

Tuesday 7 March 2017

Business Bulletin

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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection - Reverend Alasdair Symington (retired), former Minister of Troon Old Parish Church and former Chaplain to the Queen and Convener of HM Forces' chaplains

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-02900 Alex Rowley: Local Government Finance and the State of the Debt

Committee Meetings

9:30am Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

9:30am Justice Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:15am Health and Sport Committee

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1. Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the resignation of two members of the review group into the use of transvaginal mesh. ([S5T-00420](#))

2. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the proposed merger between Aberdeen Asset Management and Standard Life would have on Scotland's economy. ([S5T-00421](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day

[S5M-04440](#) Angela Constance: International Women's Day—That the Parliament unites, ahead of UN International Women's Day on 8 March 2017, to reaffirm its commitment to upholding and protecting the rights of women, which are fundamental human rights; welcomes this year's theme, Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030, which seeks to ensure that women are empowered to take up the opportunities of work and ensure that the barriers to women entering and progressing in the workplace at all levels and in all sectors are addressed; notes the work of the Scottish Government to ensure and increase equality in the workplace, and welcomes research that shows that increasing female leadership and gender equality in the workforce can benefit the workplace, society and the economy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-04440.1](#) Annie Wells: International Women's Day—As an amendment to motion S5M-04440 in the name of Angela Constance (International Women's Day), insert at end “, and recognises the work of the UK Government in reducing the gender pay gap and increasing equality in the workplace.”

[S5M-04440.2](#) Monica Lennon: International Women's Day—As an amendment to motion S5M-04440 in the name of Angela Constance (International Women's Day), after second “workplace” insert “; regrets that the gender pay gap means that women earn significantly less than men, which over the course of a working life is likely to represent hundreds of thousands of pounds of lost income, impacting pension contributions and the ability to save; acknowledges that women remain under-represented in senior roles across politics, business, the public sector, the media, culture and sport, with 73% of leadership roles in Scotland held by men; recognises the Engender report, *Sex and Power in Scotland 2017*, which lays bare these statistics; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to a bill on gender representation on public boards; agrees that the lack of progress towards gender equality in the Parliament, councils and public boards is unacceptable; commends the Women 50:50 campaign and its evidenced-based call for legislative gender quotas”.

followed by **Business Motions**

followed by **Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by **Members' Business**

Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-02900](#) Alex Rowley: Local Government Finance and the State of the Debt—That the Parliament welcomes the work of Unite the Union Scotland in producing its paper, *Local Government Finance and the State of the Debt*; understands that the paper estimates that Scotland's local authorities, which includes Fife Council, have around £2.4 billion of pre-Scottish devolution debt liabilities owed to the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB), with an average rate of return of 8%; further understands that post-devolution interest rates paid to PWLB are only around half this; notes that pre-devolution interest rates were not independently set by the Bank of England but by the then UK Government; believes that there is a growing consensus regarding the need for action to tackle local authority debt owed to PWLB; considers that Scottish devolution was intended to be a new beginning for Scotland, and notes the view that the time has come for this historic financial burden to be dropped by the UK Government.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

- Gender Pay Gap:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Anna Ritchie Allan, Project Manager, Close the Gap;
Emma Ritch, Executive Director, Engender;
Chris Oswald, Head of Policy and Communications, Equality and Human Rights Commission Scotland;
and then from—
Professor Patricia Findlay, Member and Academic Adviser, Fair Work Convention;
Professor Wendy Loretto, Dean of the Business School and Professor of Organisational Behaviour, University of Edinburgh Business School;
Emily Thomson, Research Associate, Women in Scotland's Economy (WiSE Research Centre), Glasgow Caledonian University;
Dr Irina Merkurieva, Lecturer in Economics, School of Economics and Finance, The University of St Andrews;
Professor Fiona Wilson, Professor of Organisational Behaviour, Adam Smith Business School, The University of Glasgow;
Professor Ian Wall, Chair, STEMEC (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Committee).
- Draft Climate Change Plan (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

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

- Draft climate change plan (RPP3) (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.

Justice Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will receive a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 23 February 2017.
- Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill - witness expenses:** The Committee will be invited to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses on the Bill.
- Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Charlotte Vitty, Interim Chief Executive, British Transport Police Authority;
Chief Constable Paul Crowther, British Transport Police UK;
Assistant Chief Constable Bernard Higgins, Operations and Justice, Police Scotland;

John Foley, Chief Executive, Scottish Police Authority.

5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
6. **Inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \[draft\];](#)
[Carbon Accounting Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\];](#)
[International Organisations \(Immunities and Privileges\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \[draft\].](#)
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/41\);](#)
[Participation Request \(Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/39\);](#)
[Non-Domestic Rating \(Unoccupied Property\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/43\);](#)
[Inshore Fishing \(Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods\) \(Outer Hebrides\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/48\);](#)
[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/49\);](#)
[Sale of Tobacco and Nicotine Vapour Products by Persons Under 18 \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/50\);](#)
[Sale of Tobacco \(Register of Tobacco Retailers\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/51\).](#)
3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(Commencement No. 7\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/40 \(C.5\)\).](#)
4. **Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

Health and Sport Committee 6th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Child Protection in Sport:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Andrew McKinlay, Chief Operating Officer, and Stewart Regan, Chief Executive, Scottish Football Association;
 David Little, Chief Executive, Scottish Youth Football Association.
2. **Sport for Everyone:** The Committee will discuss the recent fact-finding visits.
3. **Child Protection in Sport (in private):** The Committee will consider the main themes arising from the oral evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Working practices (in private):** The Committee will consider its working practices.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider draft correspondence.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 1 March 2017

Wednesday 8 March 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Labour Debate: The Scottish Government and Education, 10 Years of Letting Down Teachers, Parents and Pupils

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-03214 Linda Fabiani: Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal

Thursday 9 March 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-03984 Adam Tomkins: Community Jobs Scotland

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Biodiversity

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Tuesday 14 March 2017

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

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2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Thursday 16 March 2017

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business

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2:30 pm Scottish Government Business

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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>

Education and Skills Committee

8 March 2017

7th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **School Education:** The Committee will take evidence on Additional Support Needs, Personal and Social Education and the Curriculum for Excellence from:
John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Fiona Robertson, Director of Learning, and Donna Bell, Deputy Director Strategy and Performance, Scottish Government.
2. **Review of Evidence (in private)** The Committee will discuss the evidence heard earlier in the meeting in relation to School Education.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 15 March, the Committee expects to hear evidence on the Children's Hearings System.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Roz Thomson, on es.committee@parliament.scot or 0131 348 5222.

Local Government and Communities Committee

8 March 2017

8th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Homelessness:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Adam Lang, Head of Communications and Policy, Shelter Scotland;
Tony Cain, Policy Manager, and Julie Hunter, Housing Strategy Manager, North Lanarkshire Council, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers;
Lee Clark, Manager, Conflict Resolution Service, and Mark Kennedy, Manager, Homeless Prevention Service, Cyrenians;
Jan Williamson, Head of Services, Streetwork.
2. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 1.
3. **The Draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 22 March, the Committee expects to take further evidence from stakeholders as part of its work on homelessness. The Committee also expects to consider its work programme.

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Clare Hawthorne, on 0131-348-6037 or LGCCCommittee@parliament.scot.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

8 March 2017

8th Meeting, 2017

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

- Major transport infrastructure projects update:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work, Michelle Rennie, Director of Major Transport Infrastructure Projects, and Graham Porteous, Head of Special Projects, Transport Scotland, Scottish Government.
- Forth Replacement Crossing project team update:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Climie, Project Director, Forth Replacement Crossing Team, and Lawrence Shackman, Project Manager, Forth Replacement Crossing Team, Transport Scotland.
- Draft climate change plan (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 15 March, the Committee will take oral evidence on the impact of the UK's departure from the EU on Fisheries and then from the Scottish Government Officials regarding the Seatbelts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill. The Committee will also consider subordinate legislation.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, on 0131 348 5211 or at rec.committee@parliament.scot.

Social Security Committee

9 March 2017

5th Meeting, 2017

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
- Citizen's Income:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Donald Hirsch, Director, Centre for Research in Social Policy, Loughborough University;
Siobhan Mathers, Advisory Board member, Reform Scotland;
Annie Miller, Chair, Citizen's Income Trust and Trustee, Citizen's Basic Income Network in Scotland;
Howard Reed, Director, Landman Economics;
Anthony Painter, Director, Action and Research Centre, RSA.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations (SSI 2017/41) from—
Robin Haynes, Head of Council Tax, and Dave Sorensen, Statistician, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/41).

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5. **Committee debate:** The Committee will consider whether it wishes to submit a request for a chamber debate.
6. **Citizen's Income:** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 13 March, the Committee expects to consider inter-governmental co-operation on social security with the Scottish Affairs Committee, UK Parliament.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Simon Watkins, on 0131 348 5228 or by email at: SocialSecurityCommittee@parliament.scot.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

9 March 2017

6th 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 6 in private.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take future consideration of a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland, and its own draft report on the complaint, in private at a future meeting.
3. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Fishing, and take evidence from—
Stewart Stevenson, Convener of the proposed CPG on Fishing.
4. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Fishing.
5. **Acting Conveners (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report and draft Standing Order rule changes.
6. **Complaint:** The Committee will consider a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 16 March, the Committee expects to continue its consideration of a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Dougie Wands, on 0131 348 6924 or at SPPACCommittee@parliament.scot

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Motions

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

Motions for Debate

***[S5M-04456](#) Iain Gray: The Scottish Government and Education, 10 Years of Letting Down Teachers, Parents and Pupils**—That the Parliament notes the evidence submitted to the Education and Skills Committee that many teachers have lost confidence in Education Scotland and the SQA; notes Scottish Government figures, which show falling numbers of teachers and support staff; is disappointed in the results of the OECD's PISA worldwide survey, which show a decline in reading, maths and science scores in Scotland in both absolute and relative terms; notes a number of significant responses to the Scottish Government review of the governance of schools, which question its thrust and direction, and believes that its stewardship of education is failing teachers, parents and pupils.

***[S5M-04440](#) Angela Constance: International Women's Day**—That the Parliament unites, ahead of UN International Women's Day on 8 March 2017, to reaffirm its commitment to upholding and protecting the rights of women, which are fundamental human rights; welcomes this year's theme, Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030, which seeks to ensure that women are empowered to take up the opportunities of work and ensure that the barriers to women entering and progressing in the workplace at all levels and in all sectors are addressed; notes the work of the Scottish Government to ensure and increase equality in the workplace, and welcomes research that shows that increasing female leadership and gender equality in the workforce can benefit the workplace, society and the economy.

Supported by: Kevin Stewart*, Jeane Freeman*

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Supported by: Pauline McNeill*

***S5M-04440.1 Annie Wells: International Women's Day**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04440 in the name of Angela Constance (International Women's Day), insert at end “, and recognises the work of the UK Government in reducing the gender pay gap and increasing equality in the workplace.”

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-04459 Neil Findlay: The Mesh Scandal Goes On**—That the Parliament is extremely concerned regarding the resignation of Elaine Holmes and Olive McIlroy, two mesh survivors from the Scottish Independent Review of the Use, Safety and Efficacy of Transvaginal Mesh Implants in the Treatment of Stress Urinary Incontinence and Pelvic Organ Prolapse in Women; understands that the two women, along with hundreds of thousands of women worldwide, are experiencing pain and injury or are disabled following treatment with polypropylene mesh; is concerned at reports that the draft report has been altered, omitting vital safety evidence amid allegations of secret meetings, which excluded the two women and allegations of "lies, manipulation and behind the scenes manoeuvrings by pro-mesh clinicians and government officials"; understands that the two women have evidence that the draft report has omitted previously agreed key evidence, which evidenced better, safer results from non-mesh procedures, withheld evidence proving mesh procedures have more long-term and life-changing risks, withheld evidence that the removal of mesh tapes after more than a couple of weeks can cause irreversible nerve damage, ignored the forthcoming EU reclassification of all mesh procedures, including hernia mesh in males, as "high risk", failed to call for mandatory reporting of complications by doctors, backing instead a scheme used by only 27% of clinicians, ignored three US government criminal investigations into mesh manufacturers in California, Kentucky and Washington DC, ignored US health watchdog alerts over alleged counterfeit mesh calling for surgeons to alert patients, destroyed vital evidence and removed easy to understand data leaving patients confused; considers that, although mesh devices may be cheaper for the NHS, studies show that they carry the highest risk of life-changing injury and that non-mesh procedures cost more because they require more experienced surgeons and a longer hospital stay, but clinical research proves they are safer; understands that the chair of the review resigned and was replaced by NHS Lothian's Chief Medical Director, Tracey Gillies, whose NHS board was one of two that ignored the mesh ban and continued implanting almost 350 more women; is concerned that the Chief Medical Officer, Dr Catherine Calderwood, went on BBC Scotland in December 2016 and insisted that mesh was the "only procedure these woman can have", a statement that it does not consider accurate, and calls for an independent investigation into the mesh scandal and its impact on women across Scotland.

***S5M-04458 Pauline McNeill: Ticket Touting**—That the Parliament understands that an increasing number of artists, including Damien Rice and Biffy Clyro, are speaking out about the impact of ticket touting on music and other entertainment events; believes that, by using automated systems, secondary ticketing websites have the ability to buy up hundreds of tickets, which they then sell on for many multiples of each ticket's face value; supports the view that this practice unfairly inflates prices beyond the reach of many people, and, to ensure that fans are not needlessly priced out of seeing their favourite artists, urges action to be taken against the secondary ticketing sector to limit the number of tickets that companies can buy for each event and the prices that they can then charge for them.

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Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Liam McArthur*, Alex Rowley*

***S5M-04457 Alexander Stewart: Girls Football in Alloa Receives Funding**—That the Parliament recognises the achievements of girls' football in Alloa thanks to a highly dedicated band of young players and coaches; understands that the Wasps Girls team, with a core of approximately 16 youngsters training every week, has been up and running for a year and is gearing up for the season ahead; notes that no one is turned away, regardless of age or experience, and all have their own part to play according to their coaches, and congratulates the team on receiving a £500 grant from Asda in Alloa to help with running costs and equipment.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Margaret Mitchell*, Ross Thomson*, Richard Lyle*, Peter Chapman*, Ruth Maguire*, Alison Harris*, Gordon Lindhurst*

***S5M-04455 Liam McArthur: Orkney Tourism Group to Hold Summit**—That the Parliament welcomes the summit on tourism that is being held in the Pickaquoy Centre in Orkney on 17 March 2017, which will be a free, day-long event during Scottish Tourism Week; understands that the event has been organised by the Orkney Tourism Group; further understands that the event, Spring Summit 2017 – Destination Orkney, will be designed to encourage cooperation between Orkney's tourism businesses in order to responsibly boost the sector in the northern isles; believes that the event will be helpful in ensuring the long-term growth of the tourism industry in Orkney; thanks the organisers, and wishes the summit well.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Richard Lyle*

***S5M-04454 Tavish Scott: Shetland's First Business Week**—That the Parliament congratulates Shetland on the success of its first Business Week; notes that the event took place in Lerwick from 25 February to 4 March 2017 and was hosted by Highlands and Islands Enterprise, as well as Business Gateway Shetland, the Federation of Small Businesses and Skills Development Scotland; further notes that there were over 25 individual sessions, all of which were free to attend, covering key topics such as digital marketing, women in business, and Shetland dialect branding; further understands that over 400 tickets for these sessions were reserved by 1 March; warmly applauds all those involved for their hard work in coordinating the Business Week, and believes that the event has provided local Shetland businesses with an excellent opportunity to improve their development and growth.

Supported by: Ash Denham*, Richard Lyle*, John Finnie*, Jeremy Balfour*

***S5M-04453 Alex Rowley: Fife Council Construction Charter**—That the Parliament welcomes the new construction charter for Fife, which will see construction firms who want to get work from Fife Council having to agree to the charter, which promotes local employment, fair wages and workers' protection; congratulates the council on creating the charter with the help of the trade union, Unite; welcomes the move to eradicate bad industry practices such as in self-employment schemes across Fife; commends the council on encouraging the payment of fair wages, treating workers with dignity and respect and safeguarding health and safety standards; recognises that the charter was proposed by the Labour Councillor for Kirkcaldy Central, Judy Hamilton; supports the aim to improve opportunities in education and training, so that local people can help fill the construction skills gap and build a skilled workforce for the future, and hopes that other local authorities across Scotland will follow the example from Fife in introducing their own construction charters.

***S5M-04452 Maurice Corry: Rhu Primary School's Fifth Green Flag**—That the Parliament congratulates the students of Rhu Primary School on being awarded their fifth Green Flag by Eco-

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Schools Scotland; understands that Eco-Schools Scotland was particularly impressed by the students' and school's work to improve the local environment by leading community litter-picking activities, beach-cleaning sessions and running an anti-dog fouling campaign, and hopes that the school and the students keep up the good work. **R**

Supported by: Jamie Greene*, Peter Chapman*, Liz Smith*, Richard Lyle*, Margaret Mitchell*, Donald Cameron*, Ross Greer*, Murdo Fraser*, John Lamont*, Alison Harris*, Miles Briggs*, Ross Thomson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, Gordon Lindhurst*

***S5M-04451 Jamie Greene: Congratulating Inverkip's Shirley Cairney**—That the Parliament congratulates Shirley Cairney of Inverkip on receiving the Award of Merit, the top Scout's honour, from the Scout Association, for her hard work in helping young people; recognises the great dedication shown by Shirley over the last 30 months in her role as regional commissioner for the West Region Scouts, helping 341 leaders to complete training; notes the great efforts in her previous roles as Deputy District Commissioner and as a social worker in Greenock, and wishes Shirley well in her future endeavours.

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***S5M-04450 Jamie Greene: Congratulating Dalry Bowling Club**—That the Parliament congratulates the ladies of the Dalry Bowling Club for their season-long fundraiser for Garnock Valley First Responders; recognises the vital role that the all-volunteer first responders play alongside the Scottish Ambulance Service in assisting ill people, and encourages the continuation of selfless charity by recreational and sports groups, such as the Dalry Bowling Club, as a means of supporting other volunteers in the community.

Supported by: Maurice Corry*, Margaret Mitchell*, John Lamont*, Donald Cameron*, Liz Smith*, Peter Chapman*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Alison Harris*, Ross Thomson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, Gordon Lindhurst*

***S5M-04449 Jamie Greene: Efforts of the Staff at Kilbirnie's Tesco**—That the Parliament applauds the efforts of the staff at Tesco in Kilbirnie, who have pledged to undergo voluntary training to become the first dementia friendly store in Ayrshire; recognises the efforts of the staff to better serve their whole community, and highlights the important role that the private sector plays in creating a more inclusive society for disabled people and those with health issues.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Maurice Corry*, Murdo Fraser*, Peter Chapman*, Richard Lyle*, Margaret Mitchell*, John Lamont*, Alison Harris*, Miles Briggs*, Ross Thomson*, Donald Cameron*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, Gordon Lindhurst*

***S5M-04448 Alexander Stewart: Alloa Lodge Raises Grand Sum for Prostate Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates Lodge Ladywell in Tullibody on raising nearly £24,000 for Prostate Scotland following charitable works in the community; understands that Brother Steven Stewart, the right worshipful master at Ladywell No 1474, presented Brother Alistair T Marshall, the provincial grand master of Stirlingshire, with a cheque for £3,068.37, adding to an earlier amount of £747.90, totalling £3,816.27, which has been added to the sum already raised by the lodges in the province and culminating in the grand figure of £23,184.17, and recognises that the money has been raised through a sponsored cycle and a variety of other associated events, with all proceeds going to Prostate Scotland.

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Motions Gluasadan				

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***S5M-04447 Graeme Dey: Keep Scotland Beautiful, Tackle Roadside Litter**—That the Parliament welcomes the campaign to tackle roadside litter in Angus, which was launched by the environment charity, Keep Scotland Beautiful, as part of a nationwide campaign to encourage the travelling public to take their litter home; understands that Angus is the first local authority to work with Keep Scotland Beautiful to launch a local drive as part of this campaign; recognises the detrimental impact that litter has, not only on roads and environment but on the economy, with figures showing that the cost of clearing up litter totalled £47,000 in 2016 in Angus alone; notes the dangers that workers face when attempting to clear roadsides, and welcomes the coalition of organisations supporting the initiative encouraging every road user to do the responsible thing and give their litter a lift and take it home.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Angus MacDonald*, Fulton MacGregor*, Richard Lyle*, Joan McAlpine*, John Finnie*, Clare Haughey*

***S5M-04446 Elaine Smith: Working to End Child Marriage as Part of International Women's Day**—That the Parliament notes that 8 March 2017 is International Women's Day; recognises that this is an opportunity to build momentum to achieve gender equality and to ensure quality education for all; considers that child marriage is a human rights violation that directly threatens a girl's health and wellbeing, often resulting in early pregnancy before she is physically and mentally ready for it, social isolation, dropping out of school early and placing her at increased risk of domestic violence; understands that worldwide more than 700 million women and girls alive today were married before their 18th birthday; recognises the work of Tearfund Scotland in Malawi to empower communities to put an end to the harmful practice of child marriage and to provide opportunities for girls to return to education and pursue a brighter future, and supports the key target of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to eliminate child and forced marriage.

***S5M-04445 Roseanna Cunningham: Farriers (Registration) Bill - UK Legislation**—That the Parliament agrees that the Farriers (Registration) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 29 June 2016, so far as this matter falls within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alters the executive competence of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Supported by: Joe FitzPatrick*

***S5M-04444 Liz Smith: Laura Muir's European Indoor Athletics Success**—That the Parliament congratulates the Milnathort runner, Laura Muir, on winning the women's 3,000m final at the European Indoor Athletics Championships in Belgrade in a championship record time of 8:35:67; notes that she was joined on the podium by fellow Scot, Eilish McColgan, who came third; recognises that this was Laura's second gold medal in two days, having won the women's 1,500m final the day before, and considers this to have been a successful weekend for Mid Scotland and Fife athletes, with Pitreavie's Eilidh Child leading the Great Britain 4x400m relay team to a silver medal.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*

***S5M-04443 Gail Ross: Wester Ross Snorkelers**—That the Parliament notes and welcomes the achievement of 16 youngsters from Wester Ross in completing their British Sub Aqua Club training as Dolphin Snorkelers; notes that the scheme, run by Highland Highlife and the Scottish

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Motions Gluasadan				

Wildlife Trust, as part of its Living Seas Project, saw children from Ullapool, Dundonnell and Lochinver complete their certificates in snorkelling at Ullapool Leisure Centre, and further notes that this will offer the opportunity for those who completed the course to learn more about the marine environment in their area, which has the opportunity to raise awareness and understanding.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Richard Lyle*, Donald Cameron*, David Stewart*, John Finnie*, Bill Kidd*, Clare Haughey*, Jeremy Balfour*

***S5M-04442 Gail Ross: Inverness Music Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates the competitors involved in the Inverness Music Festival; notes that the festival is open to all members of the public who have a passion for performing; congratulates the pupils in Ullapool High School's folk band, Sweetie Break, the Kiltlearn Fiddlers from Evanton and the Invergordon academy folk group, and commends the hard work of pupils and tutors from across the Highlands in producing a successful and accomplished festival.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Joan McAlpine*, Donald Cameron*, Ash Denham*, David Stewart*, John Finnie*, Bill Kidd*, Clare Haughey*, Jeremy Balfour*

***S5M-04441 Gail Ross: Tain Guides Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates three Girl Guides from Tain on their recent achievements in the movement; congratulates Katie Baines on gaining a Chief Guide's Challenge and eight Octant Badges; notes that Katie undertook many challenges to achieve these honours, including joining a crew of a Danish tall ship, visiting Mexico to represent Scottish Girl Guides and learning to scuba dive, and congratulates Orla Young and Mollie Lauriston on being awarded the Baden Powell Challenge Award.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Richard Lyle*, Ash Denham*, David Stewart*, John Finnie*, Bill Kidd*, Clare Haughey*, Jeremy Balfour*, Ruth Maguire*

***S5M-04439 Monica Lennon: Suicide and Inequality**—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Samaritans' report, *Dying from Inequality*; is deeply concerned that the rate of suicide is three times higher in the most deprived communities in Scotland; understands that 96 people lost their lives to suicide across Falkirk, North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire in 2015; considers that suicide is an issue of inequality; recognises the need to address factors relating to inequality and increased suicide risk, and considers that efforts to address this are central to efforts to create a fairer Scotland.

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***S5M-04438 Tavish Scott: Shetland Winners at Lantra Learner of the Year Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates the modern apprentice farmer, Jakob Eunson, from Shetland on winning the Learner of the Year Award in the Agriculture category at the Lantra Scotland Awards ceremony in Dunblane on 2 March 2017; further congratulates the modern apprentice aquaculture hatchery technician, John Blance, who is also from Shetland on coming runner-up for the award; understands that John is employed by Greig Seafood Shetland with his apprenticeship being coordinated by NAFC Marine Centre UHI; notes that Jakob works at Uradale Farm in Scalloway while completing his apprenticeship, which is coordinated by Train Shetland; further notes that Train Shetland manages apprenticeships across 35 different occupations, covering 16 colleges and training providers in the UK, and wishes Jakob and John success with the completion of their apprenticeships and studies.

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Motions Glusadan				

Supported by: Douglas Ross*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*, Donald Cameron*, Ash Denham*, Fulton MacGregor*, Richard Lyle*, Gail Ross*, John Finnie*

***S5M-04437 Ben Macpherson: T2 Trainspotting Props and Set to be Auctioned**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that props from *T2 Trainspotting* are to be auctioned off for charity; notes that this will be held at Mulberry Bank Auctions in Glasgow on 25 March 2017, to coincide with the release of the film in the United States; understands that the entire bar from the pub of the character, Sick Boy, and Begbie's pool cue are among the range of props that will be put on sale; acknowledges that offers for the bar and gantry from the Port Sunshine pub, where much of the action took place, are being invited on application; appreciates that the proceeds will go to both The Junction, which is a Leith-based youth organisation, of which the author of *Trainspotting*, Irvine Welsh, is a patron, and Calton Athletic, which is a support group for recovering addicts in Glasgow; thanks everyone involved with organising the auction, and hopes that it will be a huge success.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Clare Haughey*, Gail Ross*, Joan McAlpine*, Richard Lyle*, Ruth Maguire*

***S5M-04436 Angus MacDonald: Stenhousemuir Local Projects Awarded Asda Foundation Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Stenhousemuir Primary School PTA on receiving £500 from the Asda Foundation, having won the customer vote at the local Asda store; recognises Carron Primary Parent Teacher Council and Forth Valley Visually Impaired Bowlers for being runners-up in the customer vote, with each receiving £200 from the Asda Foundation to go toward their projects; understands that the Asda Foundation is a charitable company, which was set up to provide grants to a range of good causes around Scotland; considers that these grants will be put to excellent use in the local communities for the benefit of everyone, and wishes the community groups involved the best for their projects.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Richard Lyle*, Emma Harper*, Bill Kidd*, Clare Haughey*, David Torrance*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-04435 Gillian Martin: Jenna Morrice, Raising Awareness of Myasthenia Gravis (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle*, Emma Harper*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*

S5M-04434 Pauline McNeill: One Million Zero-hour Contracts (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Anas Sarwar*, John Mason*, Andy Wightman*, Mairi Evans*, Claudia Beamish*, Mark Ruskell*, Neil Findlay*, Johann Lamont*, John Finnie*

S5M-04433 Pauline McNeill: The Importance of the Scottish Space Industry (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Ash Denham*, Iain Gray*, Kenneth Gibson*, John Mason*, Anas Sarwar*, Emma Harper*, Alex Rowley*, Monica Lennon*, Mairi Evans*, Jackson Carlaw*

S5M-04432 Stuart McMillan: Ardgowan Distillery, Inverkip (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle*, Emma Harper*

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[S5M-04430](#) Ross Greer: Better Than Zero Fair Pay For All Workers (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Andy Wightman*, Emma Harper*, Joan McAlpine*, John Finnie*

[S5M-04429](#) Mark Ruskell: Concerns Over Label Rouge Salmon Certification (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Ross Greer*, Andy Wightman*

[S5M-04428](#) Mark Ruskell: International School Meals Day (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Andy Wightman*, John Finnie*

[S5M-04427](#) Clare Adamson: Football Legend, Tommy Gemmell (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Murdo Fraser*, Gail Ross*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-04424](#) Graeme Dey: Calum Bruce, Scottish Rugby's Volunteer of the Month (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Joan McAlpine*

[S5M-04423](#) Graeme Dey: Pippa's Kitchen (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S5M-04422](#) Brian Whittle: World Walking Initiative (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Jackson Carlaw*, Miles Briggs*, Finlay Carson*, Edward Mountain*, Maurice Corry*, Alison Harris*, Donald Cameron*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Oliver Mundell*, Ross Thomson*

[S5M-04421](#) Liz Smith: Water Safety Scotland Response to the UK Drowning Prevention Strategy (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Miles Briggs*, Liam Kerr*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Jeremy Balfour*, John Lamont*, Margaret Mitchell*, Alex Rowley*, Peter Chapman*, Dean Lockhart*, Maurice Corry*, Donald Cameron*, Douglas Ross*, Alison Harris*, Ross Thomson*, Oliver Mundell*, Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*

[S5M-04420](#) Lewis Macdonald: Bird Conservation International Reports Threat to Curlews and Godwits (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Claudia Beamish*, John Finnie*

[S5M-04419](#) Kenneth Gibson: The Douglas Hotel Named Independent Hotel of the Year (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04418](#) Christina McKelvie: South Lanarkshire Women's Aid (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Claudia Beamish*

[S5M-04417](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa School Wins Sports Accolade (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Oliver Mundell*, Jackson Carlaw*, Ross Thomson*

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[S5M-04416](#) Colin Beattie: Millerhill Artist in Running for Prestigious Award (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Stuart McMillan*

[S5M-04410](#) Liam McArthur: Fishermen's Mission Officer Recognised for Service (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: John Finnie*

[S5M-04409](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Festival Wins Award (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: John Finnie*

[S5M-04408](#) Liam McArthur: Stuart McIvor Honoured with Bravery Award (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, David Torrance*, John Finnie*

[S5M-04406](#) Jeremy Balfour: Supreme Court to Sit in Scotland (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Finlay Carson*, Donald Cameron* R, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04405](#) Sandra White: Dunkirk Digital Classroom Supporting Young Refugees (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

[S5M-04404](#) Kenneth Gibson: 52 Weeks of Kindness (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Johann Lamont*, Gail Ross*

[S5M-04403](#) David Torrance: Barnardo's Scotland Fife (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S5M-04401](#) Liam McArthur: Papdale School Gives Goldfish a Flaming Viking Send-off (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*, John Finnie*

[S5M-04400](#) Douglas Ross: Technology Bringing Forres History to Life (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Maurice Corry*, Oliver Mundell*, Jackson Carlaw*, John Finnie*, Ross Thomson*

[S5M-04399](#) Douglas Ross: Karen Betts, New Chief Executive of the SWA (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*, Jackson Carlaw*, Ross Thomson*

[S5M-04398](#) Maurice Golden: West of Scotland Communities Named in Scotland's Most Desirable Places to Live (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Maurice Corry*, Douglas Ross*, Liam Kerr*, Donald Cameron*, Jeremy Balfour*, Ross Greer*, Jamie Greene*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Alison Harris*, John Lamont*, Margaret Mitchell*, Peter Chapman*, Ross Thomson*, Oliver Mundell*, Jackson Carlaw*

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[S5M-04397](#) Alexander Stewart: Tribute to Former Dunfermline Teacher (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Oliver Mundell*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04396](#) Alexander Stewart: Sweet Success for Dunfermline Primary Pupils (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Oliver Mundell*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04395](#) Jackie Baillie: Pamela Duffy, Apprentice of the Year (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04394](#) Neil Bibby: Tackling Food Poverty in Renfrewshire (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-04393](#) Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Teenager Completes Army Training (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Donald Cameron*, Oliver Mundell*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04392](#) Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Barbers Shortlisted for the Scotland's Best Barber Title (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Donald Cameron*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04391](#) Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Air Cadet to Train with RAF Regiment (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Donald Cameron*, Oliver Mundell*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04386](#) Liam Kerr: Jackie Noble Raises Funds for Fellow Patients (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04385](#) Brian Whittle: Hansel Foundation (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Oliver Mundell*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04384](#) Ross Thomson: Supporting the Sea of Opportunity Initiative (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Oliver Mundell*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04383](#) Liam Kerr: Community First Project (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*

[S5M-04382](#) Jackson Carlaw: Eastwood, One of Scotland's Most Desirable Areas (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04381](#) Jackie Baillie: Redevelopment of Hermitage Park Underway (lodged on 02 March 2017)

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New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04380 Jackie Baillie: Entrepreneurial Spark's Success](#) (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S5M-04374.1 Ross Thomson: Israeli Apartheid Week](#) (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden*, Finlay Carson*, Oliver Mundell*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04374 John Finnie: Israeli Apartheid Week](#) (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Claudia Beamish*

[S5M-04373 Alexander Stewart: Community Grant Aids Alloa Musical Players Theatre Group](#)
(lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04370 Alison Johnstone: Damaging New Regulations on Personal Independence Payments](#) (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: John Finnie*

[S5M-04369 John Finnie: New Electricity Scheme on the Fair Isle](#) (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-04368 John Finnie: Aquatera Wins Tidal Power Contract in Japan](#) (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-04361 John Lamont: Congratulations to Whitriggs Farm and Other New Monitor Farms](#)
(lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04348 Edward Mountain: Dingwall Royal British Legion Branch](#) (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: John Scott*

[S5M-04346 Alexander Stewart: Refurbished Stroke Facilities at Perth Royal Infirmary](#)
(lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: John Scott*

[S5M-04345 Gordon Lindhurst: Edinburgh's Georgian Shadows](#) (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: John Scott*

[S5M-04325 Alison Harris: Organisations in Cumbernauld and Croy Benefit from Lottery Funding](#) (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04296 Monica Lennon: Reducing the Impact of Alcohol Marketing on Children in Scotland](#) (lodged on 28 February 2017)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-04295](#) Iain Gray: Harlawhill Day Centre Care Inspectorate Report (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-04290](#) Maurice Corry: £1.7 Billion Investment Programme for Scottish Military Bases (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: John Scott*

[S5M-04283](#) Maurice Corry: Deposit Return for Drinks Containers (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd*, David Torrance*, Jenny Marra*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-04279](#) Sandra White: International Women's Day 2017 (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: John Mason*

[S5M-04272](#) Ross Thomson: University of Aberdeen Forms Global Alliance with Largest University in Western Australia (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: John Scott*

[S5M-04269](#) Bill Bowman: Congratulations to Arbroath Cancer Research UK Charity Shop (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: John Scott*

[S5M-04261](#) Jackson Carlaw: Botulinum Toxin Type A (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: John Scott*

[S5M-04254](#) Bill Kidd: War Memorials Trust (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-04248](#) Maurice Golden: WWF Earth Hour 2017 (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: John Scott*

[S5M-04240](#) Stuart McMillan: Sail Scotland's First Appearance at BOOT Holland Boat Show (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst*, Joan McAlpine*

[S5M-04233](#) Stuart McMillan: Caledonian MacBrayne Excellent New Figures (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-04197](#) Donald Cameron: Major Boost for Tourism in Argyll (lodged on 22 February 2017)

New Support: Peter Chapman*

[S5M-04123.1](#) Jackie Baillie: Strange Claims by Labour (lodged on 01 March 2017)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-03752](#) **Bill Bowman: National HPV Vaccination Programme** (lodged on 30 January 2017)

New Support: Mark Ruskell*

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Questions Ceistean				

Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 07 March 2017

- 1. Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the resignation of two members of the review group into the use of transvaginal mesh. ([S5T-00420](#))
- 2. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact the proposed merger between Aberdeen Asset Management and Standard Life would have on Scotland's economy. ([S5T-00421](#))

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 09 March 2017

- 1. Ruth Davidson:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the day. ([S5F-00983](#))
- 2. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the week. ([S5F-00999](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S5F-00984](#))
- 4. Bruce Crawford:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the UK Budget. ([S5F-01019](#))
- 5. Adam Tomkins:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason life expectancy is no longer increasing in Scotland. ([S5F-00982](#))
- 6. Monica Lennon:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the Samaritans' report, *Dying from Inequality*, which suggests that there is an increased risk of suicide in the most deprived communities. ([S5F-00979](#))
- 7. John Mason:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the report by the chair of the Advisory Group on Tackling Sectarianism in Scotland. ([S5F-01017](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 15 March 2017

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 08 March 2017. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 09 March 2017.

Health and Sport

1. Mairi Evans
2. Alexander Burnett
3. Richard Lochhead
4. Brian Whittle
5. Jamie Greene
6. Jeremy Balfour
7. Ruth Maguire
8. Alexander Stewart
9. Pauline McNeill
10. John Scott

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11. Douglas Ross
12. Finlay Carson
13. Gillian Martin
14. George Adam
15. Neil Bibby
16. Rhoda Grant
17. Linda Fabiani
18. Christina McKelvie
19. Alison Johnstone
20. Iain Gray

Members selected for General Questions on 16 March 2017

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 08 March 2017. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 09 March 2017.

1. James Dornan
2. Kenneth Gibson
3. Joan McAlpine
4. John Lamont
5. Jackson Carlaw
6. Patrick Harvie
7. Ash Denham
8. Sandra White
9. Ross Thomson
10. Jenny Gilruth

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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 06 March 2017

S5W-07701 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the statement in the publication, *On Board: A Guide for Board Members of Public Bodies in Scotland*, that the "Chief Executive of the public body is employed and appointed by the Board (with approval of Scottish Ministers)", whether it considers that the recommendation in Professor Crerar's report, *Proposals on Governance and the Creation of a Strategic Board*, that ministers should appoint members to the proposed Strategic Board, as well as agency chairs, (a) will have an impact on the autonomy of the agencies and (b) is consistent with the guide.

S5W-07702 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the statement in the publication, *On Board: A Guide for Board Members of Public Bodies in Scotland*, that, if a board member fundamentally disagrees "with the decision taken by the Board, they have the option of recording their concerns in the minutes", what its position is on this practice being followed during Scottish Police Authority meetings.

S5W-07703 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the statement in the publication, *On Board: A Guide for Board Members of Public Bodies in Scotland*, that it is the responsibility of boards to participate "in shared services and/or collaborative service delivery arrangements", what its position is on boards having the right to refuse to participate in collaborative service delivery arrangements if they deem them to be damaging to their own roles and responsibilities.

S5W-07719 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the statement by Mark McDonald on 2 March 2017 (*Official Report*, c.46) that it will develop a flagging system on the National Vulnerable Persons Database, before creating a National Child Protection Database, what access rights to information parents and guardians will have in the interim arrangements; which (a) organisations, (b) public bodies, and (c) government bodies will have access to this data; what the data retention policy will be, and what information will be recorded for each child.

S5W-07720 Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-06893 by Maureen Watt on 24 February 2017, what percentage rate of increase above the overall growth in the frontline NHS budget will be allocated to mental health.

S5W-07721 Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-06893 by Maureen Watt on 24 February 2017, when the additional investment of £150 million on mental health services started to be paid to NHS boards, and what share of this funding was included in each NHS territorial board budget in that financial year.

S5W-07722 Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-06893 by Maureen Watt on 24 February 2017, noting that this funding was listed in both the draft 2016-17 budget and the draft 2017-18 budget, whether the delivery of £150 million funding began in the financial year 2016-17 or will begin in 2017-18, and what the final financial year of the allocation of funds will be.

S5W-07723 Anas Sarwar: To ask the Scottish Government how many people have been diagnosed with hidradenitis suppurativa (HS) in each of the last 10 years, also broken down by NHS board area.

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[S5W-07724](#) Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) individuals, (b) organisations and (c) the UK Government regarding legislation to prevent ticket touting.

[S5W-07726](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) transobturator mesh tape and (b) prolapse mesh procedures have been carried out by each NHS board in each month since June 2014.

[S5W-07727](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will allow (a) transobturator mesh tape and (b) prolapse mesh procedures to be used after the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants reports.

[S5W-07728](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will allow mesh procedures (a) that have no proven benefit and (b) where the risks are believed to outweigh the benefits to be carried out after the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants reports.

[S5W-07729](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what alternative non-mesh procedures are available to treat stress urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse.

[S5W-07730](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is content that all available evidence will be included in the final report published by the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants.

[S5W-07731](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether the report of the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants will publish all of the evidence and findings regarding patient choice in a manner that will be understandable to non-experts.

[S5W-07732](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants has conducted itself in an impartial manner, and what its reasons are for its position on this.

[S5W-07733](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what impact it considers the resignation of two medical mesh-injured members of the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants has had on the balance of the group.

[S5W-07734](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will reclassify all medical mesh implant products as high risk, in light of the EU's recent decision to do so.

[S5W-07735](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its interim report being published in October 2015, for what reason the report of the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants has yet to publish.

[S5W-07736](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many meetings of the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants have taken place since its interim report was published in October 2015.

[S5W-07737](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many meeting of the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants sub-group there (a) were before and (b) have been since October 2015, also broken down by location, and whether the minutes have been or will be circulated to the the review group's members.

[S5W-07739](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Chief Medical Officer said in December 2016 that there was no other alternative treatments for stress urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse other than mesh when, prior to mesh being developed from the late 1990s, it is understood that non-mesh treatments were the most common form of treatment.

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[S5W-07740](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government under what circumstances it considers that the use of medical mesh would be unavoidable, and whether the report of the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants will confirm and describe these situations.

[S5W-07741](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether there are any situations in which standard non-mesh procedures cannot be provided by the NHS, and whether it expects the final report of the Independent review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants to identify and describe these situations.

[S5W-07742](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether, compared to standard non-mesh treatments, medical mesh devices increase the risk of complications that can have an irreversible and detrimental impact on the lives of people who experience them.

[S5W-07743](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many legal cases have been lodged in relation to non-mesh treatments for stress urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse in Scotland.

[S5W-07745](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how the recommendations of the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants will protect women who could be invited to participate in research involving the use of medical mesh products.

[S5W-07746](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many adverse incidents there have been involving the use of medical mesh devices to treat hernias.

[S5W-07747](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether there is mandatory reporting of adverse incidents that are a result of using medical mesh devices to treat hernias.

[S5W-07748](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many pending legal cases there are that involve the use of medical mesh devices to treat hernias.

[S5W-07749](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether informed consent is always required from patients being treated for hernias with medical mesh devices.

[S5W-07750](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what alternative, non-mesh treatments are available to patients being treated for hernias.

[S5W-07751](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the average cost of (a) mesh and (b) non-mesh treatments for stress urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse.

[S5W-07752](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will recommend making it mandatory to (a) use a medical mesh device registry and (b) report adverse events involving medical mesh devices and, if not, what other methods it will use to record the number and extent of adverse incidents involving these devices.

[S5W-07753](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what administrative, emotional and legal support it provides to lay members of the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants group who have resigned.

[S5W-07754](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government on what dates it has met the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency since the interim report from the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants was published in October 2015.

[S5W-07755](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Medicines and Health Care products Regulatory Agency expressed an opinion on the Interim report of the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh implants, which was published in October 2015.

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S5W-07756 Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government when it has (a) met and (b) been in contact with any medical mesh device manufacturer since the publication of the interim report from the Independent Review of Transvaginal Mesh Implants in October 2015.

S5W-07758 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report in *The Herald* on 6 March 2017, "Revealed: Hidden scandal of chronic pain wait times".

S5W-07759 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to reduce waiting times for chronic pain treatment.

S5W-07760 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason return patients who need regular treatment for chronic pain are not recorded as part of the 18-week referral to treatment target, and whether it plans to now do so.

S5W-07761 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to expand the (a) capacity and (b) staffing of chronic pain services.

S5W-07762 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that some return patients using chronic pain services have waited up to 22 months for treatment.

S5W-07763 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that previous such steering groups did not achieve these, how it will ensure that the new National Advisory Committee on Chronic Pain leads to an improvement in services.

S5W-07765 Gordon Lindhurst: To ask the Scottish Government how much it will spend in the next twelve months to help young people live healthier lifestyles.

S5W-07767 Gordon Lindhurst: To ask the Scottish Government what agreements it has in place with the private sector to provide digital skills training opportunities.

S5W-07768 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update regarding the date that the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route will be open to traffic.

S5W-07769 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how much it is investing in the strategy, Beating Cancer: Ambition and Action, in 2016-17, and how much it will allocate in each of the next four years, also broken down by the amount set aside for (a) recruiting and (b) retraining cancer clinical nurse specialists.

S5W-07770 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many specialist nurses will be needed in each of the next four years to meet the aim in its strategy, Beating Cancer: Ambition and Action, that "by 2021 people with cancer who need it [will] have access to a specialist nurse during and after their treatment and care".

S5W-07771 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many cancer clinical nurse specialists there are in each NHS board, also broken down by how many specialise in urological cancers.

S5W-07773 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many urological cancer clinical nurse specialists will be needed in each of the next four years to meet the aim in its strategy, Beating Cancer: Ambition and Action, that "by 2021 people with cancer who need it [will] have access to a specialist nurse during and after their treatment and care".

S5W-07774 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how its strategy, Beating Cancer: Ambition and Action, will ensure that men who have had prostate cancer treatment will have equity of access to (a) erectile dysfunction clinics, (b) the medication, tadalafil (Cialis), (c) vacuum pumps and (d) psychosexual services/sex therapy.

S5W-07775 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government how many meetings it has had since November 2016 with (a) Police Scotland, (b) the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, (c)

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the Scottish SPCA and (d) other stakeholders to discuss the potential granting of additional powers to the Scottish SPCA to assist in reducing and detecting wildlife crime.

[S5W-07776](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what work it is undertaking to develop a vision for the uplands.

[S5W-07777](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of competitive tendering processes for bus services.

[S5W-07778](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what the remit of the rural economy hub is, and what considerations it will give to island communities.

[S5W-07779](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish a list of the members of the rural economy hub and the minutes of any meetings.

[S5W-07780](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what funding it will provide to the rural economy hub.

[S5W-07781](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government which stakeholders have been notified about the creation of the rural economy hub, and how they will engage with the hub in future.

[S5W-07782](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that the proposed digitisation of some processes by the Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service will be accessible for (a) older people, (b) disabled people and (c) people with limited online access.

[S5W-07783](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the number of incidents of lasers being shone at aircraft.

[S5W-07784](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how it promotes the space (a) tourism sector and (b) research industries.

[S5W-07785](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to online skills training services, and how it helps promote their availability.

[S5W-07786](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how it uses the so-called big data that it holds on people to help improve the provision of public services.

[S5W-07787](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the action that it is taking to tackle domestic violence.

[S5W-07789](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report by BBC Scotland on 2 March 2017 suggesting that NHS Ayrshire and Arran spends an average of £3.20 on food and drink per patient each day.

[S5W-07790](#) Dean Lockhart: To ask the Scottish Government what the annual default rate is of businesses receiving a loan or guarantee under the Scottish Growth Scheme, and how much it expects it will pay out each year because of defaults.

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Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform), 28 February 2017
Lead committee - Finance and Constitution

Budget (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed 23 February 2017

Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform), 7 March 2017
Lead committee - Social Security

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 7 March 2017

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 7 March 2017

Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice)), 7 March 2017

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Introduced 28 February 2017

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Agreed by the Parliament on 26 January 2017

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

Agreed by the Parliament on 2 March 2017

Digital Economy Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-8

Agreed by the Parliament on 22 February 2017

Farriers (Registration) Bill (UK Parliament legislations) LCM-S5-9

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 21 February 2017

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

Agreed by the Parliament on 7 February 2017

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

Agreed by the Parliament on 20 December 2016

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[National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (26 January 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Judiciary and Courts \(Scotland\) Act 2008 \(Scottish Land Court\) Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (26 January 2017) (Justice)

Lead committee to report by 16 March 2017

[Scottish Fiscal Commission \(Modification of Functions\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (27 January 2017) (Finance and Constitution)

Lead committee to report by 22 March 2017

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2016 Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (2 February 2017) (Finance and Constitution)

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[Scottish Tribunals \(Listed Tribunals\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (3 February 2017) (Justice)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Tax Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Composition\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (3 February 2017) (Justice)

[Tribunals \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Ancillary Provisions\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (3 February 2017) (Justice)

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[Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions of the Upper Tax Tribunal for Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (16 February 2017) (Justice)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions of the First-tier Tax Tribunal for Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (16 February 2017) (Justice)

[Bankruptcy and Protected Trust Deeds \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (20 February 2017) (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)

Lead committee to report by 17 April 2017

[Carbon Accounting Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (21 February 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Lead committee to report by 23 April 2017

[International Organisations \(Immunities and Privileges\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (27 February 2017) (Justice)

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Subject to annulment by 8 March 2017

Lead committee to report by 6 March 2017

[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/8\)](#) (19 January 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/9\)](#) (19 January 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 12 March 2017

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[Sale of Nicotine Vapour Products \(Prescribed Documents\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/13\)](#) (23 January 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 16 March 2017

Lead committee to report by 13 March 2017

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Rural Areas\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/22\)](#) (27 January 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 23 March 2017

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[National Health Service Superannuation Scheme \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/27\)](#) (3 February 2017) (Health and Sport)

[National Health Service Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/28\)](#) (3 February 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 31 March 2017

Lead committee to report by 27 March 2017

[Bankruptcy Fees \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/37\)](#) (20 February 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

Subject to annulment by 18 April 2017

Lead committee to report by 3 April 2017

[Animal Feed \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/38\)](#) (22 February 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 19 April 2017

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[Participation Request \(Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/39\)](#) (23 February 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

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[Inshore Fishing \(Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods\) \(Outer Hebrides\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/48\)](#) (23 February 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 23 April 2017

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[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/49\)](#) (27 February 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Sale of Tobacco and Nicotine Vapour Products by Persons Under 18 \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/50\)](#) (27 February 2017) (Health and Sport)

[Sale of Tobacco \(Register of Tobacco Retailers\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/51\)](#) (27 February 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 26 April 2017

Lead committee to report by 24 April 2017

[Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Solicitors in the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Amendment\) \(Pursuers' Offers\) 2017 \(SSI 2017/53\)](#) (2 March 2017) (Justice)

[Shellfish \(Restrictions on Taking by Unlicensed Fishing Boats\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/57\)](#) (2 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 27 April 2017

Lead committee to report by 24 April 2017

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/58\)](#) (3 March 2017) (Health and Sport)

[National Health Service \(Payments and Remission of Charges\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/59\)](#) (3 March 2017) (Health and Sport)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Renewable Energy Generation Relief\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/60\)](#) (3 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(District Heating Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/61\)](#) (3 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

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Public Services Reform (Corporate Insolvency and Bankruptcy) (Scotland) Order 2017 [Explanatory Document] (SG/2017/9) (12 January 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

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Committee Reports

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Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 3rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 98)

The following report was published on 7 March 2017

Justice Committee, 4th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 (Scottish Land Court) Order 2017 (SP Paper 101)

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