

Thursday 9 March 2017

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

- 11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 11:40 am** General Questions
- 12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions
- 12:45 pm** Members' Business — S5M-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 [draft]
- followed by** Scottish Government Debate:
Scotland's Biodiversity
- followed by** Business Motions
- followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5:00 pm** Decision Time

Committee Meetings

- 9:00am** Social Security Committee
- 10:00am** Standards, Procedures and Public
Appointments Committee
- 1:00pm** Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to assist businesses in the north east that have been affected by changes in global oil prices. ([S5O-00752](#))
- 2. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason prisoners contesting their convictions are reportedly denied privileges afforded to the wider prison population. ([S5O-00753](#))
- 3. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address environmental concerns regarding aquaculture industry production targets. ([S5O-00754](#))
- 4. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the proposed integration of the British Transport Police in Scotland into Police Scotland. ([S5O-00755](#))
- 5. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's review of GP out-of-hours services. ([S5O-00756](#))
- 6. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of ambulance provision in the Moray area. ([S5O-00757](#))
- 7. Iain Gray:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met NHS Lothian. ([S5O-00758](#))
- 8. Ash Denham:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the UK Government introduced emergency legislation to prevent the expansion of personal independence payments to 160,000 claimants, and how it will ensure that there is a fair assessment process once responsibility for this benefit is devolved. ([S5O-00759](#))
- 9. Graeme Dey:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is taking forward the development of a code of practice for land agents, as prescribed by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016. ([S5O-00760](#))
- 10. Alison Harris:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-00761](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Ruth Davidson:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the day. ([S5F-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](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

S5M-03984 Adam Tomkins: Community Jobs Scotland—That the Parliament recognises and celebrates the continued success of the Community Jobs Scotland employability programme, which is run by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO); understands that Community Jobs Scotland is not a training programme, but provides a paid job for young people in the third sector, with targeted efforts to help hard-to-reach and vulnerable young people into employment; notes that it was established in 2011 when levels of youth unemployment were high and, since this time, phases 1 to 5 of the programme have created paid jobs for 7,049 young people, with an average of 52% being retained by their employer after their job had ended, and a total of 68% positive outcomes into jobs, volunteering or education; welcomes that Community Jobs Scotland adopts a competitive application and interview process before a young person is offered a job and considers that this, alongside compliance with employer policies and procedures, is extremely important for young people in terms of instilling a sense of belonging and collaboration in a real work environment; notes that phase 6, which is currently underway, will support a further 700 job opportunities for vulnerable young unemployed people aged 16 to 29 through a range of third sector organisations across all 32 local authority areas; welcomes the recent announcement of the 7,500th Community Jobs Scotland job, which will see Ryan Brown from Glasgow take on the role of Trainee Development Worker with Move On for one year, and looks forward to welcoming further phases of Community Jobs Scotland long into the future, to help support vulnerable young people in the Glasgow region and across Scotland who have been left behind but who wish to play their full role in Scottish society.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

1. Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will work with Sodexo to improve the Food for Life catering mark in the Garden Level Restaurant from Bronze to Silver. ([S5O-00766](#))

2. John Mason: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what plans it has to make the online payslip service more user-friendly and easier to access. ([S5O-00762](#))

3. Mike Rumbles: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will consider sending hard copies of payslips to Members and staff on request. ([S5O-00763](#))

4. Christine Grahame: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, in light of exhibition places being oversubscribed, whether it will consider having a third exhibition space in the Garden Lobby area. ([S5O-00730](#))

5. Alison Harris: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what support it provides to allow constituency offices to pay invoices by direct debit in order to take advantage of any available discounts. ([S5O-00765](#))

6. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what measures it takes, especially during inclement weather, to ensure that the Garden Lobby floor is as safe as is possible for staff and visitors. ([S5O-00731](#))

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

[S5M-04472](#) **Derek Mackay: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft]**—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S5M-04472.1](#) **Alex Rowley: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft]**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04472 in the name of Derek Mackay (Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft]), insert at end “but, in so doing, regrets that the Scottish Government has chosen to cut funding for local services; notes the concerns of the Chair of the Accounts Commission who highlights the use of reserves by councils to balance the books, along with increased charges and reducing employee numbers in order to make savings, stating that 'these are neither sufficient not sustainable solutions for the scale of the challenge facing councils'.”

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Biodiversity

[S5M-04493](#) **Roseanna Cunningham: Scotland's Biodiversity**—That the Parliament recognises that Scotland's biodiversity is one of its most precious and valuable assets, has intrinsic value and underpins a strong economy and healthy communities; agrees that significant progress has been made to protect and enhance Scotland's biodiversity, and notes that, by working in partnership, Scotland can collectively achieve more for its biodiversity, help meet its international obligations and ensure that its biodiversity has a secure and healthy future.

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[S5M-04493.2](#) **Claudia Beamish: Scotland's Biodiversity**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04493 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Scotland's Biodiversity), insert at end “; agrees that the Scottish Government must redouble its efforts if Scotland is to contribute robustly to its UN Convention on Biological Diversity 2020 Aichi targets; recognises that reference to the Land Use Strategy is an appropriate way to embed biodiversity in all relevant decisions; agrees that the Scottish Government should take more robust action to develop the National Ecological Framework with partners, and recognises the importance of protection and enhancement of marine biodiversity”.

[S5M-04493.4](#) **Mark Ruskell: Scotland's Biodiversity**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04493 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Scotland's Biodiversity), leave out “and notes that” and insert “while recognising the scale of the challenge remaining to address the decline in over half of Scotland's species since 1970, as noted by the *State of Nature Report 2016*, and considers that,

by fully implementing a National Ecological Network, embedding the principles and objectives of the Land Use Strategy across all sectors of government and”.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-04529](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Donald Cameron as a substitute member of the Justice Committee.

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Social Security Committee 5th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/41).
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.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 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.

Justice Committee

9th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft report.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 8 March 2017

Tuesday 14 March 2017

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Inclusive Tourism, Promoting Accessible Tourism and Changing Lives Through the Visitor Economy

followed by Cross-party Selection Panel Motion: Appointment of the new Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-03584 Ruth Maguire: Welcoming Play Scotland's Play Charter

Wednesday 15 March 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Health and Sport

followed by Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee Debate: The EU Referendum and its Implications for Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-04048 Stuart McMillan: Commonwealth Day 2017

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 — S5M-03651 Ross Thomson: Impact on North East Businesses of the Hike in Non-domestic Rates

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Debate: Report on The Draft Climate Change Plan - The Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Farriers (Registration) Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 March 2017

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 March 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 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

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Social Security Committee

13 March 2017

6th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Introduction:** The Convener will welcome members of the Scottish Affairs Committee, UK Parliament, to participate in the meeting:
Pete Wishart MP, Chair, Deidre Brock MP, Margaret Ferrier MP, Chris Law MP, Stephen Hepburn MP, Ian Murray MP, and Anna Soubry MP, Scottish Affairs Committee, UK Parliament.
2. **Inter-governmental co-operation on social security:** The Committee will take evidence from—
John Dickie, Director, Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland (CPAG);
Bill Scott, Policy Director, Inclusion Scotland;
Professor Nicola McEwen, Professor of Territorial Politics and Associate Director of the Centre on Constitutional Change, University of Edinburgh.
3. **Inter-governmental co-operation on social security:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Kerr, Social Security Director, and Lisa Baron-Broadhurst, Programme Director, Social Security Directorate, Scottish Government;
Mary Pattison, Director, Ageing Society & State Pensions Directorate, Senior Responsible Officer for the DWP Scottish Devolution Programme, and Pete Searle, Director, Working Age Benefit and Devolution Directorate, Department for Work and Pensions.

Proposed future business

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

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Motions for Debate

[S5M-04493](#) Roseanna Cunningham: Scotland's Biodiversity—That the Parliament recognises that Scotland's biodiversity is one of its most precious and valuable assets, has intrinsic value and underpins a strong economy and healthy communities; agrees that significant progress has been made to protect and enhance Scotland's biodiversity, and notes that, by working in partnership, Scotland can collectively achieve more for its biodiversity, help meet its international obligations and ensure that its biodiversity has a secure and healthy future.

Supported by: Joe FitzPatrick

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***[S5M-04493.3](#) Liam McArthur: Scotland's Biodiversity**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04493 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Scotland's Biodiversity), insert at end "; recognises that a wide range of species and habitats in Scotland are still in decline; believes that considerable progress is needed on Scotland's biodiversity in order to reach the internationally agreed 2020 Aichi Targets, and urges the Scottish Government to set ambitious targets now for 2030 for Scotland's biodiversity."

***[S5M-04493.2](#) Claudia Beamish: Scotland's Biodiversity**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04493 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Scotland's Biodiversity), insert at end "; agrees that the Scottish Government must redouble its efforts if Scotland is to contribute robustly to its UN Convention on Biological Diversity 2020 Aichi targets; recognises that reference to the Land Use Strategy is an appropriate way to embed biodiversity in all relevant decisions; agrees that the Scottish Government should take more robust action to develop the National Ecological Framework with partners, and recognises the importance of protection and enhancement of marine biodiversity".

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Supported by: Joe FitzPatrick, Kevin Stewart

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Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

*[S5M-04511](#) **Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Tourism Sector**—That the Parliament notes the view that there is a need for a cooperative approach in developing the tourism sector in Inverclyde and across Scotland in order to facilitate its growth; understands that, according to by VisitScotland, Inverclyde is one of the fastest growing part of that sectors; believes that tourism plays a vital part in boosting overall economic growth and is one of the most vibrant sectors in the country; notes that, in the last two years, Greenock Ocean Terminal has received over 200,000 visitors from cruise tourism, with an increase predicted for 2017; notes that Inverclyde will also stage the internationally-renowned P1 Powerboat Races for the second year-in-a-row in 2017 and welcomes the recent plans to build a first-class whisky distillery and microbrewery in the area; believes that all of these developments will contribute to generating business and employment opportunities, and notes the view that sustainable growth in the visitor economy is a vital objective that can play a significant role in the regeneration of locations such as Inverclyde and that maintaining and strengthening this is essential not just for the tourism sector but for the economy in general.

*[S5M-04508](#) **Jeremy Balfour: Serve Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the establishment of the Serve Scotland coalition of church-based community groups; recognises the positive work undertaken by these groups in providing services such as foodbanks, debt advice, night shelters and refugee support work in communities in Lothian across Scotland; pays tribute to the many thousands of volunteers who provide these services, and believes that the community work undertaken by all faith groups is a mark of a healthy civil society that is a welcome part of a modern, plural, Scotland.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*[S5M-04529](#) **Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Donald Cameron as a substitute member of the Justice Committee.

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***[S5M-04528](#) Liz Smith: Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in World's Top Three**—That the Parliament congratulates the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and its staff on being ranked in the world's top three performing arts institutions for the first time in the prestigious QS international academic rankings; notes that the only institutions ranked above it are New York's Juilliard and London's Royal College and Royal Academy; recognises that this to the great credit of the conservatoire's Principal, Jeffrey Sharkey, and his staff, students and trustees, and considers that this is a fabulous achievement in its 170th anniversary year.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, James Dornan*, Liam Kerr*, Margaret Mitchell*, Murdo Fraser*, John Lamont*, Sandra White*, Donald Cameron*, Peter Chapman*, Douglas Ross*, Stuart McMillan*, Alison Harris*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Richard Lochhead*

***[S5M-04527](#) Alex Neil: Caldercraig Bowling Club and Chapelhall over-60's Club, Big Lottery Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Caldercraig Bowling Club on receiving £9,800 from the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All scheme and sportscotland; understands that the funding will be used to encourage participation and increase accessibility, and further understands that nearly £6,350 is going to Chapelhall over-60's club to help run its busy programme of activities for members over the course of the next year.

***[S5M-04526](#) Jamie Greene: Graeme Johnston, National Youth Worker of Year Awards Nominee**—That the Parliament applauds Graeme Johnston from Kilwinning on being nominated for the Youthlink Scotland's National Youth Worker of the Year Awards 2017; recognises Graeme's work on the Isle of Arran through the Arran Youth Foundations, and supports the work of all youth workers in Scotland, who help improve the lives of young people up and down the country.

***[S5M-04525](#) Jamie Greene: Adam Cairney, Apprentice of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Adam Cairney from Kilwinning who, in the last six months, has been named both Scottish Building Apprentice of the Year (4th year) and the top apprentice in building skills at the APSE National Housing and Building Apprentice of the Year Awards; welcomes the role that apprenticeships and apprentices play in the workforce; commends Adam's commitment to excelling in his apprenticeship with North Ayrshire Council, and wishes him well with his career.

***[S5M-04524](#) Ruth Maguire: British Champion Canicross**—That the Parliament congratulates Lindsay Johnson on achieving first place in her discipline at the British Sleddog Sports Federation National Championship; understands that she is now British Champion Elite Female Canicross 2016-17; recognises the incredible effort and dedication required for this level of accomplishment; acknowledges the part played by her dog, Izzie, in reaching this goal, and wishes both Lindsay and Izzie the very best of luck at the world championships later in 2017.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, James Dornan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Rona Mackay*, Richard Lyle*, Ash Denham*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S5M-04523](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy and Central Fife Sports Council Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates the Kirkcaldy and Central Fife Sports Council on conducting a successful 9th annual awards ceremony at Fife College in Kirkcaldy on 2 March 2017; celebrates the record turnout for the ceremony, which honoured top achievers in various sports from the Central Fife area, including Lewis Stevenson, Mark Cuggy Sr, Owen Miller, Edith Page, the Kirkcaldy Canoe Club, the U20 Fife Falcons, Derek Rae, Lesley Doig, Chad Smith and Oscar Birrell, and hopes that the award ceremony will serve as a reminder of the robust sporting community in Kirkcaldy and Central Fife.

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***[S5M-04522](#) Richard Lochhead: Speyside Cooperage World Record Attempt**—That the Parliament commends the Speyside Cooperage in Banffshire on attempting to win the Guinness World Record for creating the fastest 190 litre barrel on 29 April 2017; notes that its participation in this event is to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Speyside Cooperage Visitor Centre and the 70th anniversary of the Cooperage itself, which for decades has served a vital role in providing high-quality casks for Speyside's whisky distilleries and is part of Scotland's world-renowned Malt Whisky Trail, which brings hundreds of tourists to the Moray area each year; commends the staff of the cooperage and its Visitor Centre manager, Gill Reid, for enthusiastically organising this celebration, and wishes the coopers good luck in trying to achieve the world record title for crafting an industry-standard level barrel in under 7 minutes and 30 seconds.

***[S5M-04521](#) Finlay Carson: Further Success for Dalbeattie Wheelchair Tennis Player**—That the Parliament congratulates Keith Thom, a wheelchair tennis player from Dalbeattie, on moving up the world rankings after the biggest win of his career in defeating Sweden's Anders Wistrand 6-0, 6-1 in Bolton, before losing to the former world number one, Maikel Scheffers of Holland, during the UNIQLLO tour; notes that, based on his results, Keith moved up 79 places to 209th in the world and ninth in UK, and wishes him great success in his next match in the Sheffield Open in April 2017.

Supported by: Maurice Corry*, Liz Smith*, Miles Briggs*, Peter Chapman*, Jeremy Balfour*, James Dornan*, Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Alexander Stewart*, Margaret Mitchell*, Alison Johnstone*, Donald Cameron*, David Torrance*, John Lamont*, Douglas Ross*, Richard Lyle*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Alison Harris*, Emma Harper*, Ash Denham*, Murdo Fraser*

***[S5M-04520](#) Finlay Carson: Glenkens Couple Adventure to the Sahara for Medecins Sans Frontieres**—That the Parliament wishes the best of luck to the Glenkens couple, Ben Ade and Melissa Shaw, who have embarked on a trip from Carsphairn to the Sahara to raise money for Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF); notes that the couple started their trip in early March 2016 in a specially-prepared Land Rover Defender and have no time frame for the journey; understands that they are hoping to travel through France, Spain and Portugal to North Africa and are aiming to make it to Tarfaya on Morocco's Atlantic coast before heading inland to explore the Sahara desert; further notes that, as well as enjoying the trip, they also hope to raise money for MSF through a collection box that they have with them, and also through a blog of their journey at kaerus-overland.weebly.com, and wishes the couple the greatest of luck on their adventure for charity.

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***[S5M-04519](#) Finlay Carson: Stewartry RFC Opens New Fitness and Conditioning Gym**—That the Parliament congratulates Stewartry RFC on the opening of its new fitness and conditioning gym at Greenlaw; notes that the facility, known as The Shed, has been built following work undertaken by the club, Scottish Rugby, sportscotland and sponsors, Robinsons Scotland Ltd; understands that Glasgow Warriors offered advice, ensuring that the gym is full of all the right equipment; thanks all involved for their work on the project, and wishes Stewartry RFC much enjoyment of the new facility and great success in the future.

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***S5M-04518 David Torrance: That's Fife Programme Announcement—**That the Parliament congratulates the Fife Cultural Trust and the Gilded Balloon on their announcement of the That's Fife Festival Programme of events that will take place during April 2017; acknowledges the outstanding acts that will perform in the festival, particularly those performing at the Adam Smith Theatre in Kirkcaldy, including Robert Florence, Iain Connell and Grant Scott; encourages people to support the annual entertainment event in Fife by buying tickets, and celebrates the eclectic mix of comedy, theatre, spoken word, magic and family-friendly shows that will be staged at venues across the Kingdom from 1 to 28 April 2017.

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***S5M-04517 Bob Doris: The Evening Times' Thanks for the Memories Event in Possilpark Library—**That the Parliament welcomes the *Evening Times'* Thanks for the Memories Event on 21 March 2017, from 10:30am to 12:30pm in Possilpark Library; recognises that the photographic display follows previous successful events celebrating rich histories across the city; acknowledges that the display features the stories of local communities in north Glasgow as far back as the 1870s, such as the former Possil House, Possilpark Public School on Allander Street from 1916, as well as a range of photographs from the 1930s and 1940s; encourages both longstanding and new members of the Possilpark community and beyond to visit the event and see photographs that include electric trams at Balmore Road, an old petrol station on the corner of Saracen Street, a provisions merchant, W McBride, Calbraith's Stores, Marshall's Fruit Stores, Kerr and Son Drysaltery and the Boot Repairing Depot on Bardowie Street; commends the celebration of Possilpark's rich past, and hopes that the display will jog fond memories for some and give others a better appreciation of the proud history of the area and, in doing so, help foster greater community pride and spirit for generations to come.

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***S5M-04516 Jackie Baillie: Helensburgh Family Raises Money for Cancer Ward at Glasgow Royal Hospital for Children—**That the Parliament commends the Murray family of Helensburgh for their work to raise £1,210 for the cancer ward at the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow; notes that the Schiehallion cancer ward provides haematology and oncology services, a bone marrow transplant centre and treats children with various blood disorders; understands that the Murrays' daughter, Alexis, was treated there after being diagnosed with leukaemia at the age of 10 months; further understands that the family organised a quiz night fundraiser at the Helensburgh Bowling Club to give something back to the ward to mark the successful conclusion of their daughter's treatment, and recognises that the donation was made possible by community members and local businesses who participated.

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***S5M-04515 Fulton MacGregor: Healthsure Physiotherapy Wins Lanarkshire's Best New Business Award 2017—**That the Parliament congratulates Healthsure Physiotherapy in

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Coatbridge on winning Lanarkshire's Best New Business Award at the Lanarkshire Business Excellence Awards 2017; notes that, in their 24th year, these are one of the longest established business awards, which highlight the success and diversity of the Lanarkshire business community; understands that this award was for businesses less than three years old that demonstrate a high degree of entrepreneurship and vision for the future, with the potential for further growth and expansion in turnover, profit and employment levels; congratulates the Clinical Director, Craig McHugh, on what it considers is his patient-focused service and affordable and accessible services, which are based in Coatbridge with premises in Hamilton, Glasgow and Cumbernald, and wishes him every success as he seeks to expand his business in the future.

***S5M-04514 Liam Kerr: East and Old Parish Church, Forfar**—That the Parliament congratulates East and Old Parish Church in Forfar on completing the first phase of a major redevelopment of its sanctuary; recognises that a team of workers has put in hours of effort over the last 10 months, and notes that a rededication service, led by Rev Barbara Ann Sweetin, will be held on the 12 March 2017 to mark this achievement.

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***S5M-04513 Ross Thomson: Attracting Cruise Ships to Aberdeen**—That the Parliament congratulates VisitAberdeenshire and Aberdeen Harbour's mission of attracting more cruise ships to North East Scotland; recognises that Aberdeen Harbour is one of the busiest ports in the UK and in 2016 hosted over 8,000 vessels, but only 12 cruise ships; understands that the previous expansion of the harbour will accommodate easy dockings for ships and will allow for easy transportation of passengers to Aberdeen's city centre, and wishes tourism officials luck at the Seatrade Cruise Global conference in Fort Lauderdale in week commencing 13 March 2017 as it considers that their success will boost the economy and tourism in the region.

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***S5M-04512 Mary Fee: World Tuberculosis Day 2017**—That the Parliament recognises that 24 March 2017 is World Tuberculosis (TB) Day; recognises that this year will mark the 135th anniversary of Dr Robert Koch's groundbreaking discovery of the cause of the condition, TB bacillus, which paved the way for diagnosing it and a cure; understands that 10 million people across the world develop it each year and that it is the leading infectious killer, resulting in an estimated 1.8 million fatalities; acknowledges that the World Health Organization has stated that the UK has the one of the lowest TB mortality rates, but regrets that the British Lung Foundation has highlighted that, in the UK, Scotland has the highest rate for both female mortality and male emergency admissions to hospital.

***S5M-04510 Clare Haughey: Community Champion, Janette Oliver**—That the Parliament congratulates Janette Oliver, who is from the Fernhill area of Rutherglen, on being named the West of Scotland Housing Association's (WSHA) first community champion; understands that Janette has been involved in a host of community groups over the past 50 years; notes that she played an active role in forming the Fernhill WSHA Tenants and Residents' Association in 2009, sits on the Fernhill Neighbourhood Board, is a member of the WSHA Tenants Advisory Group and

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is an inspector for the WSHA Rate Your Estate Initiative; acknowledges that she helps organise numerous events and activities for the community each year that help raise money for charity, and wishes Janette every success with her work.

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***S5M-04509 Neil Bibby: The Future of the Children's Ward at the Royal Alexandra Hospital**—That the Parliament notes with concern the decision by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to relocate services from Ward 15 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH) in Paisley to the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow, further notes what it sees as the significant public opposition to the closure and the downgrading of services at the RAH, and calls on the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport to reject the NHS board's proposals.

***S5M-04507 Clare Haughey: Healthy n Happy Wins GSK Impact Award**—That the Parliament congratulates the Rutherglen-based charity, Healthy n Happy, on being chosen from among 400 to win one of the 10 GSK Impact Awards, which recognise excellence among groups that aim to improve health and wellbeing in communities; notes that these prestigious awards are run by the pharmaceutical and health care company, Glaxo Smith Klein (GSK), in partnership with independent charity, the King's Fund; understands that Healthy n Happy was recognised for its ability in increasing confidence and self-esteem, boosting skills and relationships and raising awareness of health issues in areas of high deprivation; notes that the award includes a £30,000 funding boost for the charity; commends the hard work and efforts of its volunteers and staff, and wishes Healthy n Happy well in its activities across the Rutherglen and Cambuslang areas.

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***S5M-04506 Tom Arthur: Corporal Michael and Jillian McLeod**—That the Parliament commends Corporal Michael and Jillian McLeod from Johnstone, who, having lost their baby daughter, Lucy, on 26 December 2016, have raised £7,000 for cuddle cots in maternity units; acknowledges that Michael and Jillian have achieved this at an incredibly difficult time; notes that friends, family and complete strangers made generous donations, including a cheque of £500 from the staff at The Inn in Elderslie; recognises that the cuddle cots will be an extremely valuable addition to maternity units across Renfrewshire, as they will allow bereaved families to spend precious moments with their babies, and sends it condolences to Michael and Jillian at what continues to be a difficult time for them and their family.

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***S5M-04505 Stuart McMillan: Congratulations to Scottish Champion, Sam Ball**—That the Parliament congratulates the Greenock boxer, Sam Ball, on being crowned Scottish champion, winning the welterweight title on 3 March 2017; recognises that this is his first professional belt after numerous successes at the amateur level, and wishes him continued success in his career.

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***S5M-04504 Bruce Crawford: Robert the Bruce Sculpture to be Unveiled in Stirling**—That the Parliament welcomes the news of a new bust of Robert the Bruce to be unveiled in the Stirling

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Smith Art Gallery on 23 March 2017 by the portraitist, Christian Corbet; understands that this sculpture will be presented on a plinth made of oak from a tree that is believed to have been planted by Robert the Bruce himself; notes that this is the first bust to be commissioned by the Bruce family, based on evidence from a cast of the King's skull and research by the bio-archaeologist, Dr Andrew Nelson, from the Western University in Canada; acknowledges that a recent investigation by Dr Nelson has found no signs of leprosy on the skull, despite contemporary and later rumours that Robert the Bruce had the disease; commends the work of all involved in this project, and notes that, in this Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology in Scotland, this new sculpture of a historic icon is a great addition to the city of Stirling.

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***S5M-04503 Liam Kerr: Angus Independent Advocacy Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Angus Independent Advocacy on celebrating its 20th anniversary; highlights that it supports people who are at risk of being unable to safeguard their rights and who may have a learning disability, mental ill-health, an acquired brain injury, dementia or be an older person, and wishes it continued success in its efforts to help those who require support in the community.

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***S5M-04502 Rachael Hamilton: Step into the Scottish Borders**—That the Parliament congratulates the release of the film, *Step into the Scottish Borders*; understands that it showcases the best of the Scottish Borders, including its coastline, abbeys and other distinctive and wonderful features, and was inspired by John Buchan's novel, *The Thirty-Nine Steps*; notes that it aims to promote the area to potential visitors, and hopes that it both succeeds in this and inspires more films. **R**

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***S5M-04501 Rachael Hamilton: Trimontium Trust**—That the Parliament congratulates the Trimontium Trust on receiving £60,000 of capital funding and around £63,000 of in-kind support from the Scottish Borders Council; recognises the cultural importance of such projects and the benefits that they have in attracting new visitors to Melrose and the Scottish Borders, which in turn helps to grow the local economy; notes that the Trimontium Trust will shortly submit a Heritage Lottery Fund bid to expand and improve its Melrose museum, and wishes it luck in securing this. **R**

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***S5M-04500 Mike Rumbles: Shellfish (Restrictions on Taking by Unlicensed Fishing Boats) (Scotland) Order 2017**—That the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that the Shellfish (Restrictions on Taking by Unlicensed Fishing Boats) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/57) be annulled.

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***S5M-04499 Sandra White: Keep Me Posted**—That the Parliament supports the Keep Me Posted (KMP) campaign; considers that, with an increase in paperless digital services, access to information can be restricted for people across Scotland, including a number of older and disabled people; understands that 84% of consumers prefer to be given a choice between digital and paper access, that a majority say that they are more likely to read a paper copy of information than a digital version and that half admit that they would consider taking their business elsewhere if no choice was offered; appreciates the work of KMP and the 98 charities, consumer groups and trades unions, including Age Scotland, Dyslexia Scotland, Capability Scotland, the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution, the Scottish Pensioners Forum and Glasgow Old People's Welfare Association; welcomes Royal Bank of Scotland, Scottish Building Society, Edinburgh City Council, South Lanarkshire Council and other service providers committing to support the campaign efforts, and believes that the campaign is very important in helping to ensure that freedom of choice for consumers is protected and enhanced.

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***S5M-04498 Emma Harper: Castle Douglas Development Forum, Harvest-themed Food Festival**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement by the Castle Douglas Development Forum on a new harvest festival-themed two-day food event, which will take place on 9-10 September 2017 at various locations within Castle Douglas; understands that the event will celebrate local food and drink, local independent retailers and local music; commends the Castle Douglas Development Forum on tying in the Scottish Government's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology by showcasing the town's food heritage and celebrating its history as a traditional market town; encourages people to look out for the festival programme, which will be announced in May; hopes that the festival will help to make Castle Douglas a destination to visit, and encourages everyone to attend the event.

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***S5M-04497 Angus MacDonald: Friends of Zetland Park Fundraising Quest**—That the Parliament recognises the efforts of the Friends of Zetland Park in launching a major fundraising drive in conjunction with Grangemouth Rotary Club, which aims to raise £25,000; understands that these funds will help to facilitate a grant application of £2.5 million to the Heritage Lottery Fund to regenerate Grangemouth's Zetland Park; further recognises that the Rotary Club of Grangemouth has agreed to donate £1 for every £2 raised, with £6,175 having already been raised by the general public and organisations; considers that this project is important to the town of Grangemouth and that seeing this once great park become a highlight of the area again would bring great benefit to the town, and wishes the Friends of Zetland Park continued success in all of their fundraising efforts towards this fantastic project.

***S5M-04496 Christina McKelvie: 'I Just Froze' Video from Rape Crisis Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the new campaign video, *I Just Froze*, by Rape Crisis Scotland; believes that this video aims to educate that, when an individual is subjected to sexual assault, many 'freeze', rather than immediately fighting back; understands that the video asserts that 'freezing' is a normal body reaction when someone is subjected to trauma, and outlines the many obstacles that victims of rape face when reporting their assault, such as fear of not being believed, being

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shamed and humiliated, or being blamed; considers that the Scottish Government funding for the project demonstrates its continued commitment to support victims of rape and sexual assault, and believes that everyone should work collectively to ensure that there is a public perception that there is no 'right' reaction to, or possible excuse for, sexual violence.

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[S5M-04495](#) Neil Findlay: £10,000 for Boghead Nature Park in Bathgate (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Richard Lyle*

[S5M-04494](#) Neil Findlay: Broxburn Academy Wins Robot Design Award (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle*

[S5M-04484](#) Gordon Lindhurst: CAP Job Club at the Holy Trinity Church, Wester Hailes (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Jackson Carlaw*, Bill Bowman*, Neil Findlay*

[S5M-04483](#) Kezia Dugdale: Bill McInnes OBE (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle*, Fulton MacGregor*, Gillian Martin*, Dean Lockhart*, Neil Findlay*

[S5M-04480](#) Mary Fee: World Down Syndrome Day (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Donald Cameron*, Kate Forbes*, Douglas Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Liam McArthur*, Monica Lennon*, Rona Mackay*, Miles Briggs*, Richard Lochhead*, Bill Kidd*, Alexander Stewart*, John Mason*, Jeremy Balfour*, Richard Lyle*, Fulton MacGregor*, Emma Harper*, Peter Chapman*, Neil Findlay*, David Torrance*, Alison Harris*, Ash Denham*, Alex Rowley*

[S5M-04478](#) Ivan McKee: Supporting The International Women's Strike on 8 March 2017 (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, John Finnie*, Jenny Gilruth*, Bruce Crawford*

[S5M-04477](#) Angus MacDonald: Kidney Kids Scotland Highlighting World Kidney Day (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle*, Fulton MacGregor*, Sandra White*, Stuart McMillan*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Gillian Martin*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-04476](#) Alexander Stewart: Fife Air Cadets Raise Funds in Memory of Captain David Seath (lodged on 07 March 2017)

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[S5M-04473 Jackie Baillie: The Proposed Privatisation of the MOD Guard Service](#) (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Leonard*

[S5M-04471 John Finnie: Two-thirds of Older People in the Highlands Experience Loneliness](#) (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-04470 Gail Ross: Funding for the Caithness Broch Project](#) (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Gillian Martin*, Clare Haughey*, John Finnie*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-04469 Sandra White: Glasgow Caledonian University Delivers International Social Impact Project](#) (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Gillian Martin*, Jenny Gilruth*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-04468 Alexander Stewart: Forth Valley Royal Hospital's Wall of Wellbeing Returns](#) (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Jackson Carlaw*, Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-04467 John Finnie: Improving Air Quality](#) (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Andy Wightman*, Claudia Beamish*, John Mason*

[S5M-04466 Kate Forbes: Meet Your MSP Project](#) (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Jackson Carlaw*, Jenny Gilruth*, John Mason*

[S5M-04465 Miles Briggs: Autism Funding Boost for the University of Edinburgh](#) (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackson Carlaw*, Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-04463 Tavish Scott: Shetlander Wins Scottish Table Tennis Championships](#) (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, John Finnie*

[S5M-04462 Alexander Stewart: Six-figure Funding Award for Alloa RFC](#) (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Jackson Carlaw*, Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-04461 Miles Briggs: Edinburgh's Scottish Mortgage to Enter the FTSE](#) (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Jackson Carlaw*, Dean Lockhart*, John Scott*

[S5M-04460 Miles Briggs: Scottish Ambulance Service's Registration to Resuscitation Campaign](#) (lodged on 07 March 2017)

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[**S5M-04459**](#) **Neil Findlay: The Mesh Scandal Goes On** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[**S5M-04458**](#) **Pauline McNeill: Ticket Touting** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Lochhead*

[**S5M-04457**](#) **Alexander Stewart: Girls Football in Alloa Receives Funding** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Dean Lockhart*

[**S5M-04455**](#) **Liam McArthur: Orkney Tourism Group to Hold Summit** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: John Finnie*

[**S5M-04454**](#) **Tavish Scott: Shetland's First Business Week** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[**S5M-04453**](#) **Alex Rowley: Fife Council Construction Charter** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Richard Leonard*

[**S5M-04452**](#) **Maurice Corry: Rhu Primary School's Fifth Green Flag** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Dean Lockhart*

[**S5M-04451**](#) **Jamie Greene: Congratulating Inverkip's Shirley Cairney** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Dean Lockhart*

[**S5M-04450**](#) **Jamie Greene: Congratulating Dalry Bowling Club** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Dean Lockhart*

[**S5M-04449**](#) **Jamie Greene: Efforts of the Staff at Kilbirnie's Tesco** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Dean Lockhart*

[**S5M-04448**](#) **Alexander Stewart: Alloa Lodge Raises Grand Sum for Prostate Scotland** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Dean Lockhart*

[**S5M-04447**](#) **Graeme Dey: Keep Scotland Beautiful, Tackle Roadside Litter** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Richard Lochhead*

[**S5M-04446**](#) **Elaine Smith: Working to End Child Marriage as Part of International Women's Day** (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Gillian Martin*, John Mason*, Colin Beattie*, Richard Lyle*, Mary Fee*, Rona Mackay*, Gail Ross*, Kenneth Gibson*, Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny

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[S5M-04444](#) Liz Smith: Laura Muir's European Indoor Athletics Success (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Dean Lockhart*, Neil Findlay*

[S5M-04443](#) Gail Ross: Wester Ross Snorkelers (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-04442](#) Gail Ross: Inverness Music Festival (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-04441](#) Gail Ross: Tain Guides Awards (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-04437](#) Ben Macpherson: T2 Trainspotting Props and Set to be Auctioned (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Richard Lochhead*

[S5M-04436](#) Angus MacDonald: Stenhousemuir Local Projects Awarded Asda Foundation Funding (lodged on 06 March 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

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

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[S5M-04388](#) Clare Adamson: Polish Lanarkshire Community Forum (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04387](#) Clare Adamson: Motherwell Floral Art Club (lodged on 02 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Peter Chapman*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04365](#) Alexander Stewart: Lego Exhibition for Perth City of Culture Campaign (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04364](#) Bruce Crawford: Graham's The Family Dairy Wins Best Dairy Innovation Award 2017 (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04360](#) Dean Lockhart: Fife's First Arts and Crafts Trail (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04359](#) Ben Macpherson: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2017 (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04357](#) Margaret Mitchell: Uddingston Pride (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04355](#) Alexander Stewart: Perth Grammar School to Host 2017 Sports Awards (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04352](#) Bruce Crawford: Callander Youth Project Trust (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04351](#) Finlay Carson: Lottery Funding Boost for Galloway and West Dumfries (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-04350 Miles Briggs: Prince's Trust Research into Young People's Mental Health](#)

(lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04349 Edward Mountain: Highland Forestry Student Receives Land Management Prize](#)

(lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04347 Daniel Johnson: Retailers Support Good Causes](#) (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04346 Alexander Stewart: Refurbished Stroke Facilities at Perth Royal Infirmary](#)

(lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04344 Liam Kerr: Dyce Academy Awarded £2,500 by Big Lottery Fund](#) (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04343 Liam Kerr: Northfield Academy's Big Lottery Fund Award](#) (lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04341 Ross Greer: Baljaffray Primary and Nursery's Excellent Inspection Report](#)

(lodged on 01 March 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04338 Jeremy Balfour: Dalkeith Town Centre Heritage Regeneration](#) (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04326 Annie Wells: Successful Campaign to Repair the Polmadie Footbridge](#) (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04323 Margaret Mitchell: Brighter Bothwell](#) (lodged on 28 February 2017)

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New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04322](#) Tom Arthur: Congratulations to Kelburn Bar in Barrhead (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04315](#) Jenny Gilruth: Kingdom FM Local Hero Awards 2017 (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04313](#) Douglas Ross: Orkney Golf Club Secures Funding for Expansion (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04312](#) Clare Haughey: Rutherglen Lawn Tennis Club (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04310](#) Alex Rowley: Acrobay Gymnastics Trust (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04309](#) Annie Wells: More Lottery Funding for Glasgow (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04308](#) Douglas Ross: Moray Waste Busters Funding Boost (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04307](#) Alexander Stewart: Fife Fruit and Veg Wholesaler Receives Top Innovation Award (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04306](#) Jeremy Balfour: Orcadia Creative Learning Centre Lottery Funding (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04305](#) Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Napier Knights American Football Club (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04304](#) Jeremy Balfour: Congratulations to Hawthorn Gardens Tenants Organisation (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04303](#) Alexander Stewart: Perth Black Watch Castle and Museum (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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[S5M-04299](#) Edward Mountain: High Praise for Seaforth House (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04297](#) Miles Briggs: National Museum of Scotland is Most Popular Visitor Attraction (lodged on 28 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04292.1](#) Jackson Carlaw: Bedouin Villages in Israel (lodged on 07 March 2017)

New Support: Ross Thomson*, Finlay Carson*, Bill Bowman*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04289](#) Alexander Stewart: Perthshire Park Awarded Grant Towards All-abilities Swing Project (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Mairi Evans*, Rhoda Grant*, Jackie Baillie*, Neil Bibby*

[S5M-04277](#) Finlay Carson: Vicki Adams from Stranraer Wins Scottish Women's Curling Championships (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04273](#) Alexander Stewart: Perth Soldier Ready for Strategic Deployment (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04260](#) Miles Briggs: Edinburgh Evening News Local Hero Awards (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04256](#) Peter Chapman: Auchnagatt Primary Helps Rebuild Nepalese School (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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

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New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04251](#) Maurice Golden: Bearsden Academy Pupil Fundraising to Help Syrian People (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04250](#) Maurice Golden: Milngavie Athlete, Mhairi Patience (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04249](#) Maurice Golden: Fair for You (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04246](#) Alexander Stewart: Tullibody Community FC (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04243](#) Alexander Stewart: Alva Pupils Cash Contribution to Local Charity (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04242](#) Bill Bowman: Recognises the Work of Letham Resident, Patrick W Anderson (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04241](#) Alexander Stewart: Jennifer Marshall's Plan to Work for Vision Aid Overseas (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04239](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa Mother to Raise Cancer Charity Funds While Undergoing Chemotherapy (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04237](#) Liam McArthur: Loganair Flight Attendant Retiring (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04236](#) Edward Mountain: Nick Hanson, Scottish Landscape Photographer of the Year (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04235](#) Edward Mountain: Dingwall-based Publisher Donates Archives to UHI (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04231](#) Peter Chapman: Free Travel to Normandy for D-Day Veterans (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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[S5M-04228](#) Rachael Hamilton: Young Architect of Year Award for North Berwick Architect (lodged on 23 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04222](#) Peter Chapman: Inverurie Station, Full Steam Ahead for Autism Award (lodged on 23 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04220](#) Jamie Greene: Commending the Charitable Efforts of Gary Pettigrew (lodged on 23 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04219](#) Jamie Greene: Congratulating Port Glasgow Students (lodged on 23 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04218](#) Jamie Greene: Congratulating React Basketball (lodged on 23 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04217](#) Jamie Greene: Commending Step into Employment (lodged on 23 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04216](#) Jamie Greene: Congratulating Iona Duncan, Agnieszka Dudko and Katarzyna Hospodarewska (lodged on 23 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04214](#) Jamie Greene: Congratulating John McGeehan (lodged on 23 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04206](#) Peter Chapman: Turriff Young Farmers Donation to Turriff Cemetery Fund (lodged on 23 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04205](#) Ross Thomson: Pantomime Raises £8,500 for the Archie Foundation (lodged on 23 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04204](#) Liam Kerr: Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017 (lodged on 23 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04200](#) Finlay Carson: Stranraer Firefighters Complete Arctic Challenge (lodged on 23 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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

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New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04196 Douglas Ross: Burghead Free Church to Reopen Following Major Redevelopment Works](#) (lodged on 22 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04195 Angus MacDonald: Scottish Railway Preservation Society's Vision for Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway](#) (lodged on 22 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04190 Liam Kerr: Danny Lavery Suicide Awareness Fundraiser](#) (lodged on 22 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04186 Annie Wells: LGBT Award for Barnardo's Scotland](#) (lodged on 22 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04176 Alexander Stewart: New Patron for Perth Autism Support](#) (lodged on 22 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04165 Peter Chapman: Ellon Fire and Rescue Service](#) (lodged on 21 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04148 Murdo Fraser: Archaeological Dig for James I](#) (lodged on 21 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04147 Jeremy Balfour: Lottery Funding for Community One Stop Shop](#) (lodged on 21 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04141 David Torrance: Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland](#) (lodged on 21 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04137 Ash Denham: Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day](#) (lodged on 21 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04135 Alexander Stewart: Tribute to Perth Photographer, Louis Flood](#) (lodged on 21 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04129 Douglas Ross: Funding Boost for Voluntary Action Orkney](#) (lodged on 21 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04128 Bill Bowman: Big Lottery Fund Success for Maxwelltown Information Centre](#) (lodged on 21 February 2017)

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New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04124](#) Brian Whittle: Killie Heartmates and Other Rehabilitation Services (lodged on 21 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04111](#) Murdo Fraser: Life of Eberhart "Paddy" Bort (lodged on 20 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04102](#) Peter Chapman: Candlelit Supper in Ellon Raises Funds for Rwandan Children (lodged on 20 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04092](#) Jackie Baillie: Luss Farmer's Win Prestigious Ambassador Award (lodged on 17 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04088](#) Jamie Greene: North Ayrshire Support Services for LGBTI Youth (lodged on 17 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04082](#) Annie Wells: Light up Queens Park Petition to Stop Rape and Sexual Assault (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04081](#) Ross Thomson: Award Winning Academy of Make-up to Open in Aberdeen (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04079](#) Alex Rowley: Safe Drive Stay Alive Roadshow (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04078](#) Annie Wells: More Funding in Glasgow from the Young Start Fund (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04077](#) David Stewart: Increase in Visitors to Historic Highlands and Islands Sites (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04076](#) Alexander Stewart: Tullibody Fruit Barra (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04075](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Airport Passenger Numbers (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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[S5M-04074](#) Peter Chapman: Friends of Anchor's Biggest Campaign (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04071](#) Miles Briggs: The St John and the City Project (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04068](#) Liam Kerr: Cycling Initiative Launched in Angus (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04067](#) Liam Kerr: Neil Ironside Aids Serviceman (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04066](#) Liam Kerr: Arbroath Pets at Home Fundraising (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04065](#) John Lamont: Kelso High School, Gold Status (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04064](#) Liam Kerr: Links Park Community Trust, Montrose (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04061](#) Maurice Corry: Combat Stress Finds Veterans in Scotland Face Higher Levels of Deprivation Than Those in Rest of UK (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04060](#) Maurice Corry: Anne and Bobby Lennox (lodged on 16 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04053](#) Mark Ruskell: Safe Drive Stay Alive (lodged on 15 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04043](#) Brian Whittle: Scottish Athletic Achievements Since 1 January 2017 (lodged on 15 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04032](#) Tavish Scott: Awards for Shetland Journalism (lodged on 14 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04031](#) Alexander Stewart: Dunblane Woman is Fastest Solo Rower Across the Atlantic (lodged on 14 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04030](#) Gail Ross: NFU Scotland's Centenary Trust (lodged on 14 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

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[S5M-04029](#) Gail Ross: Funding for Sail Scotland (lodged on 14 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04028](#) Alexander Stewart: East Neuk Festival 2017 (lodged on 14 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04026](#) Ross Thomson: Dance Studio Raises £5,000 for Oncology Campaign (lodged on 14 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04021](#) George Adam: MS Awareness Week (lodged on 13 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04018](#) Maurice Corry: Heroes Drinks Company Given Asda Listing (lodged on 13 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04011](#) Finlay Carson: Dalbeattie Primary School Awarded Fifth Green Flag (lodged on 13 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-04009](#) Miles Briggs: Edinburgh's Fintech Hub to Open in May (lodged on 13 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-03966](#) Liam McArthur: Heritage Grant for Columbian Printing Press in Orkney (lodged on 15 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-03947](#) Liam McArthur: Skara Brae Nominated as Heritage Site of the Year (lodged on 15 February 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw*

[S5M-03651](#) Ross Thomson: Impact on North East Businesses of the Hike in Non-domestic Rates (lodged on 26 January 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 15 March 2017

Health and Sport

- 1. Mairi Evans:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what is being done to tackle mental health stigma and discrimination in the workplace. ([S5O-00767](#))
- 2. Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what action is being taken to ensure that social prescribing enables GP practices to refer obese patients and people with type 2 diabetes, and other medical conditions, to third sector support services. ([S5O-00768](#))
- 3. Richard Lochhead:** To ask the Scottish Government what treatment and support is available to chronic pain patients in the NHS Grampian area. ([S5O-00769](#))
- 4. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to ensure that physical activity and sport is available to all, irrespective of background or personal circumstance. ([S5O-00770](#))
- 5. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent Samaritans' report, which recorded a disparity in suicide rates across local authorities. ([S5O-00771](#))
- 6. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to encourage more women to regularly participate in sport. ([S5O-00772](#))
- 7. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met NHS Ayrshire and Arran and what issues were discussed. ([S5O-00773](#))
- 8. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is in place to assist people who have had a stroke with their recovery and in becoming as independent as possible. ([S5O-00774](#))
- 9. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government how the NHS tackles health issues resulting from cold homes and fuel poverty. ([S5O-00775](#))
- 10. John Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government whether NHS Ayrshire and Arran's reported under-recruitment of 30 consultants will adversely impact on its ability to safely operate the Combined Assessment Unit at Ayr Hospital when it opens in May 2017. ([S5O-00776](#))
- 11. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to claims that return patients who require regular treatment are not counted in chronic pain waiting times, and what action it is taking to address the reported excessive delays that some face before receiving treatment. ([S5O-00777](#))
- 12. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making in filling vacant GP posts in Dumfries and Galloway and other rural areas. ([S5O-00778](#))
- 13. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government what action is being taken to support healthcare professionals who come to Scotland as refugees to gain employment in the NHS. ([S5O-00779](#))
- 14. George Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports community-based youth football organisations. ([S5O-00780](#))
- 15. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport will announce a final decision on the future of the children's ward at the Royal Alexandra Hospital before the local government elections on 4 May 2017. ([S5O-00781](#))

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16. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported concerns regarding the Scottish Ambulance Service's operation of emergency and patient transport services in the Highlands and Islands, including proposed industrial action by Unite members. ([S5O-00782](#))

17. Linda Fabiani: To ask the Scottish Government how disabled people who wish to work in the NHS can be supported. ([S5O-00783](#))

18. Christina McKelvie: To ask the Scottish Government when it will next meet NHS Lanarkshire and what issues will be discussed. ([S5O-00784](#))

19. Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what plans are in place to deliver a full adult immunology service for people in the NHS Lothian area. ([S5O-00785](#))

20. Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Lothian regarding planning for projected population increases in East Lothian. ([S5O-00786](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 16 March 2017

1. James Dornan: To ask the Scottish Government how it will take forward the recommendations of the Advisory Group on Tackling Sectarianism. ([S5O-00787](#))

2. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government how many businesses in North Ayrshire pay no rates because of the Small Business Bonus Scheme, and how many will be exempt in 2017-18. ([S5O-00788](#))

3. Joan McAlpine: To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to local authorities to help with the regeneration of town centres. ([S5O-00789](#))

4. John Lamont: [Not Lodged]

5. Jackson Carlaw: To ask the Scottish Government what the outcome was of the discussions between it and the Scottish Council for Jewish Communities regarding the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of anti-Semitism. ([S5O-00791](#))

6. Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government what communication it has had with the UK Government regarding a possible visit to Scotland by Donald Trump. ([S5O-00792](#))

7. Ash Denham: To ask the Scottish Government whether the business rates review will consider the potential of charging properties marketed through platforms such as AirBnB. ([S5O-00793](#))

8. Sandra White: To ask the Scottish Government what measures are in place to ensure that there is equal pay for local authority staff across Scotland. ([S5O-00794](#))

9. Ross Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Scottish Fishermen's Federation regarding the impact of the common fisheries policy. ([S5O-00795](#))

10. Jenny Gilruth: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met Transport Scotland. ([S5O-00796](#))

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 08 March 2017

S5W-07818 Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many times since May 2007 (a) the First Minister, (b) each (i) cabinet secretary, (ii) minister and (iii) special adviser and (c) its officials (A) has been in contact or (B) have been contacted by Andrew Wilson or Charlotte Street Partners, and for what reason.

S5W-07830 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has made of the reason for the reported increase in economic inactivity.

S5W-07831 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how it uses (a) its public procurement policies and (b) the grant aid that it offers for economic development to (i) improve the representation of women and (ii) help close the gender pay gap.

S5W-07832 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what the gender pay gap is in each Parliamentary region.

S5W-07833 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve consistency of reporting on public sector equality duties.

S5W-07834 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether its civil servants are subject to a gender pay gap and, if so, (a) how wide this is and (b) what action it is taking to close it.

S5W-07835 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how it mainstreams gender equality in (a) early years, (b) primary, (c) secondary, (d) further and (e) higher education.

S5W-07836 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to develop a national strategy to close the gender pay gap.

S5W-07837 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what the size of the non-domestic rates pool (a) has been in each year since 1999 and (b) will be in each of the next four years.

S5W-07838 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what the percentage growth has been in non-domestic rates income (a) in each year since 1999 and (b) what it is expected to be in each of the next four years.

S5W-07847 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the (a) UK Government and (b) European Commission regarding the EU emission trading scheme.

S5W-07849 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government when the first low-emission zone will be in operation.

S5W-07850 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government how many local authorities have applied to establish low-emission zones, and what (a) guidance and (b) support it is offering to assist them.

S5W-07852 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what classification of vehicles will be allowed to use low-emission zones, and what charges will apply to diesel vehicles entering them.

S5W-07854 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with COSLA regarding low-emission zones.

S5W-07855 Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to ensure that vets have sufficient training to provide appropriate advice and guidance on the use of electronic training collars under its plans to regulate the static pulse, sonic and spray collars used on dogs.

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[S5W-07856 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that employers address women's inequality in the workplace.

[S5W-07857 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it has planned to reduce pregnancy and maternity discrimination.

[S5W-07858 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what strategies it is applying to reduce occupational gender segregation in (a) early education and (b) the modern apprenticeship programme.

[S5W-07859 Peter Chapman:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether its review of greening regulations will (a) reconsider the requirement to grow two varieties of peas on Ecological Focus Area (EFA) land and (b) consider bringing forward harvest dates for such crops. **R**

[S5W-07860 Peter Chapman:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of how differences in greening regulations throughout the UK impact on the competitiveness of farmers in Scotland. **R**

[S5W-07861 Peter Chapman:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has allocated for each of the next three years for the Scottish Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (a) New Capital Grant Scheme, (b) New Entrants Start-Up Grant Scheme and (c) Young Farmers Start-Up Grant Scheme. **R**

[S5W-07862 Peter Chapman:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) applications it has received for and (b) grants it has paid out to the Scottish Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (i) New Capital Grant Scheme, (ii) New Entrants Start-Up Grant Scheme and (iii) Young Farmers Start-Up Grant Scheme. **R**

[S5W-07865 Peter Chapman:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much of the overall budget (a) has been spent and (b) still remains for the Scottish Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (i) New Capital Grant Scheme, (ii) New Entrants Start-Up Grant Scheme and (iii) Young Farmers Start-Up Grant Scheme. **R**

[S5W-07868 Peter Chapman:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to change its Beef Efficiency Scheme, in light of NFU Scotland's suggestions for improvements. **R**

[S5W-07869 Peter Chapman:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to open its Beef Efficiency Scheme to new applicants. **R**

[S5W-07870 Peter Chapman:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many farmers have received all of their 2016 CAP Pillar 1 payments, and how many are yet to receive their full balance. **R**

[S5W-07871 Mark Griffin:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it has commissioned any tracking research to assess the effectiveness of the first phase of the benefits campaign, which started in week commencing 6 March 2017.

[S5W-07872 Mark Griffin:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much the budget is for the first phase of the benefits campaign, which started in week commencing 6 March 2017.

[S5W-07873 Mark Griffin:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the audience reach will be of the first phase of the benefits campaign, which started in week commencing 6 March 2017.

[S5W-07874 Mark Griffin:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what (a) public information and (b) advertising campaigns it has run in 2016-17, and how long each campaign has run for.

[S5W-07875 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many cancer specialists have been employed by each NHS board in each year since 2007.

[S5W-07876 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government which intensive neonatal units are planned to close.

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S5W-07877 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in each local authority area are used in the evening for (i) sports and (ii) community use.

S5W-07878 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to address so-called holiday-hunger among pupils who receive free school meals.

S5W-07879 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in each local authority area have run (i) breakfast and (ii) homework clubs in each year since 1999.

S5W-07881 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to the Spartans alternative school in Edinburgh and other similar institutions.

S5W-07882 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the two-hour school PE target.

S5W-07883 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure equity of access to radiotherapy across the country.

S5W-07884 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to provide access to proton cancer treatment in each NHS board.

S5W-07885 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many new-build properties there have been in each local authority area since 1999, broken down by council tax band.

S5W-07886 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many nurses in each NHS board have taken sick leave in each year since 1999.

S5W-07887 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many GPs in each NHS board have operated closed patient lists in each year since 1999.

S5W-07888 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that housekeepers in care homes receive at least the living wage.

S5W-07889 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding how many care-hours were delivered by each local authority in each year since 2005, and how this compares with the target for each year.

S5W-07890 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making with its feasibility study into extending free personal care to people under 65; which organisations it has met or plans to meet regarding this, and who it will consult.

S5W-07893 Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government what actions it is taking to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of brain tumours of people who are aged 0-24.

S5W-07894 Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the implications on its policies of the Brain Tumour Charity's *Patient Guide to Brain Tumour Treatment and Services*, which was published in November 2016.

S5W-07895 Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider expanding the Scottish Cancer Patient Experience Survey to include the experience of low-grade brain tumour patients and people under 16.

S5W-07896 Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to reduce the number of people with a brain tumour diagnosed through emergency admission to hospital.

S5W-07897 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-07547 by Humza Yousaf on 6 March 2017, how much (a) revenue and (b) capital subsidy

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was provided by (i) it and (ii) its agencies, other than Transport Scotland and its predecessors, in each of the last 10 years.

S5W-07898 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what the Scottish Welfare Fund allocations are for each local authority for (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18 and (c) 2018-19.

S5W-07899 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government, further to its news release of 7 February 2017, *Future of Farming*, whether it will confirm the (a) the terms of reference, (b) membership and (c) timescale of the agricultural review group to be chaired by Professor Griggs.

S5W-07900 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in establishing the independent rural stakeholders group to advise on rural support beyond 2020, which was agreed by the Parliament in the debate on motion S5M-03463 on 19 January 2017.

S5W-07902 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-06822 by Derek Mackay on 3 March 2017, what advice it has directly provided to low income pensioner households in band E to H properties since 31 December 2016, and whether the new benefits campaign will make specific reference to council tax reductions.

S5W-07903 Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been given in subsidies to commercially-run local bus services by each local authority in each of the last three years.

S5W-07904 Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to provide additional powers to local authorities regarding the (a) regulation and (b) provision of rural bus services.

S5W-07905 Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of the support provided for the provision of rural bus services.

S5W-07909 Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-07499 by Roseanna Cunningham on 7 March 2017, whether it will provide the information that was requested regarding whether it will publish the evidence that it has received to determine that each protection order should remain in place.

S5W-07910 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how many of the modern apprentices hired by the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) each year completed their apprenticeship, and how many were subsequently hired by the SPS on a (a) part- and (b) full-time basis.

S5W-07911 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what plans the Scottish Prison Service has to change its modern apprenticeship programme.

S5W-07912 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how many modern apprentices have been hired by Scottish Prison Service each year, and what the annual cost has been.

S5W-07913 Andy Wightman: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-07177 by Joe FitzPatrick on 28 February 2017, whether it will place in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) the information for 2015.

S5W-07914 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the report, *Drivers and Barriers to uptake of Early Learning and Childcare amongst 2 year olds*, which it commissioned, how it plans to take forward the findings.

S5W-07915 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government in light of the report, *Drivers and Barriers to uptake of Early Learning and Childcare amongst 2 year olds*, which it commissioned, what its position is on reports that (a) there remains uncertainty regarding the exact figures relating to the uptake of the free early learning entitlement, (b) uptake is lower than expected and (c) parents remain unaware of this free entitlement.

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[S5W-07916](#) Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the announcement by the Scottish Chambers of Commerce's chief executive that Scotland must have a unique migration system to respond to its lower population growth rate.

[S5W-07917](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many businesses will be taken out of the small business bonus threshold following the recent revaluations.

[S5W-07921](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-07587 by Shona Robison on 8 March 2017, what the study's remit will be, and when it will report its findings to ministers.

[S5W-07925](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-06201 by Aileen Campbell on 7 March 2017, what account it took of the comments by the Chief Executive of the Scottish Drugs Forum regarding the £15.3 million reduction in the drug and alcohol budget for 2016-17 in its news release, *Concern over budgets for local Alcohol and Drugs Partnerships in 2016-17*, when setting the budget allocation for 2017-18.

[S5W-07926](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-06201 by Aileen Campbell on 7 March 2017, what account it took of the impact of the £15.3 million reduction in the drug and alcohol budget for 2016-17 when setting the budget allocation for 2017-18.

[S5W-07927](#) Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is the findings of the survey of members of the Modern Studies Association that (a) 85% believe that the SQA documentation and course assessment specification are unfit for purpose and lack clarity, consistency and meaning, (b) 91% agree or strongly agree that there is too much content in the higher democracy unit for it to be delivered within the notional time allocation and (c) 34% agree or strongly agree that they are confident and clear about the standards and expectation of the subject at Higher grade.

[S5W-07928](#) Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is the findings of the survey of members of the Modern Studies Association, which states that the association "continues to have serious concerns regarding the additional exemplification and detail in the Course Assessment Specification... yet still contains basic errors as well as significant omissions in course coverage".

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Affirmative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 8 March 2017 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Progress of Legislation

Bills

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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.

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

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

Introduced 28 February 2017

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Children and Social Work Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-7

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

To be considered by the Parliament on 16 March 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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[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2016 Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (2 February 2017) (Finance and Constitution)

Lead committee to report by 23 March 2017

[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)

Lead committee to report by 31 March 2017

[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)

Lead committee to report by 25 April 2017

[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \[draft\]](#) (1 March 2017) (Parliament)

Lead committee to report by 2 May 2017

Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft] (8 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft] (8 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 12 March 2017

Lead committee to report by 6 March 2017

[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

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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

Lead committee to report by 20 March 2017

[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

Lead committee to report by 3 April 2017

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

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/41\)](#) (23 February 2017) (Social Security)

[Non-Domestic Rating \(Valuation of Utilities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/42\)](#) (23 February 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Non-Domestic Rating \(Unoccupied Property\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/43\)](#) (23 February 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[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

Lead committee to report by 17 April 2017

[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)

Other documents

Lead committee to report by 21 March 2017

Public Services Reform (Corporate Insolvency and Bankruptcy) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] (SG/2017/8) (12 January 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 7 March 2017 –

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 13th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 102)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 8th March 2017 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

I6: a review. A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland: AGS/2017/1 laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

Scottish Canals Annual Review 2016: SG/2017/26 laid under Section 27(8C) of the Transport Act 1962

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