

Tuesday 5 December 2017

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection - Ms Fiona Stewart, Creative Director, Foolproof Creative Arts (arts outreach charity with a Christian foundation) and contributor to BBC Radio Scotland's 'Thought for the Day'.

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Planning and Inclusive Growth

**followed by** Public Petitions Committee  
Debate: PE1517 Polypropylene Mesh  
Medical Devices

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-07698 Bruce Crawford: Sue Ryder Report, Don't Write Me Off

### Committee Meetings

**9:45am** Justice Committee

**10:00am** Health and Sport Committee

**10:30am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**10:30am** Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

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**1. Kate Forbes:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact it expects the branch closures announced by RBS will have on communities across Scotland. ([S5T-00811](#))

**followed by Ministerial Statement: Planning and Inclusive Growth**

**followed by Public Petitions Committee Debate: PE1517 Polypropylene Mesh Medical Devices**

**[S5M-09241](#) Johann Lamont on behalf of the Public Petitions Committee: PE1517 Polypropylene Mesh Medical Devices**—That the Parliament notes public petition PE1517 on polypropylene mesh medical devices.

**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

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

**[S5M-07698](#) Bruce Crawford: Sue Ryder Report, Don't Write Me Off**—That the Parliament recognises the devastating impact that neurological conditions can have on the lives of many people affected by these and their families; considers that specialist care and support for people in the Mid Scotland and Fife parliamentary region, and across the country, with a neurological condition can help them to live as independently as possible, minimising the impact of the condition on their day-to-day living and provide quality of life; recognises the Sue Ryder report, *Rewrite the Future*, on the benefits of consistent specialist care and support; welcomes the current review of clinical standards for neurological health services which, if rigorously monitored and measured, should, it considers, lead to better care and support, and notes the call for work to be undertaken between people with neurological conditions, the third sector and public bodies to develop a neurological health and social care strategy to ensure that people with such conditions are supported to live their lives as fully as possible.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Justice Committee 35th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to consider a draft Stage 1 report on the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) in private at item 7 today and at future meetings.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the—
  - First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Additional Support Needs Tribunals for Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft];
  - First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Scottish Charity Appeals Panel) Regulations 2018 [draft];
  - First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Health and Education Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft];
  - First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals Cases and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft];
  - Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Authorities) Amendment Order 2018 [draft];from—  
Annabelle Ewing, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, Hannah Frodsham, Policy Executive, and John St Clair, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Annabelle Ewing (Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs) to move—
  - S5M-08839—That the Justice Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Additional Support Needs Tribunals for Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved;
  - S5M-08840—That the Justice Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Scottish Charity Appeals Panel) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved;
  - S5M-08841—That the Justice Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Health and Education Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved;
  - S5M-09234—That the Justice Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals Cases and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved;

- S5M-08843—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Authorities) Amendment Order 2018 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/387);  
  
Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2017 (SSI 2017/393);  
  
First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Health and Education Chamber and General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals (Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/398).
  5. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 23 November 2017.
  6. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Annabelle Ewing, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, David Bell, Senior Policy Officer, Katherine Myant, Principal Research Officer, and Craig French, Solicitor, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.
  7. **Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

## Health and Sport Committee 29th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **EU Reporter:** The Committee will consider the appointment of a second EU Reporter.
2. **Scrutiny of NHS Boards - NHS Ayrshire and Arran:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
John Burns, Chief Executive, Dr Martin Cheyne, Chairman, and Derek Lindsay, Director of Finance, NHS Ayrshire and Arran;  
Tim Eltringham, Director, South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.
3. **Targets and Indicators in Health and Social Care in Scotland - A Review:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
  
Professor Sir Harry Burns, Chair of the National Review into targets and indicators for health and social care.
4. **Scrutiny of NHS Boards - NHS Ayrshire and Arran (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the session.
5. **Targets and Indicators in Health and Social Care in Scotland - A Review (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the session.
6. **Child Protection in Sport (in private):** The Committee will consider further draft correspondence.

## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 34th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Consideration of the work of the Committee during the parliamentary year 2016-17:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Parliamentary Business;  
Alun Ellis, Head of Legislation Team, Parliament and Legislation Team;  
Fiona Burnet, Solicitor and Deputy Head of Business Division, Scottish Government Legal Directorate;  
Luke McBratney, Head of Legislative Consequences of EU Withdrawal Team, Scottish Government.

3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Police Investigations and Review Commissioner \(Application and Modification of the Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \[draft\]](#).
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Novel Foods \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/415\)](#).
5. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Act of Sederunt \(Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment\) \(Sittings of the Court\) 2017 \(SSI 2017/414\)](#).
6. **Consideration of the work of the Committee during the parliamentary year 2016-17:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

### Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 31st Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Air quality in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, Neil Ritchie, Branch Head of Environmental Quality Division, and Andrew Taylor, Air Quality Policy Manager, Scottish Government;  
Yvette Sheppard, Environment and Sustainability Manager, Transport Scotland.
3. **Air quality in Scotland:** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 29 November 2017

### Wednesday 6 December 2017

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions  
Communities, Social Security and Equalities

**followed by** Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Debate: Justice

**followed by** Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Debate: Finance

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-07776 Richard Lochhead: Unfair Parcel Delivery Charges

### Thursday 7 December 2017

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

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

**12:45 pm** Members' Business — S5M-07735 Alexander Stewart: Brain Tumour Awareness in Scotland

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Ministerial Statement: Improving Scotland's Air Quality - Putting in Place Scotland's Low Emission Zones

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Tuesday 12 December 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 13 December 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 14 December 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

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**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>

### Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

6 December 2017

35th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.

#### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 20 December, the Committee expects to consider to take oral evidence from Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity on the Draft Budget 2018-19. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at [rec.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:rec.committee@parliament.scot) or 0131 348 5211.

### Local Government and Communities Committee

6 December 2017

30th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 from—  
Tony Cain, Policy Manager, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers;  
David Stewart, Policy Lead, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations;  
Douglas Black, Secretary, Local Government Service Group, and Mark Ferguson, Chair, Local Government Committee, UNISON Scotland;  
and then from—  
Robert Emmott, Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar;  
Alastair MacArthur, Head of Finance, Renfrewshire Council.
2. **Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
  
Bill Thomson, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland;  
Claire Gilmore, Senior Investigating Officer, and Ian Bruce, Public Appointments Manager, Office of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

#### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 13 December, the Committee expects to take evidence from the Scottish Government at Stage 1 of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jane Williams, on 0131-348-5232 or [LocalGovernmentandCommunities@parliament.scot](mailto:LocalGovernmentandCommunities@parliament.scot).

## Education and Skills Committee

6 December 2017

31st Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Education reforms:** The Committee will take evidence from:  
Frank Lennon, Representative of the Commission on School Reform;  
Danielle Mason, Head of Research, Education Endowment Foundation;  
Dr Rebekah Widdowfield, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Society of Edinburgh.
2. **Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.
3. **Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the letter dated the 30th November 2017 from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and the Committee's approach to its Stage 1 report.

### Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 13 December 2017, the Committee expects to hear oral evidence on the Education Reforms.

For further information please contact Roz Thomson, the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are [roz.thomson@parliament.scot](mailto:roz.thomson@parliament.scot) on extension 85222.

## Finance and Constitution Committee

6 December 2017

29th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Budget 2018/2019:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body's Budget from—  
Jackson Carlaw MSP, Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body;  
Sir Paul Grice, Clerk/Chief Executive, Derek Croll, Group Head of Finance and Security, and Michelle Hegarty, Assistant Chief Executive, The Scottish Parliament.
3. **Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the Financial Memorandum of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill.
4. **Scottish Fiscal Commission reappointment:** The Committee will consider the reappointment of Lady Susan Rice as Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

### Proposed future business

For more information, please contact the Clerks on 0131 348 5451 or [Finance.Constitution@parliament.scot](mailto:Finance.Constitution@parliament.scot)

## Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

7 December 2017

30th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Major Capital Projects:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Major Capital Projects progress update from—  
Peter Reekie, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Investments, Scottish Futures Trust;  
Eleanor Emberson, Director of Financial Strategy, Scottish Government.
3. **Major Capital Projects:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Graeme Greenhill, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

### Proposed future business

For more information, please contact the Clerks on 0131 348 5390 or

[papls.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:papls.committee@parliament.scot)

## Public Petitions Committee

7 December 2017

22nd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Consideration of continued petition:** The Committee will consider the following continued petition—  
[PE1627](#) by Annette McKenzie on Consent for mental health treatment for people under 18 years of age;  
and will take evidence from;  
Graeme Henderson, Director of Services and Development, Penumbra; Carolyn Lochhead, Public Affairs Manager, SAMH; and Amy Woodhouse, Head of Policy, Projects and Participation, Children in Scotland.
2. **Consideration of a new petition:** The Committee will consider the following new petition—  
[PE1674](#) by Ellie Stirling on Managing the Cat Population in Scotland;  
and will take evidence from;  
Ellie Stirling.
3. **Consideration of a new petition:** The Committee will consider the following new petition—  
[PE1672](#) by Hugh Paterson on Scottish Law Commission Report on Prescription.
4. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—  
[PE1458](#) by Peter Cherbi on Register of Interests for members of Scotlands judiciary;  
[PE1651](#) by Marion Brown on behalf of Recovery and Renewal on Prescribed drug dependence and withdrawal;  
[PE1654](#) by Ian Munn on Forestry regulation;  
[PE1656](#) by Rob McDowall on Threats or assaults on sitting members of parliament, their staff and families;and  
[PE1658](#) by Wendy Stephen on Compensation for those who suffered a neurological disability following administration of the Pluserix vaccine between 1988 and 1992.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at [petitions@parliament.scot](mailto:petitions@parliament.scot) or call 0131 348 5186.

### **Social Security Committee**

**7 December 2017**

**25th Meeting, 2017**

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

1. **Social Security (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 21 December, the Committee expects to take evidence from the Minister for Social Security on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-2019. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Simon Watkins, on 0131 348 5228 or by email at: [SocialSecurityCommittee@parliament.scot](mailto:SocialSecurityCommittee@parliament.scot).

### **Equalities and Human Rights Committee**

**7 December 2017**

**30th Meeting, 2017**

The Committee will meet at 9:40 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Human Rights Day 2017 - Gypsy Traveller Community in Scotland:** The Committee will mark Human Rights Day 2017 by taking evidence on human rights and the Gypsy Traveller Community in Scotland, in round table format, from—  
Davie Donaldson, Article 12 in Scotland;  
Charlotte Donaldson;  
John McDonald;  
Willie McDonald;  
Shannon McDonald;  
Charlotte McKenzie;  
Anthony Johnstone;  
Shamus McPhee;  
Roseanna McPhee;  
Kerry Musselbrook, Project Manager, Iriss.
3. **Human Rights Day 2017 - Gypsy Traveller Community in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Scottish Government Draft Budget 2018-19.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 14 December 2017, the Committee expects to consider oral evidence on its consideration of prisoner voting in Scotland.

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

## Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

7 December 2017

21st Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Claire Baker 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. **Cross-Party Groups:** The Committee will consider an annual update on Cross-Party Groups' compliance with the Code of Conduct.
4. **Sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct:** The Committee will consider a draft call for written evidence.

### Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 14 December, the Committee expects to take evidence from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland on his annual report.

For further information, contact the Clerks to the Committee, Joanna Hardy or Alastair Macfie, on 0131348 6924 or at [SPPACcommittee@parliament.scot](mailto:SPPACcommittee@parliament.scot)

## Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

7 December 2017

19th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Police Scotland's custody provision:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence from—  
Chief Superintendent Garry McEwan, Criminal Justice Services Division, Police Scotland;  
Pete White, National Co-ordinator, Positive Prison? Positive Futures;  
Calum Steele, General Secretary, Scottish Police Federation;  
Drew Livingstone, Service Conditions Officer, Unison Police Staffs Scotland Branch.

### Proposed future business

The Sub-Committee will next meet on 18 January. For further information, contact Diane Barr, the Clerk to the Sub-Committee on 0131 348 5220 or by email [diane.barr@parliament.scot](mailto:diane.barr@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.

## Motions for Debate

**\*[S5M-09379](#) Liam McArthur: Finance**—That the Parliament notes the commitment from the Scottish Government to “the principle of fair-funding in the provision of ferries and ferry infrastructure” and the statement from the former transport minister and now finance secretary, Derek Mackay MSP, that “the provision of transport services should not place a disproportionate financial burden on any council, particularly with reference to revenue support for ferry services”, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to set out to the Parliament how it intends to honour these commitments in relation to Orkney and Shetland internal ferry services.

Supported by: Tavish Scott\*

**\*[S5M-09378](#) Liam McArthur: Justice**—That the Parliament does not have confidence in the structure of both Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority to deliver resilient and accountable policing at a strategic level; believes that the Scottish Government should take responsibility for this; considers that the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has proven to be defective and requiring repair, and calls on the Scottish Government to establish an independent commission with a view to this presenting proposals for change to the Parliament by summer 2018.

Supported by: Willie Rennie\*

## Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

**\*[S5M-09362](#) Kate Forbes: Bank Branch Closures in Scotland**—That the Parliament is deeply concerned by the successive waves of bank branch closures across Scotland in 2017, including the recent announcement that RBS plans to close 62 branches; recognises that, while many customers choose to bank online, not every person or business can access all services in this manner and might have to travel over an hour to their nearest branch; believes that these closures will have the greatest impact on older and vulnerable customers who depend on staff and services in their local branch, cash-based businesses that need to make deposits and withdrawals as locally as possible and rural communities, such as those in Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, which it believes have been almost abandoned by the banks in recent years, and notes the calls on the banks responsible to improve their customer service to loyal and dependent customers.

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Supported by: Ruth Maguire\*, Emma Harper\*, Gail Ross\*, Gillian Martin\*, Joan McAlpine\*, James Dornan\*, Liam McArthur\*, Bob Doris\*, Elaine Smith\*, Graeme Dey\*, Monica Lennon\*, Donald Cameron\*, Liam Kerr\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Brian Whittle\*, Bill Bowman\*, Dean Lockhart\*, John Finnie\*, Mark Ruskell\*, Ivan McKee\*, Neil Findlay\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Liz Smith\*, Mairi Gougeon\*, Clare Haughey\*, Sandra White\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Christine Grahame\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, John Mason\*, Maurice Golden\*

### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S5M-09375](#) Jeremy Balfour: RBS Branch Closures in Bonnyrigg and Linlithgow**—That the Parliament is concerned by the recent announcement by RBS to close its Bonnyrigg and Linlithgow branches as part of a massive restructuring that will see one-in-four branches close permanently, with a total of 62 closures across Scotland; notes that the Bonnyrigg branch is set to close on 24 May 2018 and the Linlithgow branch on 27 June; recognises the impact that it believes these closures will have on the communities, especially among older people and people with limited mobility access, along with the potential for redundancies for RBS branch staff, and notes that Jeremy Balfour MSP has asked RBS for a meeting to explain these closures and the impact that they will have on both communities.

Supported by: Michelle Ballantyne\*, Peter Chapman\*, Tom Mason\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Richard Lyle\*, Iain Gray\*

**\*[S5M-09367](#) Richard Leonard: RBS's Proposed Closures Must Be Blocked**—That the Parliament condemns the decision by RBS to break what it understands was its promise to customers by announcing that it is closing branches despite saying in 2010 that they would stay open even if they were the last ones in town; believes that this is the second time in nine months that RBS, which is still majority-owned by the UK Government, has announced branch closures as it attempts to cut costs and boost profits; acknowledges that the proposed closures have triggered concern regarding a lack of support for small businesses, people in rural areas and older people, and backs Unite the Union's call for the UK Government to block these cuts, which it believes will decimate RBS's high-street network and could mark the end of branch network banking. **R**

Supported by: Iain Gray\*

**\*[S5M-09363](#) Neil Findlay: The RBS Cull of Branches Continues**—That the Parliament condemns RBS's latest cull of bank branches, and believes this is a bank that it appears not to care about the impact of these closures on communities or its loyal customers.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson\*

**\*[S5M-09359](#) Anas Sarwar: RBS Glasgow Branch Closures**—That the Parliament regrets RBS's plans to close 62 branches in Scotland, including the Alexandra Parade, Glasgow Anniesland Cross, Glasgow Burnside, Glasgow Crosshill and Glasgow Govan branches; believes that bank branches are a vital part of the fabric of the community of small towns and cities, especially for people with limited or no internet access; notes that thousands of small businesses on high streets across Scotland still handle cash and still need somewhere to bank it at the end of the day; considers that it is important that the branches are protected, and asks RBS to reconsider the decision and protect jobs.

Supported by: Pauline McNeill\*, Richard Lyle\*

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**\*[S5M-09356](#) Ross Greer: RBS Planned Closure in Renfrew**—That the Parliament notes with concern the decision of RBS to close its branch in Renfrew as part of a programme of planned closures across the country; understands that losing the branch will leave customers having to travel a further three miles to Paisley for their next nearest branch; believes that bank branches are a vital part of the fabric of the community of areas such as Renfrew, especially for people with limited mobility or no internet access, and that it is important they are protected; asks the bank to reconsider the decision to close this and the other branches, and expresses its solidarity with those whose jobs are under threat because of these plans.

**\*[S5M-09354](#) Fulton MacGregor: RBS Stepps**—That the Parliament notes with concern the plan of RBS to close 62 of its branches across Scotland, shares concerns that many of these closures will be in rural and village communities, considers that the Stepps branch, which is in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency, is integral to the village community and a lifeline to many older, vulnerable, disabled and those with no internet access who use the service on a daily or weekly basis; believes that in such communities there remains a place for a face-to-face banking service; shares its concerns at the prospective loss of jobs for those employed both at the Stepps branch and the others facing closure, and requests that RBS reconsiders this decision.

**\*[S5M-09353](#) Colin Smyth: RBS Branch Closures**—That the Parliament condemns the latest round of branch closures by RBS, including 16 branches in the South Scotland parliamentary region, Annan, Gretna, Langholm and Lockerbie in Dumfries and Galloway; Biggar, Canwath and Douglas in South Lanarkshire; Dunbar and North Berwick in East Lothian, Duns, Eyemouth, Hawick, Jedburgh, Melrose and Selkirk in the Scottish Borders and Penicuik in Midlothian; expresses its deep sympathy to employees in the branches, whose jobs are now under threat; notes the important role that local branches play in rural communities; expresses its deep concern that the closure of the branches might result in many customers in South Scotland now having to travel a considerable distance to England to access their nearest branch; notes that, in many cases, the closures will leave towns with no banks, and calls on RBS to reconsider these closures and on the UK Government to change the law to ensure that, when a bank is the last bank branch in a town, it cannot be closed without a full consultation with customers and the final decision being made by the Financial Conduct Authority.

**\*[S5M-09342](#) Christina McKelvie: Ranch Pub Fundraiser for St Andrew's Hospice**—That the Parliament congratulates the Ranch pub in Larkhall on the great success of its race night, which raised £1,131 in aid of St Andrew's Hospice; notes that the hospice provides great services and comfort to people in the community who are critically ill and their families, and wishes all at the Ranch well.

**\*[S5M-09341](#) Christina McKelvie: Stonehouse Jubilee Club**—That the Parliament congratulates the Stonehouse Jubilee Club on a significant increase in funding from the Local Co-op Community Fund, which will allow it to continue its vital support for members of the community who have dementia; notes that the club offer a unique experience for its service users through reminiscence activities and music; understands that the money will be used on a day out for the members and to fund its Christmas celebrations; wishes the club well, and hopes that this funding will allow it to continue and expand its valued work.

**\*[S5M-09332](#) Jackie Baillie: Carers of West Dunbartonshire Celebrate 10th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates the Carers of West Dunbartonshire on its 10th anniversary; thanks all of its members for their dedication and commitment; further thanks Lindsay Lockhart, the outgoing chairperson, who has been instrumental in Carers of West

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Dunbartonshire's development and growth; notes that she has been involved in the development of new services, the nurturing of relationships with local people and attracting financial support; understands that Lindsay has combined her voluntary work with working full-time and having other commitments, and wishes both her and the Carers of West Dunbartonshire many successful years to come.

**\*S5M-09331 Gail Ross: Thurso Community Christmas**—That the Parliament recognises the generous work of a group of volunteers in Thurso to organise a Christmas meal for those spending the day alone this year; notes that the collective, named Pay it Forward Thurso (Pif Thurso), has previously organised weeding clean-ups but now aims to secure funding for a Christmas meal at Caithness Rugby Club's community pavilion at Milbank, and understands that the group is in contact with organisations throughout Caithness to ensure that invitations go out to those most in need, and is currently accepting donations online.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Ash Denham\*, Joan McAlpine\*

**\*S5M-09330 Gail Ross: Donation of Books to New Library at South Lodge Primary from Nick Park CBE**—That the Parliament recognises the kind donation of books by Nick Park CBE to South Lodge Primary School in Invergordon to mark the launch of its new library; notes that the creator of the much-loved comedy series, *Wallace and Gromit*, made the donation after being contacted by the pupil, Logan Mackay, informing him of the library opening; notes that the launch is part of the work carried out by the school to encourage and inspire pupils, and wishes those at South Lodge Primary School great enjoyment of their new library.

Supported by: Ash Denham\*, Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*S5M-09329 Peter Chapman: Chloe Allan Awarded Moffat Scholarship**—That the Parliament congratulates the former Turriff Academy pupil, Chloe Allan, on being awarded a prestigious Moffat Scholarship; recognises that these help support students studying travel, tourism and events-related courses; notes that this scholarship will help Chloe achieve her dreams of a career in the music industry, and wishes her, and the other seven recipients, the best of luck with their endeavours.

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**\*S5M-09327 Gordon Lindhurst: Linlithgow Bridge Pupils Awarded Seventh Green Flag**—That the Parliament congratulates Linlithgow Bridge Primary School on securing its seventh Green Flag from Eco Schools Scotland; understands that the award was given based on work on the three topics, litter, energy and transport; notes that the litter project was successful in showing pupils how much litter was dropped in the playground after one litter pick and that after the second there was a reduction in litter; further notes that the energy project raised awareness among students of saving energy and introduced them to the Sustainable Development Goals; further notes that the transport project worked in collaboration with local stores to allow a park and stride system so that pupils could walk to school; understands that Eco Schools Scotland, in recognising the good work of the school, commended its "passion and motivation in making [the] environment a sustainable and vibrant place to learn"; congratulates the staff, pupils, parents and community in working towards this award, and wishes the school all the very best over the next two sessions where the focus will be on litter, health, wellbeing and biodiversity.

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**\*[S5M-09326](#) Stewart Stevenson: Heriot-Watt Students Gain Global Recognition in Final of Amazon's Alexa Prize**—That the Parliament congratulates Heriot-Watt University on its success in the Amazon Alexa Prize; notes that a group of seven Heriot-Watt Mathematical and Computer Science PhD students and two faculty advisers finished an impressive third in the global final of the competition for university students, which is dedicated to accelerating the field of conversational artificial intelligence; believes that the team's success exemplifies that the university and Scotland are at the forefront of the development of artificial intelligence and robotics; understands that Heriot-Watt was the only UK team to reach the final and that it beat fierce international competition from the likes of Harvard and Princeton to do so; highlights that, during the course of the competition, thousands of Alexa customers put the software to the test by conversing with the three finalists' socialbots on a host of popular topics and gave their feedback based on whether the conversation flowed naturally and the technology was up to the task; recognises that the Heriot-Watt's Alana software came second for average length of coherent and engaging exchange and, on the final day of public testing, gained the highest average rating of all the teams; congratulates the Heriot-Watt students on winning \$50,000, and wishes them well in their future studies.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Ash Denham\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Iain Gray\*, Joan McAlpine\*

**\*[S5M-09325](#) Alexander Stewart: Anne Youngman Wins RSPB Lifetime Achievement Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Anne Youngman on winning the Lifetime Achievement Award at the RSPB's Nature of Scotland Awards; recognises that Anne has been a true champion of Scottish bats; notes that, for 14 years, she has worked tirelessly with a wide range of people and organisations to champion bats in Scotland, and acknowledges that she has engaged with many thousands of individuals and delivered hundreds of talks, training sessions and bat walks for a wide variety of people, from volunteers to professionals, children to pensioners, vet nurses to wildlife rangers, the National Trust for Scotland to the National Health Service Scotland, and pest controllers to forestry workers.

Supported by: Michelle Ballantyne\*, Miles Briggs\*, Liam McArthur\*, Bill Kidd\*, Peter Chapman\*, Liz Smith\*, Tom Mason\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*[S5M-09323](#) Angus MacDonald: Jenkins School of Highland Dancing Raises £11,000 for Local Charities**—That the Parliament congratulates the Jenkins School of Highland Dancing, based in Airth and Kincardine, on raising £11,000, to be split between Strathcarron Hospice and Maggies Forth Valley; understands that these funds have been raised throughout the year at a number of fundraising events, including coffee afternoons, preloved sales and party-lite events; recognises that the award-winning highland dance school, run by the sisters, Alison and Laura Jenkins, has produced multiple champions across its 25-year history and continues to push the boundaries of achievements among its members; commends the efforts of those involved in raising what it sees as a fantastic sum of money for two worthy local charities, and wishes everyone at the Jenkins School of Highland Dancing the very best for future competition and fundraising events.

**\*[S5M-09322](#) Jackie Baillie: Skapade Studios, Dumbarton**—That the Parliament congratulates Skapade Studios, which is based in Dumbarton, on winning the Herald Society Awards' Social Start-Up Award 2017; notes that the state of the art independent studio focuses on production training in various styles of electronic music; recognises that it provides support for aspiring artists and young people interested in music, and wishes it many successful years.

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**\*[S5M-09313](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Year of Young People 2018**—That the Parliament congratulates the three Year of Young People 2018 Ambassadors, Hope Laing, Nicola Williams and Jordan Gunn, and Champion, Lucy Leech, from Orkney; notes that the Year of Young People 2018 will provide a platform to showcase the personalities, talents and achievements of Scotland's young people; acknowledges that the Ambassadors and Champions will be involved in making sure that young people and organisations know about the year's activities, while getting involved in projects within their local communities; commends the four youngsters, who will also be encouraging their peers and older generations to challenge negative stereotypes of young people, and wishes all the Year of Young People 2018 Ambassadors and Champions the best of luck over the next year.

Supported by: Tavish Scott\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Rona Mackay\*, Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*

### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S5M-09347](#) Iain Gray: RBS Branch Closures in Dunbar and North Berwick** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle\*, Colin Smyth\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Monica Lennon\*, Alex Rowley\*, Neil Findlay\*, Lewis Macdonald\*

**[S5M-09339](#) Christina McKelvie: ScotRail Alliance, Fundraising for MND Scotland** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, David Torrance\*, Bill Kidd\*, Tom Arthur\*, Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-09338](#) Jeremy Balfour: Improving Employment Opportunities for Disabled People** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Murdo Fraser\*, Edward Mountain\*, Annie Wells\*, Liam Kerr\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Bill Bowman\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*

**[S5M-09328](#) Joan McAlpine: The Economic Potential of Robert Burns** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Sandra White\*, Rona Mackay\*, Emma Harper\*, Ash Denham\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Bill Kidd\*, Clare Haughey\*, Gillian Martin\*, Richard Lyle\*

**[S5M-09321](#) Ross Greer: Bank of Scotland Closures in the West of Scotland** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Mary Fee\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09320](#) Gordon Lindhurst: St Kentigern's Academy and the Skills Development Scotland's Cyber Skills Programme** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Liam Kerr\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Rachael Hamilton\*

**[S5M-09319](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Riverside Cottage's Nursery Vegetarian Cookbook** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Liam Kerr\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Rachael Hamilton\*

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**[S5M-09318](#) Emma Harper: Quattro Venti in Maybole** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Tom Arthur\*, Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-09317](#) Tom Arthur: Include Me 2 Club, Barrhead** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Ross Greer\*, Emma Harper\*, Bill Kidd\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Richard Lyle\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Liz Smith\*, Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-09316](#) Ross Greer: RBS Branch Closures in North Ayrshire** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Mary Fee\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09315](#) Tom Arthur: Congratulations to St Vincent's Hospice** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Mary Fee\*, Bill Kidd\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Richard Lyle\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Sandra White\*

**[S5M-09314](#) David Torrance: Carrie Lindsay, Inspiring Leadership Award Winner** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Tom Arthur\*, Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-09312](#) Alexander Stewart: Tribute to Bill Cunningham** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Liam Kerr\*, Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*

**[S5M-09311](#) Neil Findlay: Linlithgow Bridge Primary School Wins Eco Award** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*

**[S5M-09310](#) Neil Findlay: West Lothian Businesses Claim Green Title** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*

**[S5M-09309](#) Neil Findlay: Tina Secures Scottish Award** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S5M-09308](#) Neil Findlay: Lifetime Achievement Award for Fundraising Couple** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*, Rona Mackay\*

**[S5M-09307](#) Neil Findlay: Efforts to Keep Bield Care Homes Open** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Andy Wightman\*

**[S5M-09306](#) Neil Findlay: A&E Waiting Times Misreported** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*

**[S5M-09305](#) Liam Kerr: First Anniversary of the Northern Hotel Under New Ownership** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

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New Support: Annie Wells\*, Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*

**[S5M-09304](#) Tavish Scott: NAFC Marine Centre Award** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09303](#) Neil Bibby: The Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood Receives OBE** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: James Kelly\*

**[S5M-09302](#) Maurice Golden: Bishopbriggs Academy, Scottish State Secondary School of the Year** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-09301](#) Gillian Martin: Caleb Middleton Participates in Human Anchor of Light to Raise Money for Cancer Charity** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09300](#) Stewart Stevenson: Ian Watson 2017 Cullen Skink Champion** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Tom Arthur\*, Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-09299](#) Jackie Baillie: Christie Park Primary Awarded Gold School Sport Award** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*

**[S5M-09298](#) Alexander Burnett: ScotRail Smashes MND Scotland Fundraising Target** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Liam Kerr\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Rachael Hamilton\*

**[S5M-09297](#) David Torrance: Levenmouth Academy Pupils Complete Columba 1400** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-09291](#) Jackson Carlaw: Busby and Newton Mearns Benefits From Awards For All Scotland Grants** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Liam Kerr\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Bill Kidd\*, Miles Briggs\*, Donald Cameron\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Tom Mason\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Bill Bowman\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Richard Lyle\*

**[S5M-09290](#) Michelle Ballantyne: MTB Awards Success for the Borders** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Liam Kerr\*, Maurice Corry\*, Jamie Greene\*, Bill Bowman\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*

**[S5M-09289](#) Miles Briggs: Kathryn and Sarah Bryce Chosen for ICC Rookie Programme** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Liam Kerr\*, Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*

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**[S5M-09287](#) Neil Findlay: B&M Stores** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Mary Fee\*

**[S5M-09286](#) Ivan McKee: Congratulating Lochend Community High School** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Bill Kidd\*, Clare Haughey\*, Gillian Martin\*, Richard Lyle\*

**[S5M-09285](#) Kenneth Gibson: Charities to Lose £258.4 Million After Brexit** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Tom Arthur\*, Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-09284](#) Christina McKelvie: MND Scotland's Physiotherapy Programme** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09283](#) Ivan McKee: Congratulating the Brunswick Youth Centre (Glasgow) Limited** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-09282](#) Ivan McKee: Congratulating St George's & St Peter's Community Association** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*, Sandra White\*, Rona Mackay\*, Bill Kidd\*, Ash Denham\*, Clare Haughey\*, Richard Lyle\*

**[S5M-09273](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Mortality Rates** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*

**[S5M-09270](#) Kenneth Gibson: Violence And Discrimination Against People With Albinism In Malawi** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*, David Torrance\*, John Mason\*, Tom Arthur\*, Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-09269](#) Kenneth Gibson: More to the Chancellor's VAT Announcement Than Meets the Eye** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Ash Denham\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, David Torrance\*, Bill Kidd\*, Bob Doris\*, John Mason\*, Ben Macpherson\*, Tom Arthur\*, Gillian Martin\*

**[S5M-09268](#) Christina McKelvie: St John Ogilvie High School, Tackling Gender-based Violence** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09267](#) Jenny Gilruth: Claire Watson, Charity Volunteer of the Year** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09265](#) Jenny Gilruth: Leslie Bike Shop** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

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**[S5M-09264](#) Jenny Gilruth: Eddie Gibson, Chairman of Glenrothes Cricket Club** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09262](#) Jenny Gilruth: Glenrothes Salvation Army** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09261](#) Maurice Golden: LIBOR Charity Funding** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-09260](#) Miles Briggs: Linlithgow Bridge Primary School** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Rachael Hamilton\*

**[S5M-09259](#) Mairi Gougeon: Pillar Kincardine** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09258](#) Jeremy Balfour: Linlithgow Bridge Primary School's Seventh Green Flag from Eco Schools Scotland** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*

**[S5M-09255](#) Maurice Golden: Paisley Opera** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09254](#) Maurice Golden: Neilston War Memorial Association** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09253](#) Maurice Golden: St Vincent's Hospice Limited** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09252](#) Maurice Golden: Renfrewshire Access Panel** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09251](#) Maurice Golden: Include Me 2 Club Funding** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09250](#) Maurice Golden: Renfrewshire Family Support Service Network** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09249](#) Maurice Golden: Castlehill Primary School** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09248](#) Maurice Golden: Generations Working Together Renfrewshire** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Tom Arthur\*

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**[S5M-09247](#) Maurice Golden: The New Tannahill Centre** (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09246](#) Maurice Golden: Return to Life** (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09245](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeen City and Shire Tourism Awards Winners** (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*

**[S5M-09244](#) Ben Macpherson: Scotland Picks Up Two Awards from Rough Guides** (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09242](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Cardrona Village Association** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*

**[S5M-09240](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Funding Boost for Lighthouse Community Projects** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*

**[S5M-09236](#) Christina McKelvie: HIV Anti-Stigma Consortium Report, Scotland's HIV Anti-Stigma Strategy: Road Map to Zero** (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09235](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Funding Boost for Black Diamond FM** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Rachael Hamilton\*

**[S5M-09231](#) Bob Doris: Partick Thistle's Charitable Trust Action on Homelessness** (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09230](#) Bob Doris: Maryhill Integration Network Backed to Tackle Social Isolation of Male Refugees** (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09228](#) Kate Forbes: Brian Etheridge, RSPB Species Champion** (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09227](#) Rona Mackay: Bishopbriggs Academy, Top State School** (lodged on 28 November 2017)

New Support: Kate Forbes\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09226](#) Margaret Mitchell: Larkhall YMCA** (lodged on 28 November 2017)

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New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*

**[S5M-09222](#) Linda Fabiani: Making Welcome the Stranger, Justice and Peace Scotland Delegation to Calais** (lodged on 27 November 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09220](#) Bill Kidd: Pope Francis Against Possession of Nuclear Weapons** (lodged on 27 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09219](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Lauderdale Scout Group Raises Over £3,000 for Doddie Weir** (lodged on 27 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*

**[S5M-09215](#) Fulton MacGregor: Cumbernauld Living Landscape** (lodged on 27 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09213](#) Fulton MacGregor: Lottery Win for Glenboig Neighbourhood House** (lodged on 27 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09212](#) Fulton MacGregor: Lottery Win for Iskate Inclusive Skating** (lodged on 27 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09210](#) Mairi Gougeon: Langlands and Strathmore Primaries, Forfar, Given National Accolade** (lodged on 27 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09209](#) Miles Briggs: Bank of Scotland's Cancer Support Team** (lodged on 27 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*

**[S5M-09208](#) Emma Harper: Castle Sinniness Farm, Scotch Beef Farm of The Year** (lodged on 27 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09207](#) Graeme Dey: Dundee and Angus College's Success at the College Development Network Awards** (lodged on 27 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09203](#) Claudia Beamish: Carers Rights Day 2017** (lodged on 27 November 2017)

New Support: Mark Griffin\*

**[S5M-09202](#) Richard Lochhead: Ruthven Farm, Food and Farming Award Winner** (lodged on 27 November 2017)

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New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09197](#) Finlay Carson: The Galloway Cattle Society, Defining Galloway Beef** (lodged on 24 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*

**[S5M-09196](#) Annie Wells: Annie Lennox, Glasgow Caledonian University's First Female Chancellor** (lodged on 24 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*

**[S5M-09188](#) Gail Ross: John Mackay Ltd Wins Innovation Award** (lodged on 24 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09186](#) Gail Ross: North West Highlands Snorkel Trail Wins Nature Tourism Award** (lodged on 24 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09185](#) Gail Ross: Dornoch Environmental Enhancement Project** (lodged on 24 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09181](#) Liam Kerr: Restorative Justice Week 2017** (lodged on 24 November 2017)

New Support: Mairi Gougeon\*

**[S5M-09178](#) Donald Cameron: Pillars of NHS Western Isles Recognised for Long Service** (lodged on 24 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*

**[S5M-09177](#) Donald Cameron: Bumper Funding for Barra and Vatersay Junior Sports Club** (lodged on 24 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*

**[S5M-09173](#) Brian Whittle: Kirsty McGhee Becomes Prince's Trust Ambassador** (lodged on 24 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*

**[S5M-09167](#) Emma Harper: Adopt Don't Shop** (lodged on 23 November 2017)

New Support: John Mason\*, Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09151](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: UK Government Grant to Army Welfare Service in Kinloss** (lodged on 23 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*

**[S5M-09147](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Forres High Street Named as Scotland's Most Beautiful** (lodged on 23 November 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*

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Motions   Gluasadan				

**[S5M-09141](#) Ben Macpherson: Friends of Starbank Park** (lodged on 23 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09067](#) Neil Findlay: Cystic Fibrosis and Medicines Access** (lodged on 22 November 2017)

New Support: Pauline McNeill\*, Johann Lamont\*

**[S5M-09014](#) Stewart Stevenson: Macduff Marine Aquarium 20th Anniversary and Renovations** (lodged on 21 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-09012](#) Stewart Stevenson: 70th Anniversary of Buckie Boys Brigade Company** (lodged on 21 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-08994](#) Kate Forbes: World Forum on Natural Capital Edinburgh** (lodged on 21 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-08984](#) Richard Lochhead: James Campbell Wins the Keeper of the Quaich Award** (lodged on 20 November 2017)

New Support: Tom Arthur\*

**[S5M-08813](#) Neil Findlay: Blacklisting Day of Action** (lodged on 15 November 2017)

New Support: Lewis Macdonald\*

**[S5M-08521](#) Mark Ruskell: Trade Justice Scotland, Principles for Just Trade Deals** (lodged on 31 October 2017)

New Support: Alex Rowley\*

**[S5M-08225](#) Alison Johnstone: Moratorium on Mountain Hare Culls** (lodged on 13 October 2017)

New Support: Lewis Macdonald\*

**[S5M-07776](#) Richard Lochhead: Unfair Parcel Delivery Charges** (lodged on 19 September 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton\*

**[S5M-07735](#) Alexander Stewart: Brain Tumour Awareness in Scotland** (lodged on 18 September 2017)

New Support: Lewis Macdonald\*

**[S5M-07698](#) Bruce Crawford: Sue Ryder Report, Don't Write Me Off** (lodged on 14 September 2017)

New Support: Lewis Macdonald\*

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Questions   Ceistean				

## Oral Questions

### Topical Questions selected for answer on 05 December 2017

**1. Kate Forbes:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact it expects the branch closures announced by RBS will have on communities across Scotland. ([S5T-00811](#))

### First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 07 December 2017

**1. Ruth Davidson:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01782](#))

**2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01783](#))

**3. Patrick Harvie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01784](#))

**4. Willie Rennie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01785](#))

**5. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government is tackling knife crime. ([S5F-01787](#))

**6. Jamie Greene:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to improve the availability of organs viable for donation and transplant. ([S5F-01800](#))

**7. Tavish Scott:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the EIS's reported opposition to plans to disband the independent General Teaching Council for Scotland. ([S5F-01792](#))

### Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 13 December 2017

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 06 December 2017. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 07 December 2017.

#### Finance and the Constitution

1. Linda Fabiani
2. Bill Bowman
3. Ross Greer
4. Lewis Macdonald
5. Jeremy Balfour
6. David Stewart
7. Kenneth Gibson
8. Ivan McKee
9. Rhoda Grant
10. Emma Harper

#### Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

1. Jackson Carlaw
2. Fulton MacGregor

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Questions   Ceistean				

3. John Mason
4. Mairi Gougeon
5. Mark Griffin
6. Brian Whittle
7. John Scott
8. Liam McArthur
9. Colin Beattie
10. Dean Lockhart

### Members selected for General Questions on 14 December 2017

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 06 December 2017. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 07 December 2017.

1. Johann Lamont
2. Andy Wightman
3. Clare Haughey
4. Jenny Gilruth
5. Maurice Corry
6. Colin Smyth
7. Tavish Scott
8. Neil Findlay
9. Monica Lennon
10. Stewart Stevenson

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Questions   Ceistean				

## Written Questions

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

### Written questions lodged on 04 December 2017

**S5W-13097 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-11608 by Humza Yousaf on 7 November 2017, for what reason the review has proved to be complex; what the technical points that have to be addressed are; what the anomalies within the existing fares structure were, and by what date it will publish the result of the review.

**S5W-13118 Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with HMRC regarding whether a charge under the proposed deposit return scheme will be subject to VAT, and whether this would be refundable to consumers upon the return of items.

**S5W-13119 Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what the current plastic and glass recycling rate is in Scotland; what impact it considers the proposed deposit return scheme could have on this and, in light of this, what discussions it has had with Zero Waste Scotland regarding whether the scheme will represent value for money.

**S5W-13120 Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what health risk assessment is being carried out of the (a) inclusion of milk products and (b) potential contamination of items returned to outlets where fresh produce is sold in the proposed deposit return scheme.

**S5W-13121 Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact of the proposed deposit return scheme will be on its household recycling charter.

**S5W-13122 Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to areas such as Delaware in the United States replacing deposit return schemes in favour of kerbside collections.

**S5W-13123 Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-11613 by Humza Yousaf on 16 October 2017, in light of it not being able to define timescales for any GRIP4 work, what assurances it can provide that the Levenmouth rail reinstatement is on course.

**S5W-13124 Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many hen harrier nests there were on (a) RSPB and (b) non-RSPB reserves in each of the last five years, and what information it has regarding how many failed to have any chicks fledge, broken down by the reason for the failures.

**S5W-13125 Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Midlothian Council regarding mitigating the impact of the local authority's projected budget shortfall on its (a) education services, (b) support for homeless people, (c) spending on (i) overall and (ii) winter road maintenance, (d) spending on street lighting, (e) sport, community and leisure facilities, (f) library services, (g) general waste and recycling collection services, (h) garden waste collections, (i) litter collections, (j) grass cutting services, (k) support for voluntary and statutory organisations and (l) other services.

**S5W-13131 Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has reached an agreement with the UK Government regarding the publication or release of the dossier that it received on 27 November 2017 on the impact of leaving the EU on the economy and, if so, whether it will publish the details of the agreement.

**S5W-13132 Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government by what date it will publish the dossier that it received on 27 November 2017 on the impact of leaving the EU on the economy.

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**[S5W-13133](#) Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason a number of commuter parking spaces were removed from around Dunblane railway station as part of a recent Sustrans project, and whether it will provide support to have these reinstated.

**[S5W-13134](#) Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position on whether the 40mph "buffer zone" on Doune Road in Dunblane should be reviewed, in light of its proximity to the Grant Drive/Wallace Road crossing, which is used by school children to cross.

**[S5W-13135](#) Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of advice from Michael Crawford, Managing Director of a Scottish house-building company, and the announcement by the UK Government on this issue, whether it will also end additional land tax on properties worth up to £300,000 for first-time buyers.

**[S5W-13136](#) Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle child poverty in the Scottish Borders, in light of recent figures reportedly showing that the region has 24% of children living in families with limited resources.

**[S5W-13149](#) Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether all local authorities will be consulted on the impact of the proposed deposit return scheme on household kerbside collections.

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New Bills   Bilean Ùra				

## New Bills and Accompanying Documents

### New Bills introduced or reprinted on 4 December 2017

**Planning (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about how land is developed and used.

Introduced by: Angela Constance  
Supported by: Kevin Stewart

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 23-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 23-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 23-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 23-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

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New Subordinate Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

## New Subordinate Legislation

### Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 4 December 2017 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

The Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2017 SSI 2017/424 (C. 32)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

The Lands Tribunal for Scotland Amendment (Fees) Rules 2017 SSI 2017/426  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The Lands Tribunal for Scotland Amendment Rules 2017 SSI 2017/427  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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New Subordinate Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

## Members' Bills Proposals

### Proposals for Members' Bills

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

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 5 Proposals:

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

### Final Proposal for Members' Bills

**Mark Ruskell: Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill**—Proposal for a Bill to replace the current 30mph default speed limit on restricted roads with a 20mph limit. (lodged 20 November 2017)

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

Supported by: **Patrick Harvie, John Finnie, Clare Adamson, Andy Wightman, Ross Greer, Emma Harper, Graeme Dey, Gillian Martin, Angus MacDonald, Alison Johnstone, Stewart Stevenson, David Torrance, Neil Findlay, Gail Ross, Claudia Beamish, Kate Forbes, David Stewart, Ash Denham, Jenny Gilruth**

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

## Progress of Legislation

### Bills

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

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/576.aspx>

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Passed, 8 November 2017

#### **Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education and Skills)), 6 December 2017

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 5 December 2017

#### **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Justice Committee), 12 December 2017

*Amendments to ss. 13 – 14 and the long title should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 6 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([LegislationTeam@parliament.scot](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))*

#### **Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill (P)**

Passed, 21 November 2017

#### **Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee), 6 December 2017

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

Stage 1 completed, 30 November 2017

Stage 2 (Equalities and Human Rights Committee), 21 December 2017

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 15 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([LegislationTeam@parliament.scot](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))*

### **Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 16 November 2017

### **Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Communities)), 29 November 2017

### **Islands (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 8 November 2017

### **Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill**

Finance and Constitution Committee, 6 December 2017

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice)), 5 December 2017

### **Planning (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Introduced, 4 December 2017

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

Consideration Stage (lead committee (Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee)), 22 November 2017

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

Passed, 9 November 2017

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Security)), 30 November 2017

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

Stage 2 completed, 21 November 2017

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

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

Consideration Stage completed, 22 November 2017

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

## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

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

<http://external.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/31313.aspx>

**European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-10**

Lodged on 12 September 2017

Evidence, lead committee (Finance and Constitution), 29 November 2017

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

**Affirmative instruments**

**Lead committee to report by 30 November 2017**

[Fishing Vessels and Fish Farming \(Miscellaneous Revocations\) \(Scotland\) Scheme 2017 \[draft\]](#) (6 October 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

**Lead committee to report by 4 December 2017**

[Registers of Scotland \(Digital Registration, etc.\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (26 October 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

[Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (26 October 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

**Lead committee to report by 8 December 2017**

[Public Records \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Authorities\) Amendment Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (30 October 2017) (Justice)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions of the Additional Support Needs Tribunal for Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (30 October 2017) (Justice)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions of the Scottish Charity Appeals Panel\) Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (30 October 2017) (Justice)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Health and Education Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Composition\) Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (30 October 2017) (Justice)

**Lead committee to report by 9 December 2017**

[Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Consequential and Supplementary Modifications\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (31 October 2017) (Justice)

[Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Modification of Part 1 and Ancillary Provision\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (31 October 2017) (Justice)

**Lead committee to report by 15 December 2017**

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

[Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\] \(6 November 2017\)](#) (Health and Sport)

**Lead committee to report by 18 December 2017**

[Criminal Legal Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\] \(9 November 2017\)](#) (Justice)

**Lead committee to report by 9 January 2018**

[Police Investigations and Review Commissioner \(Application and Modification of the Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \[draft\] \(15 November 2017\)](#) (Justice)  
[withdrawn and re-laid on 28 November 2017]

**Lead committee to report by 15 January 2018**

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals Cases and Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Composition\) Regulations 2018 \[draft\] \(21 November 2017\)](#) (Justice)

**Negative instruments**

**Subject to annulment by 8 December 2017**

**Lead committee to report by 4 December 2017**

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals \(Procedure\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/364\)](#) (30 October 2017) (Justice)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Health and Education Chamber \(Procedure\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/366\)](#) (30 October 2017) (Justice)

**Subject to annulment by 10 December 2017**

**Lead committee to report by 4 December 2017**

[Pensions Appeal Tribunals \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Rules 2017 \(SSI 2017/367\)](#) (1 November 2017) (Justice)

[Land Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Commencement No. 6, Transitory and Saving Provisions\) \(Modern Limited Duration Tenancies\) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/370\)](#) (1 November 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

**Subject to annulment by 11 December 2017**

**Lead committee to report by 4 December 2017**

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber \(Rules of Procedure\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/369\)](#) (2 November 2017) (Justice)

**Subject to annulment by 15 December 2017**

**Lead committee to report by 11 December 2017**

[Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Prescribed Health Board Functions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/381\)](#) (6 November 2017) (Health and Sport)

**Subject to annulment by 18 December 2017**

**Lead committee to report by 11 December 2017**

[Seed \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/384\)](#) (9 November 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Police Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/387\)](#) (9 November 2017) (Justice)

[Water Environment \(Miscellaneous\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/389\)](#) (9 November 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

**Subject to annulment by 22 December 2017**

**Lead committee to report by 18 December 2017**

[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2017 \(SSI 2017/393\)](#) (13 November 2017) (Justice)

**Subject to annulment by 10 January 2018**

**Lead committee to report by 8 January 2018**

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Health and Education Chamber and General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals \(Procedure\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/398\)](#) (16 November 2017) (Justice)

**Subject to annulment by 18 January 2018**

**Lead committee to report by 15 January 2018**

[Novel Foods \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/415\)](#) (24 November 2017) (Health and Sport)

**Subject to annulment by 24 January 2018**

**Lead committee to report by 22 January 2018**

[Razor Clams \(Prohibition on Fishing and Landing\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/419\)](#) (30 November 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Notice to Local Authorities \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/421\)](#) (30 November 2017) (Justice)

[Sale of Nicotine Vapour Products \(Vending Machines\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/422\)](#) (30 November 2017) (Health and Sport)

## Documents laid for consultation

**Laid for consultation before 22 January 2018**

[Public Services Reform \(Poverty and Inequality Commission\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\] \[Proposed Draft Order\] \(SG/2017/239\)](#) (8 November 2017) (Social Security)

[Public Services Reform \(Poverty and Inequality Commission\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\] \[Proposed Explanatory Document\] \(SG/2017/240\)](#) (8 November 2017) (Social Security)

## New Documents

### Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 4 December 2017 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Making Complaints Work for Everyone report SPSO/2017/OR** laid in pursuance of section 17(4) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002.

**Lothian and Borders Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/258** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Northern Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/259** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**South West Scotland Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/261** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/260** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Tayside Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/262** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/255** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Glasgow Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/256** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/257** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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