the work that the association does in the town throughout the year, and wishes success to everyone organising and taking part in the festival.

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***S5M-07196 Graeme Dey: Taste Angus Food and Drink Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers of the fifth annual Taste Angus Food and Drink Festival, which was held in the grounds of Glamis Castle on 19-20 August 2017; notes that the event, which promoted artisan food, drink and crafts from the area and showcased leading local and national culinary talent, drew large crowds from across the county and beyond, and looks forward to seeing it go from strength to strength.

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***S5M-07195 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Success for The Orkney Brewery**—That the Parliament congratulates The Orkney Brewery on its success at the World Beer Awards in London, at which its Dark Island Reserve was the UK Country winner in the Dark Beer (Strong) category and its Red Macgregor won a Gold in the UK Pale Beer (Amber) category, and recognises that this enhances the already strong global reputation of Orkney's food and drinks sector.

Supported by: Tom Mason*, Liam McArthur*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Edward Mountain*, Rachael Hamilton*, Liz Smith*, Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Donald Cameron*, Stewart Stevenson*, Margaret Mitchell*, Liam Kerr*, Finlay Carson*, Peter Chapman*, Alison Harris*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, John Scott*, Murdo Fraser*, Dean Lockhart*, Maree Todd*

***S5M-07194 Michelle Ballantyne: TD1 Youth Hub Awarded Grant**—That the Parliament recognises the work of the TD1 Youth Hub in Galashiels, a youth club that helps young people who risk making poor lifestyle choices, in particular those from chaotic backgrounds or who are young carers; notes that the hub has been awarded a £13,914 grant from the Bank of Scotland Foundation; further notes that the grant will pay for a youth worker, who will work directly with 10 to 14-year-olds; acknowledges that the hub offers a range of youth work opportunities, including drop-ins and one-to-one support work, and wishes the TD1 Youth Hub continued success in its efforts.

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Motions Gluasadan				

***S5M-07191 Brian Whittle: Young Rugby Stars Lift One Million Kilos for Doddie Weir Foundation**—That the Parliament congratulates players and staff at the BT Sport Rugby Academy in Edinburgh who together lifted one million kilos to raise nearly £3,000 for the Doddie Weir Foundation; notes that the group completed the challenge in 63 minutes, lifting the equivalent of two 747 jumbo jets, and further notes that Doddie, the former Scotland rugby international, recently revealed that he has been diagnosed with motor neurone disease (MND) in order to raise awareness of the condition, and has set up a foundation to fund research into tackling the disease.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-07190 Bruce Crawford: National Fish and Chip Awards, Real Food Café, Tyndrum (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, George Adam*, Murdo Fraser*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*, Jenny Gilruth*, Tom Arthur*, Sandra White*, Dean Lockhart*

S5M-07188 Alexander Stewart: Boys' Brigade Juniors 100th Anniversary (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Iain Gray*, Ash Denham*, Liam Kerr*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, John Mason*, Miles Briggs*, Finlay Carson*, Margaret Mitchell*, Murdo Fraser*, John Scott*, Alison Harris*, Dean Lockhart*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

S5M-07187 Monica Lennon: Free Sanitary Products in North Ayrshire Schools (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Iain Gray*, Neil Findlay*, James Kelly*, Alison Johnstone*

S5M-07186 Mark Ruskell: Macrobert Arts Centre, Living Wage Accreditation (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Alex Rowley*, Neil Findlay*

S5M-07185 Kenneth Gibson: Lebanon Repeals Outdated and Patriarchal Rape Law (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*, Tom Arthur*, Sandra White*

S5M-07184 Maree Todd: Stromness RNLI Reaches 150 Years Of Service (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Ash Denham*, Stuart McMillan*, Richard Lyle*, Liam Kerr*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Alex Rowley*, Neil Findlay*, Clare Haughey*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*, Jenny Gilruth*, Tom Arthur*, Sandra White*, John Finnie*

S5M-07183 Ash Denham: Fiona Polson (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*, Tom Arthur*, Sandra White*, Ben Macpherson*, Alison Johnstone*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-07182](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Scotland's First Unified Rugby Club to Compete in International Mixed Ability Rugby Tournament (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Neil Findlay*, Maurice Corry*, Finlay Carson*, Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*, John Scott*, Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-07181](#) Michelle Ballantyne: The Alternative 3 Peaks (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Finlay Carson*, Margaret Mitchell*, John Scott*, Alison Harris*, Dean Lockhart*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Alison Johnstone*

[S5M-07180](#) Bill Kidd: International Suicide Prevention Day, 10 September 2017 (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Bob Doris*, John Mason*, Neil Findlay*, Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Johann Lamont*, Tom Arthur*, Sandra White*, Maree Todd*, John Finnie*

[S5M-07179](#) Stewart Stevenson: Portsoy Sail Loft (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle*, Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Tom Arthur*, Gail Ross*

[S5M-07178](#) Alexander Stewart: Sauchie Man Recognised for 40 Years' Work with his Church (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Maurice Corry*, Finlay Carson*, Margaret Mitchell*, Donald Cameron*, Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07177](#) Peter Chapman: Aberdeenshire Gins Win Awards (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Finlay Carson*, Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*, Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-07176](#) George Adam: Gold Standard for Investors in People for RAMH (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Tom Arthur*, Sandra White*, Gail Ross*, Bruce Crawford*

[S5M-07175](#) Liam Kerr: SQA Exam Results at St Margaret's School for Girls, Aberdeen (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Maurice Corry*, Margaret Mitchell*, Alison Harris*, Dean Lockhart*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-07174](#) Liam McArthur: 150th Anniversary of Stromness RNLI (lodged on 18 August 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Neil Findlay*, Tom Arthur*, Gail Ross*

[S5M-07173](#) John Finnie: Scotland's Largest Solar Farm (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tom Arthur*, Gail Ross*, Maree Todd*

[S5M-07172](#) John Finnie: Plans for Community Buyout Bid of Ulva (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Tom Arthur*, Gail Ross*, Maree Todd*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-07171](#) John Finnie: New Social Enterprise Hub Opens in Inverness (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07170](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Penicuik Community First Responders (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Maurice Corry*, Margaret Mitchell*, John Scott*, Tom Arthur*, Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-07169](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Opening of Langlee Primary School (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Maurice Corry*, Margaret Mitchell*, John Scott*, Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*, Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-07168](#) Maurice Golden: Star Renewables Nominated for Global Game Changers Award (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Maurice Corry*, Margaret Mitchell*, John Scott*, Fulton MacGregor*, Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*, Dean Lockhart*, Maree Todd*

[S5M-07167](#) Michelle Ballantyne: National Mining Museum Family Fun Day (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Maurice Corry*, Margaret Mitchell*, John Scott*, Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*, Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-07166](#) Fulton MacGregor: Tony's Chippy, Shawhead (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-07165](#) Richard Leonard: Importance of Worker Ownership to the Scottish Economy (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Fulton MacGregor*, Johann Lamont*, Tom Arthur*, Ivan McKee*, Maree Todd*

[S5M-07164](#) Clare Adamson: Congratulating St Aidan's High School Pupils on Excellent Exam Results (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07163](#) Clare Adamson: Congratulating Pupils at Coltness High School on Gaining 5 Higher A Passes (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Tom Arthur*, Bruce Crawford*

[S5M-07162](#) Alexander Stewart: Two Alloa Pipers are World Champions of Champions (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Maurice Corry*, Margaret Mitchell*, John Scott*, Tom Arthur*, Bruce Crawford*, Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-07161](#) Kate Forbes: The Three Chimneys Named 2018 Good Food Guide Restaurant of the Year (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Maree Todd*

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[S5M-07160](#) Clare Adamson: Wishaw Athletes' Success at Special Olympics World Games (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07159](#) Liam Kerr: 20th Anniversary of the Crown Hotel, Inverbervie (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Maurice Corry*, Margaret Mitchell*, Tom Arthur*, Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-07158](#) Willie Coffey: Well Done Kilmarnock Pipe Band (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Tom Arthur*, Gail Ross*

[S5M-07157](#) Alexander Burnett: Arthritis Research UK and Aberdeen University Work Together to Improve Diagnosis Speeds (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Maurice Corry*, Margaret Mitchell*, John Scott*, Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07156](#) Donald Cameron: Success for West Highland College UHI in Recent Exams (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Maurice Corry*, Margaret Mitchell*, Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*, Dean Lockhart*, Maree Todd*

[S5M-07155](#) Johann Lamont: Short Film, Tax on Me (lodged on 17 August 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-07154](#) Alison Johnstone: Carers and Loneliness Survey (lodged on 16 August 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Tom Arthur*, Mark Griffin*, John Finnie*

[S5M-07151](#) Michelle Ballantyne: The Ship Inn Shortlisted for Pub Spy of the Year (lodged on 16 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*, Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-07150](#) Stuart McMillan: Friends of Wemyss Bay Station Award Nomination (lodged on 16 August 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07149](#) Kate Forbes: Serve Scotland (lodged on 16 August 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tom Arthur*, David Stewart*, Anas Sarwar*, Maurice Golden*, Rhoda Grant*

[S5M-07148](#) Annie Wells: Dementia Society at the University of Glasgow (lodged on 15 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07147](#) Bill Kidd: Justice4Jannies Dispute Ends (lodged on 15 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07146](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Leuchie House Hops in the Garden (lodged on 15 August 2017)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07145 Michelle Ballantyne: School Uniform Recycling Initiative](#) (lodged on 15 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07144 David Torrance: Exam Success for Kirkcaldy Pupil, Sean Murison](#) (lodged on 15 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07143 Johann Lamont: Anipals Glasgow](#) (lodged on 15 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07142 Alexander Stewart: Rosyth-built Aircraft Carrier Theme for the Tattoo](#) (lodged on 15 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07141 Bill Bowman: Gold Medal in the UK Special Olympics](#) (lodged on 15 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Alison Johnstone*

[S5M-07140 John Mason: Education Success](#) (lodged on 15 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*, Maree Todd*

[S5M-07139 Alexander Stewart: Cruise Line Increases Sailings from Rosyth](#) (lodged on 15 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-07138 Angus MacDonald: TCV Receives Funding for Kinneil Coastal Rangers Project in Bo'ness](#) (lodged on 15 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07137 Miles Briggs: Standard Life's Armed Forces Impact Report](#) (lodged on 15 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-07136 James Dornan: Congratulating Battlefield Rest](#) (lodged on 15 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07135 Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Woman Wins Three Medals at the British Transplant Games](#) (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-07134 Alison Johnstone: Record Numbers of Scottish Athletes at the IAAF World Championships 2017](#) (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-07133](#) John Mason: Gold Medal for Scotland at EuroHockey Men's Championship II (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07132](#) Neil Findlay: 50th Anniversary School Celebration (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07131](#) Neil Findlay: Former School Becomes New Homes (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07130](#) Neil Findlay: Gus's Charity Success (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07129](#) Neil Findlay: GB National Win (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07128](#) Neil Findlay: West Lothian Pupils' Exam Success (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-07126](#) Lewis Macdonald: Congratulations to Zoey Clark and the Women's 4x400m Relay Team (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07125](#) David Stewart: Highland Disability Sport Squad (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07124](#) Gail Ross: Deer Larder at Dale Farm (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*, Maree Todd*

[S5M-07123](#) Bruce Crawford: Support for Stirling Council's Women into Work (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-07122](#) Gail Ross: Far North Museums' Success (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*, Maree Todd*

[S5M-07121](#) Gail Ross: Mey-Gen Sea-based Turbines (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*, Maree Todd*

[S5M-07120](#) Gail Ross: Scotland at the Aqua Nor Exhibition (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*, Maree Todd*

[S5M-07118](#) Liam Kerr: Congratulations to Sandy Mitchell (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*, Gordon Lindhurst*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-07117](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Performance at Innerleithen Music Festival to Raise Funds for Peebles Royal British Legion (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Tom Arthur*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-07116](#) Gail Ross: Helmsdale Station's Dark Room (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*, Maree Todd*

[S5M-07115](#) Gail Ross: Ross and Cromarty Pipes and Drum School (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*, Maree Todd*

[S5M-07113](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Volunteer Midlothian Awarded Investing in Volunteers Status (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-07111](#) Miles Briggs: FOTA's Plan to Expand Pioneering Lothian CAMHS Project (lodged on 14 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*

[S5M-07110](#) Maurice Corry: Busiest Month Ever for Glasgow Airport (lodged on 11 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-07108](#) Bill Kidd: US Congress in Call for Diplomacy (lodged on 11 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Johnstone*

[S5M-07106](#) Jamie Greene: Dedication to the Ice (lodged on 11 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-07105](#) Gordon MacDonald: One million Kilos to Tackle MND (lodged on 11 August 2017)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst*, Alison Johnstone*

[S5M-07101](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Best Ever Lineup for Peebles Show (lodged on 11 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-07100](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Record Year for Borders Exam Results (lodged on 11 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-07099](#) Tom Arthur: Barrhead Youth FC (lodged on 11 August 2017)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S5M-07098](#) Peter Chapman: Peterhead Port Authority Awarded Major Contract (lodged on 11 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Gordon Lindhurst*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[**S5M-07094**](#) **Claudia Beamish: World Honey Bee Day, 19 August** (lodged on 10 August 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Maree Todd*

[**S5M-07092**](#) **Gillian Martin: Chelsea Ritchie Raises over £2,400 for Turriff Playgroup** (lodged on 10 August 2017)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[**S5M-07090**](#) **Ivan McKee: Benefits of Father-child Relationships** (lodged on 10 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[**S5M-07089**](#) **Gordon Lindhurst: Corstorphine Community Spirit** (lodged on 11 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*, Alison Johnstone*

[**S5M-07088**](#) **Liam Kerr: Angus and Mearns SQA Results** (lodged on 10 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*

[**S5M-07087**](#) **Kenneth Gibson: Artificial Intelligence, Future Prosperity or Existential Threat?** (lodged on 10 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[**S5M-07085**](#) **Miles Briggs: UK Government's £100 Million Push to Eliminate Polio** (lodged on 10 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*

[**S5M-07084**](#) **Bill Bowman: Kim Cameron and Gin Bothy, Angus** (lodged on 10 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Harris*

[**S5M-07083**](#) **Alison Johnstone: Impact of the Benefit Freeze** (lodged on 10 August 2017)

New Support: Mark Griffin*

[**S5M-07076**](#) **Bob Doris: Migrant Voice, Glasgow** (lodged on 10 August 2017)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[**S5M-07072**](#) **Bill Kidd: Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombings, August 1945** (lodged on 09 August 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Maree Todd*, Alison Johnstone*

[**S5M-07071**](#) **Mairi Gougeon: Tri Angus Ltd Raises over £3,000 for Tayside Mountain Rescue** (lodged on 09 August 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[**S5M-07068**](#) **Michelle Ballantyne: Generations Working Together** (lodged on 09 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[**S5M-07065**](#) **Bill Kidd: Disability Futsal Club** (lodged on 08 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-07061](#) Gail Ross: Co-op Volunteering Project in Wick (lodged on 08 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[S5M-07051](#) Gail Ross: World Mountain Running Championship Premana, Italy (lodged on 07 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[S5M-07043](#) Liam Kerr: Angus Glens Moorland Group Community March (lodged on 07 August 2017)

New Support: Peter Chapman*

[S5M-07041](#) Gail Ross: Kara Sutherland Wins Darts Championship (lodged on 07 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[S5M-07035](#) Gail Ross: Dolphin Snorkelers Ullapool (lodged on 04 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[S5M-07022](#) Liam McArthur: 50th Anniversary of Orkney Nav School (lodged on 04 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[S5M-07021](#) Liam McArthur: Blue Door Charity Shop Receives The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (lodged on 04 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[S5M-07020](#) Liam McArthur: 100th Anniversary of First Maritime Aircraft Landing (lodged on 04 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[S5M-07019](#) Liam McArthur: Scapa Flow Visitor Centre and Museum (lodged on 04 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[S5M-06996](#) Kate Forbes: Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival (lodged on 03 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[S5M-06988](#) Elaine Smith: Breastfeeding Education in Schools (lodged on 02 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[S5M-06986](#) Gail Ross: Sutherland Tea Garden (lodged on 02 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[S5M-06985](#) Gail Ross: Amanda Coghill, UK Florist of the Year Finalist (lodged on 02 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

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[**S5M-06979**](#) **Edward Mountain: North Coast 500 and Five Munros Challenge** (lodged on 02 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[**S5M-06974**](#) **Edward Mountain: Fin Graham, British National Paracycling Champion** (lodged on 02 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[**S5M-06963**](#) **Christine Grahame: Generations Working Together** (lodged on 01 August 2017)

New Support: Alison Johnstone*

[**S5M-06959**](#) **Kate Forbes: Brian Devlin and Black Isle Cares** (lodged on 01 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[**S5M-06958**](#) **Kate Forbes: Black Isle Show's 180th Anniversary** (lodged on 01 August 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[**S5M-06938**](#) **Christina McKelvie: Recounting Women** (lodged on 31 July 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[**S5M-06929**](#) **Liam Kerr: Fundraising in Memory of Alex Johnstone MSP** (lodged on 31 July 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[**S5M-06928**](#) **Liam Kerr: Condemning Vanguard Britannia** (lodged on 31 July 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[**S5M-06918**](#) **Clare Adamson: Motherwell FC Welcomes Syrian Refugees** (lodged on 28 July 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[**S5M-06917**](#) **Ruth Maguire: Erin Cuthbert Scores Historic First Goal for Scotland** (lodged on 28 July 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[**S5M-06916**](#) **Elaine Smith: World Breastfeeding Week** (lodged on 28 July 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[**S5M-06906**](#) **Anas Sarwar: World Hepatitis Day 2017** (lodged on 28 July 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[**S5M-06897**](#) **Bill Kidd: Unison's Access to Justice Campaign** (lodged on 28 July 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[**S5M-06879**](#) **Edward Mountain: SGL Carbon Fibers Ltd** (lodged on 27 July 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

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[S5M-06876](#) Neil Findlay: Pride West Lothian (lodged on 27 July 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[S5M-06837](#) John Mason: Increased UK Borrowing (lodged on 24 July 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[S5M-06834](#) John Mason: Early Deaths Due to Alcohol Problems and Cheap Alcohol (lodged on 26 July 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*

[S5M-06689](#) Colin Smyth: Sainsbury's and the Fairtrade Mark (lodged on 11 July 2017)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

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Written Questions

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

Government initiated questions lodged from 21 August 2017 to 25 August 2017

[S5W-10871](#) Ash Denham: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the recent appointments to positions heading its overseas offices in Beijing and Washington DC.

[S5W-10951](#) George Adam: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on which projects will receive funding from the £2.5 million Employability Innovation and Integration Fund that was announced in June 2017.

Written questions lodged from 21 August 2017 to 25 August 2017

[S5W-10837](#) Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve road safety on the A7 in light of recent fatalities.

[S5W-10838](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to tackle the challenges presented to the NHS by the ageing population of the Scottish Borders in light of the report, *Household Projections for Scotland, 2014-based*, published by the National Records of Scotland, which predicts that the number of households in the region headed by someone aged over 75 will increase by 83% between 2014 and 2039.

[S5W-10839](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking in the Scottish Borders to provide sufficient housing in light of the report, *Household Projections for Scotland, 2014-based*, published by the National Records of Scotland, which predicts that the number of households in the region will rise by 8% between 2014 and 2039.

[S5W-10840](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to tackle the challenges presented to schools in the Scottish Borders in light of the report, *Household Projections for Scotland, 2014-based*, published by the National Records of Scotland, which predicts that the number of households in the region will rise by 8% between 2014 and 2039.

[S5W-10841](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to tackle the challenges presented to transport in the Scottish Borders in light of the report, *Household Projections for Scotland, 2014-based*, published by the National Records of Scotland, which predicts that the number of households in the region will rise by 8% between 2014 and 2039.

[S5W-10842](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to tackle the challenges presented to social care by the ageing population of the Borders in light of the report, *Household Projections for Scotland, 2014-based*, published by the National Records of Scotland which predicts that the number of households in the region headed by someone aged over 75 will increase by 83% between 2014 and 2039.

[S5W-10846](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government how many Scottish Enterprise Research and Development grants have been awarded to companies that are (a) based in and (b) planning to set up in Scotland (i) in each of the last five years and (ii) since April 2017, broken down by (A) sector, (B) location and (C) amount awarded.

[S5W-10847](#) Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government how many companies that are (a) based in and (b) planning to set up in Scotland that have applied for a 2017-18 Scottish Enterprise

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Research and Development Grants have been advised by the agency that it will not be able to make a payment award until May 2018, broken down by (i) sector, (ii) location and (iii) amount requested, and how many have received their award.

S5W-10849 Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report in *The Sunday Times* on 20 August 2017 that Scottish Enterprise has exhausted its Research and Development Grants budget for 2017-18.

S5W-10850 Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government how much it allocated to Scottish Enterprise to fund its Research and Development Grants (a) in each of the last five years and (b) for 2017-18.

S5W-10851 Alexander Burnett: Further to the answer to question S5W-09491 by Kevin Stewart on 7 June 2017, what information it has regarding how many complaints about unauthorised waste and recycling sites have been (a) raised and (b) investigated by Aberdeenshire Council in each of the last 10 years; how many of these (i) were upheld and (ii) remain unresolved; what the average time taken was to resolve a complaint, and how many resulted in (A) retrospective planning applications and (B) fines, broken down by the average size of fine. **R**

S5W-10853 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what processes are in place to measure and address (a) illiteracy, (b) substance abuse and (c) mental health issues among (i) prisoners and (ii) offenders.

S5W-10856 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what processes are in place to measure and address (a) the housing difficulties of and (b) poverty among offenders, (i) generally and (ii) upon release from prison.

S5W-10858 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to changing the law in relation to the responsibilities landowners have to control (a) giant hogweed and (b) other non-native invasive species.

S5W-10859 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government how long it takes on average to determine planning appeals.

S5W-10860 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on commissioning boards independent of local authorities to carry out an external analysis of the significant case reviews of social work services.

S5W-10861 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how many significant case reviews of social work services have been carried out in each year since 1999; how many recommendations have been (a) made and (b) implemented, and how many of the recommendations focused on a need for better support for (i) social workers and (ii) families, also broken down by how many of these have been implemented.

S5W-10864 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what progress has been made with the consultation for the Good Food Nation Bill.

S5W-10865 Margaret Mitchell: To ask the Scottish Government which prisons have access to police sniffer dogs, and for how long each week.

S5W-10866 Margaret Mitchell: To ask the Scottish Government many police sniffer dogs there are.

S5W-10867 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of it stating in the Privacy Impact Assessment for the Social Security (Scotland) Bill that it plans to bring forward amendments at Stage 2 to provide for new information sharing gateways, (a) for what reason these proposals were not published when the bill was introduced and (b) whether the proposals will be published before the Social Security Committee concludes its Stage 1 consideration.

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[S5W-10868](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of it stating in the Privacy Impact Assessment for the Social Security (Scotland) Bill that it plans to bring forward amendments at Stage 2 to provide for new information sharing gateways, whether it is considering other major amendments to be introduced at Stage 2 and, if so, (a) on what subject areas, (b) for what reason these proposals were not published when the bill was introduced and (c) whether the proposals will be published before the Social Security Committee concludes its Stage 1 consideration.

[S5W-10869](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what action it takes to promote the principle that crimes committed online should be taken as seriously as those committed in person.

[S5W-10870](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to raise awareness of the policy guidance that was issued by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service on 4 December 2014 regarding communications sent via social media.

[S5W-10872](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how many claims for expenses from members of experience panels it has (a) received and (b) processed, and how many claims have been reimbursed.

[S5W-10873](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how many experience panel meetings have been held, broken down by the number of attendees.

[S5W-10874](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how the information collected from experience panels is being (a) collected, (b) reported and (c) used to inform policy development.

[S5W-10875](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what expenses scheme is in place for people who attend experience panel meetings, and what the timescale is for reimbursement.

[S5W-10876](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether it offers experience panel respondents travel vouchers or upfront assistance to meet travel costs of attending meetings.

[S5W-10877](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how many staff from each of its other directorates have been (a) transferred and (b) seconded to its Social Security Directorate.

[S5W-10878](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how many staff in its Social Security directorate have been seconded from (a) the Department for Work and Pensions and (b) other UK Government departments.

[S5W-10879](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how many staff its Social Security directorate has employed each month.

[S5W-10880](#) Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government how it will implement recommendation 4 of the *Report of the Barclay Review of Non-Domestic Rates*, regarding the introducing a new relief for day nurseries to support childcare provision.

[S5W-10881](#) Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government what funding it provides to support the teaching of British Sign Language in colleges.

[S5W-10882](#) Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government what funding it provides to encourage people to acquire teaching qualifications in British Sign Language, and whether it provides additional or specific assistance toward the training of tutors from the deaf community.

[S5W-10883](#) Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government what funding it provides to encourage colleges to employ tutors from the deaf community to teach British Sign Language.

[S5W-10884](#) Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the planned lower fares from 2018 will have on (a) passenger and (b) vehicle numbers on the (i) Aberdeen – Lerwick, (ii) Aberdeen – Kirkwall, (iii) Kirkwall – Lerwick and (iv) Scrabster – Stromness NorthLink ferry service routes.

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[S5W-10885 Tavish Scott:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it will take account of the impact of any increase in (a) passenger and (b) vehicle numbers arising from the planned lower fares from 2018 when planning future ferry service contracts for routes between the Scottish mainland and (i) Shetland and (ii) Orkney.

[S5W-10886 Tavish Scott:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it will take account of the impact of the ending of the streamline shipping lift-on lift-off cargo service to the islands when planning future freight ferry services for routes between the Scottish mainland and (a) Shetland and (b) Orkney.

[S5W-10887 Mark Griffin:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what childcare it has provided at experience panel meetings.

[S5W-10888 Jamie Greene:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it takes to encourage the transport sector to reduce its carbon emissions output.

[S5W-10889 Dean Lockhart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what financial support it provides to ensure that (a) local authorities, (b) housing associations and (c) other housing providers meet the timescales for installing disability-appropriate adaptations that are required to be made to properties.

[S5W-10890 Dean Lockhart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what work it has carries out with (a) health and social care partnerships, (b) disabled people and (c) the housing sector in the Mid Scotland and Fife parliamentary region regarding the development of guidance for (i) local authorities, (ii) housing associations and (iii) other housing providers regarding the timescales for installing disability-appropriate adaptations that are required to be made to properties.

[S5W-10891 Dean Lockhart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it last met representatives of disabled people's organisations and what was discussed.

[S5W-10892 Dean Lockhart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what work it carries out with with local authorities in the Mid-Scotland and Fife parliamentary region to ensure that realistic targets are set in their respective housing strategies regarding the delivery of wheelchair-accessible housing.

[S5W-10893 Dean Lockhart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it supports local authorities to maximise usage of accessible housing stock.

[S5W-10894 Dean Lockhart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making toward its commitments regarding regulations for adaptations to accessible housing.

[S5W-10895 Dean Lockhart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recommendations in the report, *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People*, when it last received an update from local authorities regarding the setting of realistic targets for the delivery of wheelchair-accessible housing.

[S5W-10896 Alexander Stewart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to retain (a) shops and (b) businesses in (i) towns and (ii) cities; how it can help them in reducing their bills; what its position is on introducing an extended 12-month period of business rates relief for them, and what specific support it can offer to those that (A) are investing in expansion and (B) source their supplies locally rather than through wholesale distributors. **R**

[S5W-10897 Mark Ruskell:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what impact the recommendations of *The Hansford Review: Unlocking Rail Investment - Building Confidence, Reducing Costs* will have on the delivery and workings of the Scotrail Alliance.

[S5W-10898 Adam Tomkins:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what meetings (a) ministers and (b) officials have had with the Scottish Palestinian Solidarity Campaign since May 2016; who attended, and what was discussed.

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S5W-10899 Bill Bowman: To ask the Scottish Government what guidance is provided to NHS boards regarding which staff are authorised to administer medication from blister packs that are issued by pharmacists during residential care visits.

S5W-10900 Bill Bowman: To ask the Scottish Government what promotion opportunities there are for community nurses who do not have without a master's degree.

S5W-10901 Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent report by the NSPCC, How safe are our children? 2017, and its findings that, in Scotland, there was a (a) 35% increase between 2002 and 2006 of the number of children on a child protection register at one time, (b) 116% increase between 2002 and 2006 of the number of children added to a child protection register each year and (c) 7% increase between 2014 and 2016 of the number of police-recorded offences for "obscene publications".

S5W-10903 Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-09970 by Shona Robison on 10 August 2017, whether any other dates were agreed for the cabinet secretary to visit the hospital prior to visit on 6 July 2017 that were subsequently changed and, if so, when the initial dates for these were entered in her diary.

S5W-10904 Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) Public Health England and (b) the Food Standards Agency regarding the threat of hepatitis E from pork products purchased in supermarkets in Scotland.

S5W-10905 Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government how many tram tickets for travel to Edinburgh Airport were purchased by passengers departing from Edinburgh Gateway Station since it opened, and how many of these tickets were prepaid.

S5W-10907 Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government how many joint train and tram tickets have been purchased for journeys starting in Fife and connecting through Edinburgh Gateway Station, since it opened.

S5W-10908 Dean Lockhart: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body for what reason MSP staff, as building users, are not included in the text messaging alert system, given that their employer may be unable to communicate to them important messages that affect all building users.

S5W-10909 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what additional measures it has put in place to support the receipt of baby boxes by women who are vulnerable or hard to reach, including Gypsy/Traveller women, women in temporary accommodation, women on remand or serving short sentences, women who are homeless, refugees or asylum seekers, foster parents and women with learning difficulties.

S5W-10910 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is gathering information on the (a) registration and (b) successful delivery of baby boxes to women who are entitled to income-related maternity grants.

S5W-10911 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what it has agreed with APS (Scotland) Group Ltd regarding the circumstances in which the company is permitted to cease trying to deliver a baby box, and what further steps are then taken in relation to such cases.

S5W-10912 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-05421 by Mark McDonald on 15 December 2016, whether it will reconsider its decision not to include sanitary products in the baby box.

S5W-10913 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-01442 by Michael Matheson on 10 August 2016, what progress it has made reviewing and refreshing the Scottish Prison Service Violence Reduction Strategy and policy

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approaches; what areas for improvement were identified; what action is being taken to reduce violence across the prison estate, and when this will next be reviewed.

S5W-10914 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-01444 by Mark McDonald on 5 August 2016, what action it has taken to establish more efficient and receptive support services regarding mental health services for bereaved children and young people, and how much of the additional £150 million investment in mental health services is allocated to this.

S5W-10915 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to ensure that all children and young people have access to a school-based counselling service.

S5W-10916 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is undertaking any work to assess the affordability of school uniform policies, including bespoke items from specified suppliers, braiding, year group ties and school tartans, and what its position is on any link between school uniforms and attainment.

S5W-10917 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the link between homework and attainment.

S5W-10920 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-10412 by Humza Yousaf on 21 August 2017, what its definition of "Autumn" is and whether it will confirm on what date it will publish the emerging findings of the review.

S5W-10921 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase the number of rapid electrical chargers for electric cars throughout the country in order to increase the use of these vehicles.

S5W-10922 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what further plans it has to improve the road network, following the completion of the M8 from Glasgow to Edinburgh.

S5W-10923 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support (a) airlines and (b) airports to tackle alcohol abuse on flights, in light of recent reports of misbehaviour on Ryanair flights.

S5W-10924 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of reported concerns regarding train delays in the west of Scotland.

S5W-10925 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of satisfaction scores for rail station parking.

S5W-10926 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken regarding solutions to traffic congestion at Largs ferry terminal.

S5W-10927 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what issues the Accessible Travel Framework has solved for disabled people, and whether it plans to conduct further research into improving transport accessibility.

S5W-10928 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to improve infrastructure on the Isle of Skye in order to help both residents and the tourism industry.

S5W-10929 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how it will improve infrastructure in the Highlands, where it is reported that a surge in tourism is causing increased pressure on public transport and Wi-Fi and mobile phone networks.

S5W-10930 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support airlines that are expanding their operations in Scotland and creating jobs.

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[S5W-10931 Ivan McKee:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it will make known its intentions regarding the future provision of bus passes for people over 60, so that those approaching this age can plan for their future travel needs.

[S5W-10932 Graham Simpson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to bring forward a bill to tackle the issue of cars being parked on kerbs, in light of the Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill that was introduced in 2015 but which subsequently fell.

[S5W-10933 Neil Findlay:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its figures that predict that Midlothian will be the fastest growing area in Scotland in the next 25 years, how it considers the council will be able to maintain current services or increase essential services in line with predicted growth given the reduction in its budget as a result of the latest local government settlement.

[S5W-10934 Neil Findlay:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what impact the latest local government settlement will have on Midlothian Council's budget in the next five financial years.

[S5W-10935 Jamie Greene:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to improve (a) the reliability and punctuality of rail services and (b) rail stations.

[S5W-10936 Linda Fabiani:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it has been asked to provide information to the UK's Migration Advisory Committee regarding the impact that EU and non-EU students have on Scotland.

[S5W-10937 Pauline McNeill:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much it has reimbursed local authorities under the Scottish Welfare Fund scheme, Assistance with Housing Costs for 18-21 year olds.

[S5W-10938 Dean Lockhart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many organisations or businesses have received assistance from the Scottish Growth Scheme to date.

[S5W-10939 Liam Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many trains from Edinburgh to Aberdeen have arrived later than the scheduled arrival time since 1 January 2016, also expressed as a percentage of total services on the route.

[S5W-10940 Liam Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many services on the Edinburgh to Aberdeen route since 1 January 2016 were held for one minute or more at the single track section at Usan.

[S5W-10941 Liam Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, of the train services that have arrived late to their final destination on the Edinburgh to Aberdeen route since 1 January 2016, how many of these are as a result of a delay at Usan, also expressed as a percentage of all services on the route.

[S5W-10942 Liam McArthur:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it is committed to adopting an "out to in" approach to the delivery of its R100 project to provide high-speed broadband to every premises in Scotland by 2021.

[S5W-10943 Liam Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government which budget is being used for the cost of installing and maintaining average speed cameras on the A90.

[S5W-10944 Liam Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government which budget is being used to scope, project manage and deliver construction of the Laurencekirk A90 flyover.

[S5W-10945 Liam Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether the delivery of the average speed camera project on the A90 will impact on the timescale and delivery of the Laurencekirk flyover.

[S5W-10947 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-10644 by John Swinney on 24 August 2017, what action it is taking to increase the number

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of modern language assistants in (a) Lothian, (b) local authorities that do not currently employ any and (c) Scotland.

S5W-10948 Adam Tomkins: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review the law on residential designated disabled parking spaces to give them a stronger legally enforceable status.

S5W-10949 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what the timetable is for the establishment and reporting of the Transport Appraisal Working Group for the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal.

S5W-10950 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government how the Apprenticeship Levy can be used to support upskilling of an existing workforce.

S5W-10952 Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether the recent appointment to the position of deputy chief executive of NHS Lothian was advertised and an open recruitment process followed.

S5W-10953 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-25921 by Jamie Hepburn on 12 June 2015, whether it will provide data for (a) 2014-15, (b) 2015-16 and (c) 2016-17.

S5W-10954 Maurice Corry: To ask the Scottish Government what work is being undertaken to lower the mortality rates at the (a) Vale of Leven Hospital and (b) Royal Alexandra Hospital, in light of recent reports that they have mortality rates that are "significantly higher" than the national average.

S5W-10955 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government how many quad bikes have been registered in Scotland on the DVLA's voluntary registration scheme, and what action it is taking to promote the scheme.

S5W-10956 Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to promote the responsible selling among retailers and wholesalers of (a) quad bikes and (b) other similar single person-operated vehicles.

S5W-10957 Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government, with regard to the Cloich Forest Wind Farm development, whether (a) a full hydrological survey has been carried out, (b) a risk assessment has been completed and (c) mitigation measures are in place.

S5W-10958 Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what measures are in place to protect the private water supplies of those affected by the Cloich Forest Wind Farm development, in accordance with SEPA guidance note 31.

S5W-10959 Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what limits are now placed on any further alteration to the agreed development plan at the Cloich Forest Wind Farm development.

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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.

Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 29 June 2017

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 19 June 2017

Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Justice Committee), 13 June 2017

Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 27 June 2017

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Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice)), 27 June 2017

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Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill (P)

Preliminary Stage, 28 June 2017

Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 27 June 2017

Lead committee - Rural Economy and Connectivity

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 22 June 2017

Islands (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 9 June 2017

Lead committee - Rural Economy and Connectivity

Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice Committee)), 27 June 2017

Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill (P)

Preliminary Stage, 21 June 2017

Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 completed, 28 June 2017

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Social Security (Scotland) Bill (G)

Briefing (lead committee (Social Security Committee)), 29 June 2017

Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)), 27 June 2017

Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill (P)

Preliminary Stage, 6 September 2017

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Affirmative instruments

Lead committee to report by 13 September 2017

[Advice and Assistance \(Proceedings for Recovery of Documents\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\] \(1 June 2017\)](#) (Justice)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 6 September 2017

Lead committee to report by 30 June 2017

[Education Authority Annual Plan Planning Period \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/165\)](#) (25 May 2017) (Education and Skills)

Subject to annulment by 12 September 2017

Lead committee to report by 11 September 2017

[Environmental Impact Assessment \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/168\)](#) (31 May 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Requirements for Teachers \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/170\)](#) (31 May 2017) (Education and Skills)

Subject to annulment by 13 September 2017

Lead committee to report by 11 September 2017

[Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/171\)](#) (1 June 2017) (Education and Skills)

[Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland \(Practice and Procedure\) \(No. 2\) Amendment Rules 2017 \(SSI 2017/172\)](#) (1 June 2017) (Health and Sport)

[Mental Health \(Conflict of Interest\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/174\)](#) (1 June 2017) (Health and Sport)

[Mental Health \(Patient Representation\) \(Prescribed Persons\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/175\)](#) (1 June 2017) (Health and Sport)

[Mental Health \(Certificates for Medical Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/176\)](#) (1 June 2017) (Health and Sport)

[Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/177\)](#) (1 June 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Milk and Other Products \(Pupils in Educational Establishments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/178\)](#) (1 June 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Seed \(Fees etc.\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/179\)](#) (1 June 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 14 September 2017

Lead committee to report by 11 September 2017

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[Education \(Fees and Student Support\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/180\)](#) (2 June 2017) (Education and Skills)

[Welfare Reform \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/182\)](#) (2 June 2017) (Education and Skills)

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/187\)](#) (2 June 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Building \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/188\)](#) (2 June 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Town and Country Planning \(General Permitted Development\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/189\)](#) (2 June 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 26 September 2017

Lead committee to report by 18 September 2017

[Loch Carron Urgent Marine Conservation \(No. 2\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/205\)](#) (14 June 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Subject to annulment by 28 September 2017

Lead committee to report by 25 September 2017

[Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Prescribed Days\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/207\)](#) (16 June 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 2 October 2017

Lead committee to report by 25 September 2017

[Building \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/214\)](#) (20 June 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 27 October 2017

Lead committee to report by 23 October 2017

[Energy Performance of Buildings \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/225\)](#) (29 June 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Universal Credit \(Claims and Payments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/227\)](#) (29 June 2017) (Social Security)

Subject to annulment by 28 October 2017

Lead committee to report by 23 October 2017

[National Health Service \(Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/231\)](#) (30 June 2017) (Health and Sport)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 23 August 2017 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Self-directed support 2017 progress report - A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts Commission for Scotland: AGS/2017/6 laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act.

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 25 August 2017 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Quality Meat Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/135 laid under section 12(5) of the Quality Meat Scotland Order 2008 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Annual Report of Seirbheis nam Meadhanan Gàidhlig (Gaelic Media Service) and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/141 laid under Schedule 19 (12) of the Broadcasting Act 1990.

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