

Wednesday 13 December 2017

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Finance and the Constitution
Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

followed by Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party Debate: Finance

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-
08342 Mairi Gougeon: Heads Up for Harriers
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9:30am Rural Economy and Connectivity
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9:45am Local Government and Communities
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10:00am Finance and Constitution
Committee

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Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee

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Finance and the Constitution

- 1. Linda Fabiani:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will next meet the UK Government to discuss matters relating to the constitution. ([S5O-01584](#))
- 2. Bill Bowman:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will compensate for decreasing levels of landfill tax revenues as the amount of waste to landfill decreases. ([S5O-01585](#))
- 3. Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that sufficient funding is provided to local authorities to help them meet the needs of their residents. ([S5O-01586](#))
- 4. Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure fair and adequate funding for all of Scotland's local authorities. ([S5O-01587](#))
- 5. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Government's decision to do so, whether it will bring forward the linking of non-domestic rates poundage to CPI from 2020 to April 2018. ([S5O-01588](#))
- 6. David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what representations it has received from local authorities regarding the Draft Budget. ([S5O-01589](#))
- 7. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government by how much PFI/PPP payments will increase in 2018-19, given such payments and index-linked bonds include charges that increase with inflation. ([S5O-01590](#))
- 8. Ivan McKee:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to ensure that departmental spend is delivering the most effective outcomes in terms of the National Performance Framework indicators. ([S5O-01591](#))
- 9. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what financial support it is offering to local authorities that are using reserve funds to provide essential services. ([S5O-01592](#))
- 10. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact the UK Government's financial and economic policies will have on the Scottish Budget. ([S5O-01593](#))

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

- 1. Jackson Carlaw:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-01594](#))
- 2. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports local authorities in attracting businesses and jobs to town centres. ([S5O-01595](#))
- 3. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding European Structural Funds and regional policy after Brexit. ([S5O-01596](#))
- 4. Mairi Gougeon:** To ask the Scottish Government how it encourages employers to pay at least the living wage to under 25s. ([S5O-01597](#))

5. Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to create targets with specific deadlines to reduce the disability employment gap. ([S5O-01598](#))

6. Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase workforce productivity. ([S5O-01599](#))

7. John Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding establishing schemes that aim to attract more seasonal skilled labour across all sectors, such as the former Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme. ([S5O-01600](#)) **R**

8. Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what immediate action it is taking to support the economies of Orkney and Shetland. ([S5O-01601](#))

9. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making in improving productivity across the country. ([S5O-01602](#))

10. Dean Lockhart: To ask the Scottish

Government what steps it is taking to work with the UK Government on the

implementation of the UK industrial strategy. ([S5O-01603](#))

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Finance

[S5M-09513](#) Murdo Fraser: Finance—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to freeze the basic rate of Income Tax throughout the current parliamentary session to protect those on low and middle incomes.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

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income tax, with a larger number of rates and bands to ensure that revenue can be raised while protecting low earners."

S5M-09513.3 Willie Rennie: Finance—As an amendment to motion S5M-09513 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Finance), leave out from "freeze" to end and insert "note the Office of Budget Responsibility's downward forecasts for the UK economy, which were made at the time of the UK Budget, with growth down, productivity down and inflation up; notes that it appears that the Conservative administration will not meet its manifesto commitment to balance the UK books by the middle of the next decade, and believes that this poor economic position requires a set of Scottish Budget proposals that build a successful long-term future for the Scottish economy, not least through investment in education and skills, with decisions on tax taken to balance the needs of public services with the impact on household budgets."

followed by Business Motions

S5M-09545 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—

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followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

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and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 21 December, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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[S5M-09543](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Health and Education Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

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followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-08342](#) Mairi Gougeon: Heads Up for Harriers Project and the Role of Species Champions—That the Parliament commends the Heads Up for Harriers Project on what it sees as its intense efforts to protect the hen harrier from extinction; underlines what it considers the importance of the role of species champion, with currently over 90 Members signed up to be champions, in promoting and protecting many of the wildlife found across the country; believes that, with specific regard to the hen harrier, there is need for action to protect the species in light of 2016 national hen harrier survey, which suggested that there had been a 9% decline in the number of sightings in Scotland from the previous study in 2010, falling from 505 pairs to 460; understands that this national population decline is further highlighted in Angus North and Mearns and across North East Scotland, where the 2016 study found that the number of hen harrier pairs had plummeted from a peak of 28 in 1998 to just one in 2014; commends the considerable efforts of the Heads Up for Harriers Project in trying to reverse the declining population, with 2017 figures showing that 37 young birds successfully fledging from nests in seven of the 21 estates that have signed up to the project, and recognises both the specific challenges facing all species currently represented by a Member species champion and the pivotal role that it believes the champions play in promoting and preserving Scotland's wildlife.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 36th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

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

Local Government and Communities Committee 31st Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Housing Amendment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government and Housing, William Fleming, Head, Housing Services Policy Unit, Yvonne Gavan, Senior Policy Officer, Housing Services Policy Unit, and Heike Gading, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
5. **City region deals:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Education and Skills Committee 32nd 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:
Gayle Gorman, Chief Inspector of Education and Chief Executive, Graeme Logan, Strategic Director, and Mike Ewart, Non-Executive Board Member, Education Scotland.
2. **Review of evidence (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence it heard earlier.

Finance and Constitution Committee 30th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft interim report on the legislative consent memorandum LCM (S5) 10.

Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee 7th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 and all future considerations of evidence in private. The Committee will also decide whether its consideration of a draft Consideration Stage report should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider objections to the Bill, taking evidence from—
Jo Guest, Commissioner, and Hugh Grierson, Commissioner, Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission;
David Nash, drafter of the Bill;
Alastair McKie, solicitor, Anderson Strathern (agents for the Commissioners);
Tom Davies, objector.
3. **Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence on the Bill given at item 2.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 6 December 2017

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 — S5M-09362 Kate Forbes: Bank Branch Closures in Scotland

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Draft Spending and Tax Plans for 2018-19

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Fairer Scotland – Delivering Race Equality

followed by Final Stage Proceedings: Writers to the Signet Dependents' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

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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>

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

14 December 2017

31st 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 items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Self-Directed Support:** The Committee will undertake post-legislative scrutiny and take evidence on the Auditor General's report from—
Paul Gray, Director-General Health & Social Care, Scottish Government and Chief Executive, NHS Scotland;
Geoff Huggins, Director for Health and Social Care Integration, and Iona Colvin, Chief Social Work Adviser, Scottish Government;
Paula McLeay, Chief Officer for Health and Social Care, and Beth Hall, Policy Manager, COSLA.
3. **Self-Directed Support:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Antony Clark, Assistant Director of Performance Audit and Best Value, and Zoe McGuire, Auditor, Audit Scotland.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will review its work programme and consider what further action to take in relation to the 2015/16 audit of Edinburgh College, NHS Workforce Planning and NHS in Scotland 2017.

Proposed future business

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

papls.committee@parliament.scot

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

14 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 item 3 in private.
2. **Ofcom and broadcasting:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Glenn Preston, Director Scotland, and Kevin Bakhurst, Group Director, Content and Media Policy, Ofcom.
3. **Ofcom and broadcasting:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting:

Proposed future business

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katy Orr, on 0131 348 5324 or europa@parliament.scot.

Public Petitions Committee
14 December 2017
23rd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Consideration of draft report (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on [PE1463](#) on effective thyroid and adrenal testing, diagnosis and treatment.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at petitions@parliament.scot or call 0131 348 5186.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
14 December 2017
22nd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Bill Thomson, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland;
 Ian Bruce, Public Appointments Manager, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

Proposed future business

The Committee will next meet on 18 January 2018.

For further information, contact the Clerks to the Committee, Joanna Hardy or Alastair Macfie, on 0131 348 6924 or at SPPACCommittee@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
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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-09529 Angela Constance: A Fairer Scotland - Delivering Race Equality**—That the Parliament believes that no one should be marginalised or discriminated against because of their race or background and that Scotland should be a place where everyone is equal; notes the publication of the report by the Independent Race Equality Adviser, Kaliani Lyle, *Addressing Race Inequality in Scotland: The Way Forward*, highlighting key priority areas for improvement, and acknowledges the actions being put in place through the Scottish Government's Race Equality Action Plan to tackle racial discrimination and inequality in society; welcomes the creation of a Scottish Government ministerial working group to determine priorities for action and drive forward the changes required to improve the lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Traveller communities; recognises that, to achieve race equality, all of society must play a role in removing barriers that stand in the way of people from an ethnic minority group reaching their full potential, and agrees that everyone must work together to create a fair and equal Scotland for all who live and work here.

Supported by: Kevin Stewart*, Jeane Freeman*

S5M-09513 Murdo Fraser: Finance—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to freeze the basic rate of Income Tax throughout the current parliamentary session to protect those on low and middle incomes.

Supported by: Annie Wells*

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Supported by: Joe FitzPatrick*

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Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***S5M-09518 Brian Whittle: Recognising the Importance of NHS Rehab Programmes**—That the Parliament recognises the importance of a rehabilitation pathway in supporting patients with a range of long-term conditions and those recovering from a trauma; understands that clinical guidelines recommend that the NHS provides programmes of pulmonary rehabilitation and cardiac rehab sessions; notes that organisations such as Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland and the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy are highlighting the importance of community-based physiotherapy and long-term community support in effective rehabilitation; recognises what it sees as the significant impact that community rehabilitation programmes, such as NHS Ayrshire and Arran's multi-condition rehab pilot, the HARP project, can have on patient outcomes; understands that NHS rehabilitation programmes combine physical activity and physiotherapy with education, advice and support; acknowledges what it considers the considerable physical and mental health benefits of rehab programmes, as well as their ability to reduce hospital admissions, GP appointments and tackle the social isolation often felt by patients; notes the importance of rehabilitation in helping people self-manage their health conditions and maintain their quality of life, and further notes the challenges faced by the NHS in directing resources towards long-term rehabilitation and support.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Liz Smith*, Edward Mountain*, Murdo Fraser*, Jeremy Balfour*, Margaret Mitchell*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Bill Bowman*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Alison Harris*, Pauline McNeill*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-09548 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that the deadline of 22 December 2017 for consideration of the Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 no longer applies.

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***[S5M-09541](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 19 January 2018.

***[S5M-09539](#) Alison Harris: Falkirk Herald Pub of the Year 2017**—That the Parliament congratulates the Commercial Hotel in Larbert on being named *Falkirk Herald* Pub of the Year 2017; understands that the award was made as a result of a public vote, and recognises the comments of the owners, Mark and Gemma Barnett, in appreciation not only of their customers but also the efforts of their staff.

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***[S5M-09538](#) Bill Bowman: Fundraisers Keep it in the Family**—That the Parliament congratulates the mother, daughter and aunt, Lorraine Grant, Ashley Holmes and Catherine Wooldridge, on raising £5,830 for the multiple sclerosis research department at Ninewells Hospital; notes that they held a ladies' night at the Woodlands Hotel and arranged a fundraising abseil, and welcomes the research that will be done with the money raised.

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***[S5M-09537](#) Bill Bowman: School Nativity Show Raises Cash for Causes in Dundee and Abroad**—That the Parliament congratulates the High School of Dundee on raising funds for charities both in Dundee and abroad with its nativity show; thanks the children, parents and teachers involved, and understands that the money raised will go to Maggie's and the Mashimoni School in Nairobi.

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***[S5M-09536](#) Emma Harper: Très Chic, Stranraer, Salon of the Year 2017**—That the Parliament commends Très Chic, which is in Stranraer, on winning the Salon of the Year category at the Scottish Hair and Beauty Awards 2017, which were presented at the Crowne Plaza, Glasgow; understands that, with over 50 other salons nominated, this is recognition of the hard work that has been gone into it gaining a great reputation among the community and further afield, which has seen it grow significantly from its beginning as Chic Hair Room in 2011, and wishes everyone at the salon all the best.

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***[S5M-09535](#) Finlay Carson: Galloway Glens Funding Success**—That the Parliament congratulates the Galloway Glens on securing £2,700,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to support stage two projects across the area that "connect people to their cultural, built and natural heritage"; recognises the work of the Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership scheme does up and down the Ken and Dee river catchment, from Carsphairn in the north to Kirkcudbright in the south; notes that the partnership consists of a range of organisations including, among others, Dumfries and Galloway Council, local community organisations, The Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere, Forestry Commission Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland; understands that the partnership was previously successful in receiving stage one approval of the Heritage Lottery Fund, and wishes all involved in the project every success moving forward to stage two and beyond.

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***S5M-09534 Gordon Lindhurst: Balerno Ramblers Climb 14,000 metres in the Last**

Year—That the Parliament congratulates the members of the Balerno Ramblers who learned at their AGM recently that they had completed 46 weekend walks this year, consisting of 402 miles and climbing 14,066 metres; notes the role that the ramblers play in the local community and the health and social benefits members gain as being part of the group, and wishes them all the best for the year ahead.

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***S5M-09533 Gordon Lindhurst: Currie Playgroup Awarded Third Green Flag**—That the Parliament congratulates Currie Playgroup on recently being awarded its third Green Flag award; understands that children have spent two years working towards the award through chosen topics of litter, waste management and sustaining the world within the Eco Schools and Keep Scotland Beautiful framework; notes that children have learned to reduce waste, reuse and recycle items when they can, as well as learning about the Fair Trade label; further notes that they have taken part in activities to raise money for charity, such as Type Onesie Day, Comic Relief and Children in Need; thanks the children, staff and parents at the playgroup for all the environmental work they have been doing, and wishes them further success in this area.

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***S5M-09532 Gordon Lindhurst: Currie Kirk Guild Hands over Hats for Syria**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the Currie Kirk Guild has handed over 2,203 hats to Edinburgh Direct Aid for some of the 70,000 Syrian refugees in the Lebanese town of Aarsal; understands that the hats were made by knitters across Edinburgh and handed in to Currie Kirk Guild over the past year; notes that Edinburgh Direct Aid is a small charity made up of volunteers who provide aid directly to ensure that it is going to the people it was intended, and thanks Currie Kirk Guild and all the knitters across Edinburgh who have contributed so generously.

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***S5M-09531 Gordon Lindhurst: Tuesday's Tea and Tunes**—That the Parliament congratulates Currie Community Council on the launch of Tuesday's Tea and Tunes, a café for people living with dementia; understands that over 40 people attended the opening, all of whom enjoyed music performed by pupils from Currie High School, among other forms of entertainment; understands that the café will run on the second Tuesday of every month, and is one of many new initiatives within the Dementia Friendly Pentlands group; notes the work that the group does for local residents, and wishes it all the best for the future.

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***S5M-09530 Gordon Lindhurst: Barclays Branch Staff Raise Money for RNIB—**That the Parliament congratulates staff at the Barclays bank branch on Princes Street in Edinburgh on the fundraising that they have carried out recently for the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB); understands that they ran a 5k race in the Great Scottish Events festive fun run in Inverleith Park at the beginning of December 2017, as well as holding a Great Barclays Bake Off at the branch; recognises that, as a result of their efforts, the staff raised £2,500 to transcribe a new audio-book for blind and partially sighted people, and thanks them for their hard work.

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***S5M-09528 Alexander Stewart: Alloa Academy Team's Royal Society of Chemistry Success—**That the Parliament congratulates Lia McLaren, Savannah Taylor, Morgan Green and Sophie Dickson, who are from Alloa Academy, on winning the Mid Scotland heat of Royal Society of Chemistry Top of the Bench competition; acknowledges that Lia, who is an S2 pupil, Savannah and Morgan, who are in S3, and Sophie, who is an S4, completed a difficult practical challenge against nine other schools, which involved a colour change reaction; understands that this achievement has earned the team a place in the national finals, which will take place in Spring 2018; notes that they were presented with a trophy and that Forth Valley College presented the school with a £250 cheque; believes this is only the second time that pupils from Alloa have entered the competition, and wishes Lia, Savannah, Morgan and Sophie all the best for the finals.

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***S5M-09527 Donald Cameron: Ulva Ferry Housing Project Wins Prestigious Award—**That the Parliament congratulates Ulva School Community Association and Mull and Iona Community Trust on winning an award for housing at the 2017 SURF Awards in Glasgow in recognition of their joint effort in establishing the Ulva Ferry Housing Project, which set out to build two new family-size homes in order to save the Ulva Primary School from closure; understands that both houses have been built and long-term tenancies secured; notes that the innovative design of the properties was also recognised; welcomes what it sees as the precedent set by this project, and hopes that this could be a model for other rural and remote communities to maintain services and reduce depopulation.

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***S5M-09526 James Dornan: Save the Hampden Roar Campaign—**That the Parliament backs the *Evening Times'* "Save the Hampden Roar' campaign to retain Hampden Park as the home of Scottish football; understands that the Scottish Football Association (SFA) is to make a decision as to whether it will renew the lease of the national stadium before the end of 2017; recognises that Hampden Park has been the country's home football ground since 1903 when it was opened as the largest stadium in the world; highlights that it has played host to countless memorable international and club football games, including being the venue of the 1960 European Cup Final where Real Madrid defeated Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3, and the scene of the famous Zinedine Zidane goal in the 2002 Champions League final; looks forward to the stadium showcasing four matches at the 2020 European Championships; notes that, in addition to football matches, Hampden Park has held other major sporting events, for example during the 2014 Commonwealth games, as well

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as being the venue for major concerts; acknowledges the significant economic benefit that it believes Hampden Park brings locally and to the wider Glasgow area; agrees with the comments made by Glasgow City Council leader, Councillor Susan Aitken, that the case for the National Stadium to retain its Glasgow home of 115 years is compelling, and calls on the SFA to commit its future to Hampden Park.

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***S5M-09525 Michelle Ballantyne: Earlston RFC Raises Money for Doddie's MND Trust—**That the Parliament recognises the work of the players, committee, and friends of Earlston RFC, on holding a fundraiser and auction for MND awareness and the Doddie Weir trust at an East League Division 2 match with RDVC; understands that, prior to match, 50 guests attended a sponsors' lunch in the clubroom, with Doddie speaking as a guest of honour; notes that the Earlston players went on to the pitch with tartan flashes on their socks in recognition of the former Scotland international, going on to win by 29-10; acknowledges that, after the game there was an auction, with donations from businesses and rugby celebrities, and applauds everyone who was involved in raising the £7,350 from the lunch and auction, which will be passed onto the DW5 MND Trust.

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***S5M-09524 Bob Doris: Commending Royston Youth Actions Fundraising Efforts—**That the Parliament commends the efforts of the young people, staff and volunteer teams at Royston Youth Action on their fundraising efforts to participate in an exchange of culture and knowledge with young people in Finland organised by the University of Strathclyde; understands that this exchange will involve young people from the Royston/Garngad area visiting Finland and participating in a wide range of activities with Finnish youths, including sports such as athletics, language lessons and various youth camp activities; notes that Royston Youth Actions has utilised a series of fundraising efforts to raise money for its cultural adventure, such as organising a 24-hour sponsored cycle-a-thon, contacting corporate sponsors in the Maryhill and Springburn area and bagging items for the community in Asda; acknowledges the excellent work of Royston Youth Action in its commitment to engaging young people in opportunities locally while also broadening their horizons internationally; recognises the dedication of the young people and youth workers as they carry out their current fundraising efforts, and wishes them every success.

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***S5M-09523 Michelle Ballantyne: Harry and Eilidh Newton Recognised for Bravery—**That the Parliament congratulates Harry and Eilidh Newton, who are a brother and sister from Dunbar aged 14 and 16, on being awarded the Douglas Bremner Special Commendation Award at the St Andrew's First Aid Scottish First Aid Awards; acknowledges that Harry and Eilidh were presented with the prize by Mr Bremner's daughter, Susan Redpath, at the awards ceremony in Glasgow; understands that were at home when their father, Gregor, suddenly collapsed; notes that Harry, who at that point was only 11, found his father and called for Eilidh to assist; notes that he dialled 999 for a live-saving ambulance for Gregor, who, in recognition of the support that he received has went on to raise more than £14,000 through the Staying Alive Ball, with the money going to buy more defibrillators for the Dunbar area; acknowledges that while Eilidh and Harry have helped to front a national campaign encouraging people to learn CPR and to feel empowered to help

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someone experiencing cardiac arrest, and applauds them on their quick thinking and subsequent activism.

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***[S5M-09522](#) Stuart McMillan: The Broomhill Project in Greenock wins Creative**

Regeneration Prize at SURF Awards—That the Parliament applauds the Broomhill Project in Greenock on winning the Most Creative Regeneration Prize at the 2017 SURF Awards on 7 December 2017; notes that the SURF is a regeneration forum with over 260 cross-sector member organisations across Scotland, in partnership with the Scottish Government; understands that the awards highlight, celebrate and share the achievements of initiatives that address physical, social and economic challenges in communities across Scotland; recognises that the Broomhill Project began with the 12-month pilot scheme, "Heid O' The Hill", funded by Riverclyde Homes, which explored the networks in the local community, the heritage of the area and worked to develop and build upon creativity in Broomhill with another project, "Up the Broomy", which is a two-year arts project part-funded by Creative Scotland, River Clyde Homes, British Gas and RIG Arts; acknowledges the comments from the independent judging panel that "the Broomhill Project has been a catalyst for change and development; empowering the community in Broomhill; supporting a people-centred approach to regeneration from River Clyde Homes; allowing RIG Arts to strengthen as an organisation and ... change the negative perception of the area", and wishes the project the best of luck in its future endeavours.

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***[S5M-09521](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Cash for Kids Gets a £500 Boost**—That the Parliament notes the work of volunteers in Galashiels, who have raised more than £500 for Cash for Kids, a local children's charity that fundraises for disadvantaged children; understands that, throughout November, Michelle Douglas, Celeste Di Vito, Pamela Kelly and Amalia Natillo collected unwanted coats, hats and scarves from Borders residents before selling them for £1 each at the Salmon Inn in Cornmill Square; acknowledges that, although the quartet still have a quarter of their stock left, they will be donating this to the Domestic Abuse Services in Jedburgh and Edinburgh, and commends Michelle, Celeste, Pamela and Amalia on their charitable spirit this Christmas.

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***[S5M-09520](#) Bob Doris: SafeDeposits Scotland and the Scottish Association of Landlords Launch Landlord Accreditation Academy**—That the Parliament believes the Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 2011 Act was an important watershed in providing clarity and protection for both tenants and landlords alike; congratulates many in the sector for rising to the challenge of the tenancy deposit system now in place; notes that there are three tenancy deposit schemes in Scotland and that SafeDeposits Scotland is the only one to have a Scottish base, run on a not-for-profit basis and to secure almost 60% of the market's value in deposits amounting to £84 million;

welcomes the partnership initiative between SafeDeposits Scotland and the Scottish Association of Landlords to launch the Landlord Accreditation Scotland Academy, which will provide training for landlords and property professionals to better manage tenancy deposit protection and tenancy deposit disputes; supports further initiatives by SafeDeposits Scotland, which has created both a

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landlord and tenant forum to share experiences and identify areas for industry improvement and to improve the lives of those living and working in the private rented sector, and encourages all that are involved in the private rented sector to take advantage of such opportunities available to raise standards across the sector.

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***S5M-09519 Emma Harper: Launch of Defining Galloway Beef Project**—That the Parliament commends The Galloway Cattle Society on the launch of its Defining Galloway Beef project, which is funded by Dumfries and Galloway's LEADER programme; recognises that the project seeks to stimulate market demand for meat from the breed, which it considers is one of the best beef breeds in the world, and thrives in the local area; further recognises that the logo was unveiled at the Winter Cattle Sale at Dumfries Auction Mart, which will represent a quality assurance scheme that will be introduced as part of the project, alongside a traceability scheme, education toolkit for schools, and will support young farmers and young entrants; understands that the project will seek supply chain partnerships to improve consumer access to Galloway Beef, and encourages any butchers, retailers, restaurants and other supply chain partners who may be interested in becoming Galloway Beef Ambassadors to contact the Galloway Cattle Society and make the project and produce a great success.

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***S5M-09517 Angus MacDonald: Passing of Provost Tom Coleman**—That the Parliament notes with sadness the passing of the Provost of Falkirk district, Councillor Tom Coleman, on 30 November 2017 at Forth Valley Royal Hospital following a short illness; notes that Tom was first elected to Falkirk Council in 1999 following a successful career in the financial services sector, becoming Convener of Education and Leisure in 2001 until 2007, and serving as Provost of Falkirk Council from May 2017, as well as portfolio holder for economic development; further notes that Tom was also the long-serving chair of Stirlingshire Educational Trust and a Trustee of Torwood Castle Trust; understands that Tom was well respected in his community who he worked tirelessly for at all times; and sends its sympathy and condolences to his wife Irene, his children Alasdair, Alison and Niall and his grandchildren at this sad time.

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***S5M-09516 Dean Lockhart: University of Stirling Institute of Aquaculture Signs International Agreement**—That the Parliament notes the signing of a formal memorandum of understanding between the University of Stirling and the Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries; understands that the agreement will enable the university's world-renowned Institute of Aquaculture to research key issues and help train students and professionals to support the Indonesian Government in its long-term development of the sector, specifically a sustainable expansion of locally produced seafood, health management of aquatic organisms, protection of the environment and breeding and genetic improvement; recognises that the strategic collaboration is the latest in the university's strong track record of developing mutually beneficial, innovative and productive partnerships with institutions and organisations across the world; considers that the Institute of Aquaculture continues to be a global leader in aquatic animal health and production, and wishes all staff and students at the Institute the best of luck in the future.

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***S5M-09515 Dean Lockhart: Thistle Centre wins Major Environmental Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates the Thistle Centre in Stirling on winning two Green Apple Environment Awards in an international campaign to find the greenest companies, councils and communities; understands that the centre's Coffee Cup Recycling Scheme, which has added over 145kg, or 20 bags of wax lined cups, directly into recycling in the first three months of the project, won the top gold honour; notes that the centre was further presented with a Green Apple Bronze Award for its "A Garden with Bees" project; recognises that this project is a garden that has been constructed within an unused area in the service yard to provide adults with mental health challenges the opportunity to grow vegetables and increase their self-confidence; understands that as a result of winning these awards, the Thistle Centre has been invited to have its winning papers published in *The Green Book*, a leading international work of reference on environmental best practice, allowing others around the world to follow the centre's example and learn from its achievement, and wishes all involved in the projects the best of luck for the future.

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***S5M-09514 Neil Findlay: HeadSmart Campaign**—That the Parliament congratulates the HeadSmart campaign, overseen by The Brain Tumour Charity, on being recommended as a model campaign to inform the public about low survival rate cancers and their symptoms in a report published by the Australian Senate Select Committee, Select Committee into Funding for Research into Cancers with Low Survival Rates; notes HeadSmart's contribution in the UK to reducing the average diagnosis time for children with brain tumours from 9.1 to 6.5 weeks since it was originally launched in 2011, and urges the public to visit headsmart.org.uk to find out more about the campaign.

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***S5M-09512 Mary Fee: Irvine, Scotland's Most Improved Place**—That the Parliament congratulates Irvine on being named as Scotland's most improved place at the prestigious annual Scottish Urban Regeneration Form (SURF) awards; notes that the SURF awards celebrate and highlight efforts at urban regeneration that aim to address economic, physical and social challenges in communities across Scotland; understands that Irvine has already received national recognition for its regeneration earlier in 2017 with the Bridgegate public realm project receiving the British Association of Landscape Industries National Landscape Award, and recognises what it sees as the leadership of North Ayrshire Council, which has been at the forefront in the development of Irvine's regeneration plan, "The Irvine Vision", to revitalise the town, with a focus on town centre regeneration, in addition to retail, harbour-side and beach park expansion.

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***S5M-09511 Mary Fee: Kilmacolm Pupil Selected for Euroscola Project in Strasbourg**—That the Parliament congratulates Alexis Spragg, senior pupil at St. Columba's High School, Kilmacolm on being selected to represent her school in the Euroscola project; recognises that Euroscola is a project that involves rotary clubs sponsoring secondary school pupils who are proficient in French to join with other school students from across Europe on a visit to the European Parliament in

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Starsbourg; notes that Alexis was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gryffe Valley after impressing the interview panel; understands that the European Parliament established the Euroscola project in 1990 to allow thousands of secondary school students from across Europe to travel to Strasbourg and learn about the functions and processes of the European Parliament, the European Union and the work of Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), and recognises what it sees as the benefits of the Euroscola project in giving students the opportunity to interact and exchange information in a foreign language, highlighting the benefits of cross-cultural communication.

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***S5M-09510 Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Girl set to be First Female Coppersmith Recruit in Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that a Clackmannanshire girl has become the first female apprentice to pick up the coppersmith's hammer and torch; understands that Rebecca Weir, from Alloa, has been recruited by Diageo Abercrombie as a first year Modern Apprentice; believes her to be the first female recruit into the trade in Scotland; acknowledges that for centuries coppersmiths have used the same tried and tested methods to make the famous stills that are at the heart of Scotch whisky production; notes that Rebecca will learn how to hand-beat copper sheets and weld them into whisky stills, as well as being trained in state-of-the-art computer aided design techniques, mastering a blend of strength, skill and patience, and wishes Rebecca the very best of luck with her potential skills and future career.

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***S5M-09509 Jackson Carlaw: Rouken Glen, Scotland's Best Park**—That the Parliament recognises that Rouken Glen Park has been acclaimed as Scotland's Best Park at the Fields in Trust Awards 2017; believes that Rouken Glen is just one aspect of the very many that make Eastwood such a popular place to live; notes that this follows the park winning Best UK Park title in 2016, and looks forward to increased visitor numbers in 2018 as even more people come to visit what has been recognised as Scotland's best park.

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***S5M-09508 Jackson Carlaw: Avera Mangistu and Hisham al-Sayed**—That the Parliament notes with concern the cases of Avera Mangistu and Hisham al-Sayed, who are two Israeli men with reported serious mental health conditions who are believed to be being held incommunicado in Gaza; understands that they crossed separately into the Gaza Strip in 2014 and 2015 where they are believed to be held by the Hamas military wing; calls on the Hamas leadership to divulge without delay the whereabouts of Mangistu and al-Sayed; is aware that currently Hamas will not disclose any information, even to confirm their detention, and considers that, with Human Rights Day recently being marked, there is a need to hold all governments universally accountable for the protection of the rights of the individual rather than adopting what it sees as an à la carte approach that is based on people's own prejudices.

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***S5M-09507 Clare Haughey: South Lanarkshire Partnership Achieves National Recognition for Improving Young Lives**—That the Parliament congratulates South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership and South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership on gaining a

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Quality Improvement Award in recognition of their work to improve services for babies, children, young people and families; notes that the South Lanarkshire team earned the top award in the Achieving Results at Scale category for a project that aims to increase the number of families in areas of multiple deprivation taking up the 27-30-month child health review (CHR); further notes that, working with health visiting improvement champions, the scheme has achieved a 26% increase in uptake of the CHR and closed the uptake inequity gap from 11 to 4% between children living in the most and least deprived areas, and commends the commitment of all of the staff toward collaborative working and improvement.

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***S5M-09506 Clare Haughey: NHS Lanarkshire Nominated for Midwifery Service of the Year Award**—That the Parliament congratulates NHS Lanarkshire's midwifery team on being nominated for the prestigious Royal College of Midwives (RCM) Award for Midwifery Service of the Year; notes that the award recognises excellence, innovation and team working; further notes that the team is one of only four finalists from across the UK, and the only Scottish team on the shortlist, and wishes them the best of luck at the awards ceremony in March 2018.

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***S5M-09505 Miles Briggs: CHAS's Intrapreneurship, Making a Difference**—That the Parliament congratulates all of the staff and volunteers of Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) who were nominated as finalists for the charity's 2017 intrapreneurship awards, which were held in Dundee on 7 December; welcomes CHAS's work with Scottish intrapreneurship specialists, The Lens, to encourage all of its staff to act with the mind-set of an entrepreneur and to develop innovative ideas that will support it in reaching the 15,404 children and young people in Scotland who were identified with having life-shortening conditions by the 2015 ChiSP Study; congratulates CHAS's staff for providing a total of eight distinct and viable proposals that made it to the final shortlist, covering diverse areas of its work, from youth and volunteer development to community pharmacy collaboration and fundraising; celebrates the success of Dan Short, Alison Blair, Kate McCusker, Donna Nicol, Michelle Robertson and Maggie Brown and the volunteer, Matt Gemmell, who will be backed by CHAS's senior leadership team to deliver a Volunteer Hub, Death Cafes, Youth Development Programme, Fun at the Yard and the ChiSP Community Pharmacy Network, and encourages other third sector organisations and public bodies to consider the benefits that nurturing internal entrepreneurial initiatives can deliver for communities.

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***S5M-09504 Ross Greer: Universities Superannuation Scheme**—That the Parliament recognises the importance of Scotland's universities to the international reputation of the country and its economy; believes that this is built directly on the hard work and endeavour of the staff who work in the higher education sector; believes that all staff should have access to a secure and decent pension; notes with concern the reported proposal by Universities UK, which is the body that represents the UK's university principals and vice-chancellors, to close the defined benefit portion of the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) to all future service; believes that such a measure would significantly reduce the security of retirement for members of the scheme, making the institutions less attractive places to work, and calls on the Scottish

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Government to urge Scotland's principals to work with the University and College Union and to put pressure on Universities UK to seek a new solution to ensure that USS is competitive in comparison with the pension schemes offered to other education staff and comparable occupations.

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***S5M-09502 Christina McKelvie: UN International Migrants Day**—That the Parliament acknowledges that UN International Migrants Day will be marked on 18 December 2017; remembers the refugees and migrants who have tragically lost their lives while trying to reach safety; notes the continued devastating effect of armed conflict on civilian populations, leading to death, destruction and displacement in areas such as Myanmar, Yemen and Libya and, sadly, many more; understands that recent figures show that Scotland has welcomed one fifth of the Syrian refugees who have been resettled in the UK; celebrates the contribution of all refugees and migrants who have made Scotland their home and the positive contribution that they make to communities and economy; believes that the current migration system is not fit for purpose, and supports calls for a differentiated, more flexible solution, which is tailored to meet Scotland's circumstances.

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***S5M-09501 Michelle Ballantyne: Galashiels Film-makers Shortlisted for 2018 Margaret Tait Award**—That the Parliament wholeheartedly applauds the film-makers, Sarahjane Swan and Roger Simian, both of Galashiels, on being shortlisted for the 2018 Margaret Tait Award; believes that the Margaret Tait Award is the pinnacle of experimental moving image art in Scotland; is aware that the eponymous award is in honour of Margaret Tait, the eminent Orcadian film-maker, who died in 1999; recognises that Swan and Simian have screened films throughout the UK, Europe and North America in 2017 alone, and extends its emphatic best wishes to them in their pursuit of the award and for the future.

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***S5M-09500 Gillian Martin: Ian Garden Donates £5,000 Worth of Equipment to Homeless People in Aberdeen**—That the Parliament commends Ian Garden of Rig Deluge Ltd on donating extreme weather ponchos and thermal flasks worth £5,000 to homeless people in Aberdeen to provide them with support over winter; acknowledges that Ian is working in partnership with Aberdeen Cyrenians to distribute the goods, and with the city's Social Bite café to ensure those in receipt of a flask can have it filled with a hot drink; notes that this follows him donating 100 sleeping bags in 2016; understands that Ian has raised over £175,000 for charity in the last five years; recognises the vulnerability of homeless people, especially in the winter months; applauds the efforts of Aberdeen Cyrenians, the Social Bite café and Ian, and wishes all involved well.

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***S5M-09499 Emma Harper: SwiftKey Develop the World's First Scots-language App**—That the Parliament commends the software developer, SwiftKey, on developing the world's first Scots-language predictive text keyboard; understands that SwiftKey Keyboard app can recognise, autocorrect and auto-predict in the Scots leid using artificial intelligence; recognises that the app adapts to the users writing style and can run between both English and Scots; notes that it was

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developed using newspaper columns written in Scots, Scots dictionaries and the writings of Burns; recognises that it has been called a “powerful tool” by Dr Rhona Alcorn of Scottish Language Dictionaries, and encourages all smartphone users to download the app to use and speak the Scots language without correction.

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***S5M-09497 Alexander Burnett: New Technology Accelerator**—That the Parliament congratulates The Oil & Gas Technology Centre, with BP Ventures as a partner, on the launch of TechX, which is a new technology accelerator that aims to invest millions into start-ups and small and medium-sized enterprises with no equity or payback required and with IP retained by the technology developer; notes that the new accelerator is targeting 100 technology start-ups; understands that TechX will focus on three types of developers and projects, which are pioneers, market entry and ventures, and wishes the project well in its aim of helping smaller technology developers take their solutions to the oil and gas market at a faster rate.

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***S5M-09496 Liam Kerr: Glenesk Hotel Guinness World Record Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Dylan and Alena Wren of the Glenesk Hotel in Edzell on breaking the world record for the most varieties of whisky commercially available by offering 1,031; understands that the record-breaking attempt took place and was verified on 28 September 2017, and officially confirmed on 8 December by Guinness World Records; notes that this success beats the previous record, which had been held since 2005, by 231 varieties; considers this an outstanding achievement, and wishes Dylan, Alena and all at the hotel the very best.

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***S5M-09495 Michelle Ballantyne: Award-winning Peebles Restaurant Celebrates 10 Years**—That the Parliament congratulates the award-winning Osso restaurant, situated on Innerleithen Road in Peebles, on celebrating its 10th anniversary; notes that the restaurant, run by chef Ally McGrath, who competed for Scotland on BBC Two’s *Great British Menu*, is the only restaurant in the Borders to hold a Bib Gourmand from the Michelin Guide, and wishes Ally and all the team at Osso all the best for the next 10 years.

***S5M-09494 Michelle Ballantyne: St Andrews Leckie Church Raises £6,747**—That the Parliament recognises that St Andrews Leckie Church in Peebles has raised more than £1,000 to help treat baby Scarlett, who has cerebral palsy and global development delay; understands that, after Scarlett’s diagnosis, her parents discovered a treatment that she began in March 2018 but, to have three years of therapy, which would help her hold her head up, sit up and digest food properly, would cost £15,000; commends the local community for hosting a coffee morning to raise money for Scarlett’s treatment, and highlights that the donation of £1,257 has brought the total amount raised towards the treatment to £6,747.

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***[S5M-09493](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Sandra Brown Wins Volunteer of the Year**—That the Parliament recognises Sandra Brown of Penicuik, who was honoured with a national award for helping people living with dementia to get outdoors and feel better in themselves; understands that she walks weekly with the Volunteer Midlothian's Dementia Friendly Walking Group, for which she was awarded Volunteer of the Year 2017; is aware that Sandra, despite being a carer for her husband, who also has dementia, still finds time to help a group of around 12 others, who walk for more than an hour every Wednesday from Penicuik House, and congratulates Sandra on her work and commends her selfless dedication.

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***[S5M-09492](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Innerleithen Fundraisers Set Sights on Nepal**—That the Parliament recognises the two fundraisers from Innerleithen, Vickie Morrison and Mim Wright, who are hoping to raise money to help street children in Nepal; understands that they hope to raise £2,000 for the international anti-trafficking charity, Child Rescue Nepal, by making bespoke scented candles; acknowledges that Vickie is also hoping to add to their fundraising total by completing the London Marathon 2018; believes that Child Rescue Nepal is a very worthwhile cause, keeping children safe and out of slavery and often reuniting them with their families; notes that, since 1999, it has rescued over 700 children, and wishes Vickie and Mim the best with their fundraising.

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***[S5M-09491](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Leslie Barrell Prepares for Running Challenge**—That the Parliament applauds the inspirational story of Leslie Barrell of West Linton; recognises that Leslie endured bullying and work pressure, which led to mental health issues and ultimately caused her to resort to self-harm; highlights that running has given her a focus and a way to stay positive over the winter months; understands that she is taking part in the Simplyhealth Great Edinburgh Winter Run alongside many other inspirational athletes who will take on the challenge in a bid to raise funds for the Scottish Association for Mental Health, and wishes them all a successful race.

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***[S5M-09490](#) Rachael Hamilton: A Great Year for Sammi**—That the Parliament congratulates Sammi Kinghorn, from Gordon in the Scottish Borders, on winning Scottish Sports Personality 2017; acknowledges that this is a phenomenal achievement and well deserved after a fantastic season; notes that Sammi set a new 200m T53 world record, won gold in the 100m and 200m and bronze in the 400m at the World Para Athletics Championships, and also won *Athletics Weekly* British Athletics Writer's Association Para Female Athlete of the Year and was the first para-sport athlete to win Scottish Sportsperson of the Year at the Team Scotland Scottish Sports Awards; recognises that Sammi is inspirational and a fantastic sporting role model, and wishes her all the best in the new year.

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***S5M-09489 Jackie Baillie: Helensburgh and Lomond Young Rugby Players Clinch the Title**—That the Parliament congratulates Helensburgh and Lomond's young rugby players on winning the final of the Scottish Schools' Under 18 Plate at Murrayfield; understands that the team comprised of players from Lomond School, Hermitage Academy and Helensburgh Rugby Club and that they defeated Marr College 42-29 to clinch the title; notes that the team members previously reached the final of the Under-16s competition 12 months ago, and wishes them every success in the future.

***S5M-09488 Ruth Maguire: Irvine, Scotland's Most Improved Place**—That the Parliament congratulates Irvine on being named Scotland's Most Improved Place at the prestigious national Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum (SURF) Awards; understands that the awards, which are delivered in partnership with the Scottish Government, recognise best practice and innovation in community regeneration; further understands that Irvine's success recognises regeneration projects such as the recently opened Fullarton Community Hub, the Portal leisure centre and the recently refurbished Townhouse, as well as the additional sport and leisure facilities that are under development at Quarry Road and the ambitious plans for the i3 Irvine Innovation and Industry Park; believes that this award is testament to the hard work and achievement of local people and North Ayrshire Council and partners, and wishes all involved every continued success.

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***S5M-09487 Jeremy Balfour: Rock Trust Nightstop to Cover West Lothian**—That the Parliament commends the Rock Trust, which is a charity that provides emergency accommodation to homeless young people in Edinburgh, on extending its Edinburgh-based Nightstop service to cover West Lothian; notes that Nightstop aims to break the cycle of homelessness and provides young people between the ages of 16 and 25 in a housing crisis with emergency accommodation for short periods of time in the homes of approved volunteer hosts; understands that the service is now recruiting Nightstop hosts to help it put this vital service into action; acknowledges that this form of support is a vital way of providing at-risk young people with a safe space to stay while the Rock Trust helps them to find stable, long-term accommodation, as well as providing them with round-the-clock support that addresses their individual needs and challenges, and congratulates the Rock Trust on all the work that it does.

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***S5M-09486 Brian Whittle: HALO in Kilmarnock**—That the Parliament welcomes the start of works for phase 1 of the HALO in Kilmarnock; notes that the project, which has received funding from the UK Government, Scottish Government, East Ayrshire Council and private investors, is intended to create an urban park, a commercial, leisure and lifestyle quarter with facilities including offices, live/work studios, retail space, a renewable energy centre, including the development of a geothermal district heating system, homes and public space, and that phase 1 includes the construction of an enterprise and innovation centre with a particular focus on innovation, digital skills and cyber security; understands that, when complete, the £65 million regeneration project has the potential to create up to 1,400 jobs and bring a significant economic boost to Kilmarnock and the surrounding area; welcomes the strong connections that the HALO has already built up with local businesses and both the University of the West of Scotland and Ayrshire College; notes that this is intended to be the first of four HALOs, with others to follow in Northern Ireland, Wales and the north of England; believes that this innovative regeneration project can herald new

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opportunities for jobs and economic growth in Ayrshire and the wider country, and wishes the HALO in Kilmarnock every success.

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***S5M-09485 Bruce Crawford: Stirling Tolbooth, Scot Trad Music Venue of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates the Stirling Tolbooth on being named Venue of the Year at the 2017 MC Alba Scots Trad Music Awards; notes that the Tolbooth is at the heart of live music and the arts in Strirling and across central Scotland, and is located in the old town; commends the work of the Tolbooth team, and thanks everyone who took time to vote and show their support.

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***S5M-09484 Brian Whittle: Anna Manson Named Apprentice Ambassador of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Anna Manson, from Ayrshire, on being named Apprentice Ambassador of the Year at the 2017 Scottish Apprenticeship Awards, organised by Skills Development Scotland; understands that Anna, an aeronautical engineer working at Spirit AeroSystems in Prestwick, has been involved in the Primary Engineering Initiative, which involves visiting primary schools and bringing engineering to life for pupils, and has also taken part in STEM campaigns, including This Ayrshire Girl Can, while completing her HNC and HND in Aeronautical Engineering; commends her and all those involved in promoting engineering as a career path for their efforts; recognises the importance and value of apprenticeships to the Scottish economy, and wishes Anna continued success in her career.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-09483 Monica Lennon: Maxwellton Primary School (lodged on 11 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

S5M-09482 Gordon Lindhurst: Loretto Junior School Welcomes New Head Teacher (lodged on 11 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

S5M-09481 Gordon Lindhurst: Law Society of Scotland Launches Baublefest Charity Campaign (lodged on 11 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Annie Wells*

S5M-09480 George Adam: Paisley – A Cultural Journey (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

S5M-09479 Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Childminding Network Donates 258Kg of Food to Inverclyde Foodbank (lodged on 08 December 2017)

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New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Bill Kidd*, Ash Denham*, Colin Beattie*, Sandra White*, Joan McAlpine*, David Torrance*, Ruth Maguire*, Rona Mackay*, Richard Lyle*, Clare Haughey*

[S5M-09478](#) Christina McKelvie: Newfield Primary Nursery Class (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*, David Torrance*

[S5M-09477](#) Alex Neil: City of Glasgow College Student Wins Gold at WorldSkills UK Competition (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Sandra White*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09476](#) Stuart McMillan: The Ton Community Trust Kit and Boot Recycling Facility (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09475](#) Stuart McMillan: Riverside Inverclyde to Reveal Plans to Launch Taste Inverclyde Website (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09474](#) Jeremy Balfour: U16 Scottish Schools Rugby Cup Final (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09473](#) David Torrance: Fifers Named for the Commonwealth Games (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09472](#) Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Cheer (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09471](#) David Torrance: Fife Chef, Chris Niven (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09470](#) Angus MacDonald: Falkirk Junior Bike Club (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09469](#) Bruce Crawford: RBS Branch Closure in Bannockburn (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09468](#) Iain Gray: Sunamp Success at Green Energy Awards (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-09467](#) Colin Beattie: Kitchin Group Cooks Up New Opportunities for Queen Margaret University Students (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Ruth Maguire*

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[S5M-09466](#) Fulton MacGregor: Irene McLaughlan, Head of Dunbeth Family Learning Centre, Coatbridge (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09465](#) Angus MacDonald: The 2017 Falkirk Herald Business Awards (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09464](#) Stewart Stevenson: John Bell, Portknockie Citizen of the Year (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09463](#) Bill Bowman: Bowling for Charity (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-09462](#) Bill Bowman: Dundee University Wins Recognition for Life Sciences (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-09461](#) Bill Kidd: ICAN Accepts 2017 Nobel Peace Prize at 10th December Award Ceremony (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09460](#) Liam McArthur: Kirkwall's "The Big Tree" Named Tree of the Year (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09458](#) Bob Doris: Care Inspectorate Recognised by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09457](#) Gillian Martin: Seven-year-old Mia McDonald Raises Over £450 for Children in Need (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09456](#) Christina McKelvie: Hamilton-based Equi's Ice Cream Secures Deal with ASDA (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Ash Denham*, Joan McAlpine*, Stuart McMillan*, Clare Haughey*, Monica Lennon*, Jenny Gilruth*, Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*, David Torrance*, Ruth Maguire*, Richard Lyle*

[S5M-09455](#) Graeme Dey: Arbroath Police Officers Honoured for their Bravery (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09454](#) David Torrance: Flying Sam Improves Care Home Residents Lives (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

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[S5M-09453](#) John Mason: Poverty in Scotland 2017 (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*, Ivan McKee*

[S5M-09452](#) Jeremy Balfour: Social Bite, Sleep in the Park (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-09451](#) Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Women Launch the Dapper Drinks Company (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09450](#) Angus MacDonald: Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland Grangemouth (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09449](#) Ivan McKee: Condemning US Recognition of Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09448](#) Alex Neil: RBS Airdrie (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09447](#) Stuart McMillan: Port Glasgow Women Knit to Help People with Dementia (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09444](#) Angus MacDonald: Forth Ports to Build New Training Facility in Grangemouth (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09443](#) Angus MacDonald: Carronshore Primary School Receives Awards for All Funding (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09442](#) Alexander Burnett: Scottish Green Energy Awards (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09441](#) Neil Findlay: West Lothian Business Excellence Awards (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09440](#) Neil Findlay: St Kentigerns Teacher Wins Cyber Award (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09439](#) Neil Findlay: Walkers Raise Funds for Bliss (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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[S5M-09438](#) Neil Findlay: Nicola Excels in Charitable Efforts (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09437](#) Neil Findlay: Lesley Claims Local Hero Award (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09436](#) Kate Forbes: Sustainable Tourism Award for Cairngorms National Park (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09435](#) Alexander Burnett: Photographer of the Year 2017 (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09434](#) Gillian Martin: Cruden Bay Bowling Club Receives £12,000 from the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09433](#) Bruce Crawford: Stirling Gin On Track for Success with ScotRail (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09432](#) Gordon Lindhurst: RSM Fundraising for the Community (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09431](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Cramond Primary School Delivers Christmas Presents (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09430](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: BBC to Help Young People Identify So-called Fake News (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-09429](#) Christine Grahame: Great Polish Map of Scotland (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09428](#) Clare Adamson: The Dangers of Counterfeit and Imitation Apple Chargers (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-09427](#) Alison Johnstone: Health and Human Rights in Immigration Detention (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09426](#) Colin Beattie: The Roslin Institute Wins Athena SWAN Gold Award (lodged on 07 December 2017)

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New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09425 Miles Briggs: Linlithgow Heritage Trust Secures £240,000 Funding for New Museum for Royal Linlithgow Project](#) (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-09424 Colin Beattie: Play Midlothian](#) (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-09423 Michelle Ballantyne: Carfraemill Raises £12,800 to Celebrate Anniversary](#) (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-09422 Ivan McKee: Welcoming the #notafavour Campaign](#) (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09421 Graeme Dey: First Anniversary of #Included in the Main?!](#) (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*, Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-09420 Gordon Lindhurst: 25 Years of Leonard Cheshire Disability's Wardieburn Service](#) (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09419 Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Learning Project Wins Recognition at SQA Awards](#) (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-09418 Stuart McMillan: Riverside Youth Band - Three in a Row Winners](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-09416 Dean Lockhart: Entrepreneurial Scotland Awards 2017](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-09415 Jenny Gilruth: Girlguiding Scotland's 16 Days of Activism Campaign](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-09412 Tom Arthur: Cycle Friendly Community Gold Award](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-09410 Murdo Fraser: RBS Branch Closures in Mid-Scotland and Fife](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09409 Gillian Martin: Gemma Jamieson Cameron Organises Collection of Gifts for Children](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09408 Pauline McNeill: Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-09407 Monica Lennon: RBS Bank Closures in the Central Scotland Region](#) (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Mark Griffin*, Richard Lyle*

[S5M-09405 Alexander Stewart: Tullibody Apprentice Is the First Forth Valley Student to Make the UK Worldskills Squad](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09401 Christina McKelvie: RBS Branch Closures in Hamilton and Larkhall](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-09400 Bill Bowman: Two Dundonians Win World Karate Championship](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-09399 Bill Bowman: Dundee Support Centre Receives Lottery Grant](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09398 Bill Bowman: ADHD Support Group Wins Funding](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09397 Bill Bowman: Dundee Family Support Group Wins Funding](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09396 Bill Bowman: Law Firm of the Year](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09395 Alexander Stewart: 100 Dunfermline School Pupils to Sing in Christmas Concert](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09392 Oliver Mundell: Scotland's Rural College Awarded Queen's Anniversary Prize](#) (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-09391](#) Alexander Stewart: Dalgety Bay Woman Raises £30,000 for Motor Neurone Disease in Memory of her Husband (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09389](#) Monica Lennon: Alcohol and Drug-related Deaths (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09387](#) Miles Briggs: University of Edinburgh Awarded Prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prize (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09386](#) Jeremy Balfour: Fischy Music (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09385](#) Jackson Carlaw: The Busby Hotel Triumph at Scottish VOWS Awards (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09384](#) Liam Kerr: Increasing Awareness of the Work of Veteran Charities in Scotland (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09382](#) David Torrance: Congratulations to Sam Aslam (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-09381](#) Gail Ross: Adverse Childhood Experiences (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09376](#) Colin Smyth: Atrial Fibrillation in Scotland (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Alexander Stewart*

[S5M-09374](#) Neil Findlay: Solidarity with Staff at the DVSA (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-09373](#) Gillian Martin: Ellon Police Officers Recognised with the Scottish Police Federation Bravery Award for 2017 (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-09372](#) Tavish Scott: Jakob Eunson, Industry Champion (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09371](#) Tavish Scott: Shetland Sports Awards 2017 (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09370](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Volunteer-friendly Award for Peebles CAB (lodged on 06 December 2017)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09369](#) Anas Sarwar: The New President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-09368](#) Miles Briggs: Holyrood Magazine (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09366](#) Emma Harper: SRUC Queen's Anniversary Prize (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-09365](#) Miles Briggs: Transforming Care After Treatment Programme (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09361](#) Joan McAlpine: 3D Computer Animation Student, Malcolm Ireland (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-09360](#) Lewis Macdonald: North East Scotland College Sculpture Designs Chosen for Aberdeen City Centre (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-09357](#) Gillian Martin: Aberdeen City and Shire Tourism Awards (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09355](#) Liam McArthur: Stromness-based Gareth Davies Wins Outstanding Achievement Award (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09352](#) Peter Chapman: SRUC Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09346](#) Christina McKelvie: Hamilton Restaurant Wins Asian Curry Award (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09345](#) Stuart McMillan: CalMac's First Intake of Hospitality Apprentices (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09344](#) Stuart McMillan: PC Aaron McCrone (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-09343](#) Kate Forbes: Official Opening of GlenWyvis Distillery in Dingwall (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09340](#) Michelle Ballantyne: 10 Melrose Players Selected for Scotland XV (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09337](#) Lewis Macdonald: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence Campaign (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-09336](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Aaliyah Mason in Contention for Poetry Award (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09335](#) Ben Macpherson: Holyrood Magazine Named Magazine of the Year (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-09333](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Christmas Comes to Melrose (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-09269.1](#) Jamie Greene: More to the Chancellor's VAT Announcement Than Meets the Eye (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells*

[S5M-08342](#) Mairi Gougeon: Heads Up for Harriers Project and the Role of Species Champions (lodged on 24 October 2017)

New Support: Donald Cameron*, John Scott*

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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 12 December 2017

[S5W-13311](#) Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the statement by the Minister for Transport and the Islands on 7 December 2017 (Official Report, c. 46), whether Coatbridge will be among the towns to be become low-emission zones by 2023 and, if so, (a) what support will be made available to residents, (b) how many diesel vehicles in the town will be affected and (c) what the estimated reduction in pollution levels in the town will be.

[S5W-13331](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether the current budgetary process precludes a legal guarantee uprating of Scottish social security assistance.

[S5W-13332](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what the total cost to date is, including litigation costs and settlement sums, of the abandoned Scottish Fire and Rescue Service procurement process for structural fire kit and personal protective equipment.

[S5W-13333](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects the internal report of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) into the abandoned procurement process for structural fire kit and personal protective equipment to be completed and submitted to the SFRS Board and Audit Scotland, and whether the report will detail all of the evidence that it considered in coming to its conclusions.

[S5W-13334](#) Anas Sarwar: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many asylum seekers accessed antenatal classes in each of the last three years.

[S5W-13335](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of a report by the Australian Senate Select Committee, Select Committee into Funding for Research into Cancers with Low Survival Rates, which was published in November 2017 and recommended that the UK-wide HeadSmart campaign as a model to inform the public about low survival rate cancers and their symptoms.

[S5W-13338](#) Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government from which routes the class 380 trains that have been recently introduced on the Edinburgh-Glasgow via Falkirk line have been drawn, and how ScotRail is managing the redeployment.

[S5W-13339](#) Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the introduction of the class 385 trains on the Edinburgh-Glasgow via Falkirk line.

[S5W-13340](#) Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what the cause was of the train fault that resulted in disruption to services at Glasgow Central station on the morning of 11 December 2017, and which unit was affected.

[S5W-13341](#) Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what type of rolling stock is used on rail services on the (a) Ayrshire Coast, (b) Inverclyde and (c) Paisley Canal line.

[S5W-13342](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what the time limit for requesting a backpayment of Scottish social security assistance will be.

[S5W-13343](#) Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the resolution to eliminate plastic pollution in seas, which was passed by the UN Environment Assembly in Nairobi.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S5W-13344 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-12702 by Humza Yousaf on 27 November 2017, what information it has on the type of casualties and injuries sustained, including whether these were head injuries, and whether it considers that the wearing of helmets may have reduced the severity of, or prevented, casualties or head injuries.

[S5W-13345 Annie Wells:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to improve teacher recruitment and retention in Glasgow, in light of reports that the children in one class at Thornwood Primary School have had 20 different teachers since starting school.

[S5W-13346 Liam Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many teaching posts are (a) unfilled and (b) filled by temporary staff in Aberdeen City Council (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools.

[S5W-13347 Liam Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the average class size is in Aberdeen City Council primary schools.

[S5W-13348 Liam Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the average (a) S1, (b) S2, (c) S3 and (d) S4 class size is in (i) English and (ii) Maths in Aberdeen City Council schools.

[S5W-13349 Alex Cole-Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on non-UK EU nationals continuing to have the right to vote in (a) local authority and (b) Scottish parliamentary elections post-Brexit.

[S5W-13351 Liam McArthur:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will undertake an assessment of the impact that installing phones in cells in a number of prisons in England has had on enabling prisoners to maintain contact with family members and reducing levels of reoffending.

[S5W-13352 David Stewart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what actions Transport Scotland is taking to minimise and mitigate the impact that the A9 dualling programme will have on the natural environment.

[S5W-13353 David Stewart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many hectares of Scottish Biodiversity List habitats (a) are likely to be lost and (b) likely to experience negative impacts and (c) have been identified for habitat creation to offset or compensate for losses or negative impacts as a result of the A9 dualling programme, broken down by (i) native pinewoods, (ii) blanket bog, (iii) lowland heathland, (iv) upland heathland, (v) lowland raised bog and (vi) coastal and floodplain grazing.

[S5W-13354 David Stewart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many cubic metres of peat are likely to be extracted as a result of the A9 dualling programme; what quantity of greenhouse gas emissions are likely to be associated with this, and what efforts have been or will be made to mitigate and compensate for these emissions.

[S5W-13355 John Finnie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to its letter to the member of 4 December 2017, when it expects Police Scotland to finish developing the "weeding and retention policy" for the Police Scotland Vulnerable Persons Database.

[S5W-13356 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the opening of the new Royal Hospital for Children and Young People in Edinburgh has been reportedly delayed until Autumn 2018, and what discussions it has had with NHS Lothian regarding this.

[S5W-13357 Pauline McNeill:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring that race equality is being taken forward as part of the Year of Young People 2018, and how diverse young ethnic minority people are being included in the theme year.

[S5W-13358 Neil Bibby:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many rough sleepers there are in each local authority area.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S5W-13359](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making in implementing the recommendation in the report by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland, *Strategic overview of British Transport Police in Scotland including the proposed transfer to Police Scotland*, that (a) performance measures specific to railway policing should be monitored up to and beyond the point of the transfer, (b) additional performance measures specifically relating to the transfer should be developed, (c) a railway policing workforce strategy should be developed, (d) a detailed analysis of the benefits, disbenefits and risks of the transfer should be carried out, and (e) the Scottish Police Authority should explore how it can secure expertise in the rail industry or in railway policy among its board members.

[S5W-13360](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been committed to the Beating Cancer: Ambition and Action strategy, and how this will be allocated in each of the next five years.

[S5W-13361](#) Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government what the expected timeline is for the roll-out of tomography for breast screening in Scotland.

[S5W-13362](#) Dean Lockhart: To ask the Scottish Government, what steps (a) it and (b) its agencies take to ensure that all communications that are issued to disabled and vulnerable people are offered in easy-read and alternative accessible formats.

[S5W-13363](#) Dean Lockhart: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Department of Health regarding guidance on the use of adrenaline auto-injectors in schools.

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New Bills Bilean Ùra				

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 12 December 2017

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2 (SP Bill 8A) (Government Bill)

New accompanying documents printed on 12 December 2017

Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill (As Amended at Stage 2)—A revised version of the Explanatory Notes has been printed. (SP Bill 12A-EN) (Government Bill)

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Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Members' Bills

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

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

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

Final 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).

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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)), 12 December 2017

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 12 December 2017

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

Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill (P)

Passed, 21 November 2017

Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee), 13 December 2017

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

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)

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)), 13 December 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)), 12 December 2017

Planning (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 4 December 2017

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

Consideration Stage (evidence, lead committee (Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee)), 13 December 2017

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

Passed, 9 November 2017

Social Security (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Social Security committee) published, 1 December 2017

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

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 20 December 2017

Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 13 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

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

Final Stage (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 14 December 2017

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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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

(lead committee (Finance and Constitution)), 13 December 2017

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

Affirmative instruments

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 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)

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Lead committee to report by 4 February 2018

[Regulation of Investigatory Powers \(Covert Surveillance and Property Interference – Code of Practice\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (11 December 2017) (Justice)

[Regulation of Investigatory Powers \(Equipment Interference – Code of Practice\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (11 December 2017) (Justice)

[Regulation of Investigatory Powers \(Covert Human Intelligence Sources - Code of Practice\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (11 December 2017) (Justice)

Negative instruments

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)

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

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New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 12 December 2017—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 60th Report 2017 (Session 5) Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 248)

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Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 12 December 2017 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Scotland's Carbon Footprint 1998 SG/2017/250 laid under Section 37 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

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