

Thursday 16 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-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: Reports on
Draft Climate Change Plan, the Draft Third
Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032
- followed by** Legislative Consent Motion:
Farriers (Registration) Bill - UK Legislation
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- 5:00 pm** Decision Time

Committee Meetings

- 9:00am** Public Audit and Post-legislative
Scrutiny Committee
- 9:00am** Public Petitions Committee
- 9:15am** Equalities and Human Rights
Committee
- 10:00am** Standards, Procedures and Public
Appointments Committee
- 1:00pm** Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 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] ([S5O-00790](#))
- 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](#))

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-01028](#))
- 2. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the week. ([S5F-01027](#))
- 3. Willie Rennie:** To ask the First Minister what issues will be discussed at the next meeting of the Cabinet. ([S5F-01025](#))
- 4. Clare Adamson:** To ask the First Minister what guidance the Scottish Government has issued regarding the use of the Pupil Equity Fund. ([S5F-01032](#))
- 5. Annie Wells:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to tackle gun crime. ([S5F-01034](#))
- 6. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government will ensure that changes to unit assessments will not increase teacher workload, in light of reports that 63% of teachers believe that they will. ([S5F-01060](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-03651](#) Ross Thomson: Impact on North East Businesses of the Hike in Non-domestic Rates—That the Parliament understands that, as a result of the 2015 revaluation, businesses across the North East Scotland region are facing enormous increases in their non-domestic rates; believes that this impacts on companies across a range of sectors, including hospitality, oil and gas, engineering and retail, with some being subjected to increases in excess of 200%; considers that this represents a substantial hike in charges that will render it extremely difficult for some to avoid liquidation; welcomes the *Press & Journal* campaign, which, it understands, aims to highlight a number of compelling examples of businesses that will be adversely affected by the increase, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to take expedient and meaningful action to address this issue and to seek a solution to ease the impact of this.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

[S5M-04534](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee: Reports on Draft Climate Change Plan, the Draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032—That the Parliament notes the reports of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee, the Local Government and Communities Committee and the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on the Scottish Government document, *Draft Climate Change Plan - the Draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032*.

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

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 7th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Section 23 report - i6: a review:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "i6: a review" from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, and Catherine Young, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **Section 23 report - Changing models of health and social care:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "Changing models of health and social care" from—
Paul Gray, Director-General Health & Social Care and Chief Executive NHS Scotland, Shirley Rogers, Director of Health Workforce and Strategic Change, Christine McLaughlin, Director of Health Finance, and Fiona McQueen, Chief Nursing Officer, Scottish Government.
4. **Section 23 report - i6: a review:** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, and Catherine Young, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **Section 23 report - Changing models of health and social care:** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Jillian Matthew, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

Public Petitions Committee 5th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider—
[PE1480](#): Alzheimer's and dementia awareness / [PE1533](#): Abolition of non-residential social care charges for older and disabled people;
and will take evidence from—
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport; David Fotheringham, Head of Adult Social Care; Mike Liddle, Policy Manager, Scottish Government;
and will then consider—
[PE1577](#): Adult cerebral palsy services;
and will take evidence from—
Aileen Campbell, Minister for Public Health and Sport; Dr Gregor Smith, Deputy Chief Medical Officer; Elizabeth Porterfield, Head, Strategic Planning and Clinical Priorities; Colin Urquhart, Senior Policy Manager, Scottish Government.
2. **Consideration of new petitions** The Committee will consider—
[PE1637](#): Ship-to-ship oil transfers and trust port accountability;
and will take evidence from—

Greg Fullarton; Duncan Bowers; Loreine Thomson on behalf of Cromarty Rising.

3. **Consideration of continued petitions** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
- [PE1408](#): Updating of Pernicious Anaemia/Vitamin B12 Deficiency understanding and treatment; and
 - [PE1591](#): Major redesign of healthcare services in Skye, Lochalsh and South West Ross.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 7th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
- Fiona MacLeod, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Officer, British Red Cross (Scotland);
 - Tam Baillie, Commissioner, Children and Young People's Commissioner in Scotland;
 - Judith Robertson, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission;
 - Graham O'Neill, Policy Officer, Scottish Refugee Council;
 - Jo Ozga, Policy Worker, Scottish Women's Aid;
- and then from—
- Neil McKittrick, Refugee Services Manager, British Red Cross (Northern Ireland);
 - Kirsty Thomson, Co-Convenor, Immigration Law Practitioners Group in Scotland;
 - Robina Qureshi, Director, and Sunny Singh, Senior Caseworker, Positive Action in Housing;
 - David Bradwell, Refugee Co-Ordinator, Scottish Faith Action on Refugees.
2. **Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 7th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Complaint (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
2. **Complaint:** The Committee will announce its decision at Stage 3 on a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
3. **Complaint (in private):** The Committee will consider its draft report.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing 5th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Audit Scotland's 2015/16 Audit Reports on the Scottish Police Authority and on the i6 programme:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence from—
 - Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland, Gillian Woolman, Assistant Director, Catherine Young, Audit Manager, and Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 15 March 2017

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 Debate: Scotland's Choice

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-03950 Rhoda Grant: Triggers for Loneliness

Wednesday 22 March 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

followed by Continuation of Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Choice

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Acting Conveners

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-04581 John Finnie: Ship-to-ship Oil Transfers in the Cromarty and Moray Firths

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 — S5M-04130 Ben Macpherson: Justice for Yazidi People

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Expansion of Free Early Learning and Childcare

followed by Scottish Government Debate: British Sign Language (BSL) Consultation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 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 29 March 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Finance and the Constitution;
Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrat Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 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

The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

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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.

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

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

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***S5M-04643 Ben Macpherson: UK Government Housing Benefit Changes for 18 to 21-year-olds**—That the Parliament expresses concern at its understanding that 18 to 21-year-olds in Edinburgh and across Scotland will face restrictions in financial support for housing benefit from 1 April 2017; notes the calls on the UK Government to reconsider what it believes is its ill-conceived and harmful plans that will increase the likelihood of young people being made homeless and undermine the preventative approach to homelessness taken by local and national government in Scotland; believes that these changes are being imposed while discussions continue between the UK and Scottish governments on how the policy can be fully mitigated within existing powers; notes its disappointment with the UK Government's short timescale for change despite assurances that options for Scotland would be considered further, which it believes makes it impossible for full mitigation arrangements to be put in place before this change comes into force; acknowledges the report, *The withdrawal of support for housing costs under Universal Credit for young people: more pain for little gain?*, from the homelessness charity, Crisis, and Sheffield Hallam University, which suggests that many of those affected are "likely to be made more vulnerable, less secure and less able to rebuild their relationship with their parents or to keep or find a job than they were before"; notes the research of Heriot-Watt University, which estimates that, if more than 140 young people are made homeless, the policy will cost the UK Government more than the estimated and supposed savings, and believes that not all young people have the option of living with their parents and, for those who may be in a desperate or difficult situation and facing homelessness, housing support can provide stability, security and enable them to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

***S5M-04625 Patrick Harvie: Divesting and Reinvesting Council Pension Funds**—That the Parliament welcomes the report, *Divest Reinvest, Scottish council pensions for a future worth living in*, which has been published by Friends of the Earth Scotland, UNISON Scotland and Common Weal; notes its findings that Scotland's local authorities hold a £1,683 million stake in fossil fuel companies through their pension funds, which represents £3,300 for every scheme member; welcomes the action by the Strathclyde, Falkirk and Lothian pension funds to invest £234 million in renewable energy and social housing, and notes the view that moving public pension funds away from fossil fuels and toward socially and environmentally beneficial projects can

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protect pension value, meet councils' fiduciary duty and benefit pension holders through community development and tackling climate change.

Supported by: Ross Greer*, John Finnie*, Andy Wightman*, Neil Findlay*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*[S5M-04646](#) Clare Haughey: Lanarkshire Credit Union Achieves Living Wage Employer

Status—That the Parliament commends Lanarkshire Credit Union for its accreditation as a Living Wage Employer by the Living Wage Foundation; understands that the credit union's employees, both permanent employees and third-party contractors, will receive a minimum hourly wage of at least £8.45, which is higher than the national minimum wage of £6.95; considers that earning a living wage is essential to the wellbeing and prosperity of workers and families, yet one-in-five people in Scotland do not receive a living wage, and encourages all employers to follow Lanarkshire Credit Union's example and become accredited as a Living Wage Employer.

*[S5M-04645](#) Neil Findlay: The Mesh Shambles—That the Parliament is very concerned at the reports that another person has resigned from the independent review group that was established by the Scottish Government to look at the safety of mesh implants; understands that the consultant, who does not wish to be named, stepped down following the revelation that an entire chapter of the final report had been removed, and believes that this report has been completely undermined by what it sees as manipulation of the evidence provided.

Supported by: Anas Sarwar*, Monica Lennon*, Iain Gray*, Alex Rowley*

*[S5M-04644](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa FC's Jim Goodwin, Ladbrokes Manager of the

Month—That the Parliament congratulates the Alloa Athletic FC manager, Jim Goodwin, on being named the Ladbrokes League One Manager of the Month for February 2017 after leading his side to three wins and a draw, the latter against title rivals, Livingston; understands that Jim has suggested that this notable turnaround in form has been down to him dropping himself from the starting line-up; notes his comment that "when you're out there playing and trying to manage at the same time, you're trying to do everyone's job rather than concentrating on your own"; understands that he took over as manager in October 2016, and that the club recorded just four wins across all competitions between then and January, before the recent improvement in results, and wishes Jim and his players the very best of luck with their future fixtures.

Supported by: Liam Kerr*, Jeremy Balfour*, Ross Thomson*, James Dornan*, John Lamont*, Donald Cameron*, Miles Briggs*, Margaret Mitchell*, Oliver Mundell*, Liz Smith*, Alison Harris*, Colin Beattie*

*[S5M-04642](#) Jackson Carlaw: Scottish Tourism Week 2017—That the Parliament welcomes that 23,000 people in over 650 businesses involved in Scottish tourism have undertaken customer service training programmes; notes that WorldHost customer service training programmes were run by People 1st and funded by Skills Development Scotland; supports the importance of a well-trained workforce in the Scottish tourism sector; applauds the achievements of four cities, over 70 towns and two sets of islands across 12 regions in Scotland now using the world-renowned WorldHost customer service programmes to train local businesses in hospitality and tourism; notes that this training represents an investment of over £2 million since it was launched in 2014, and recognises the businesses, towns and regions that are currently working towards WorldHost accreditation to ensure that visitors receive a warm welcome and high standard of customer service to help set Scotland apart as a visitor destination.

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***S5M-04641 Alexander Stewart: £1 Million Specialist Residency for Adults with Autism in Clackmannanshire**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that a £1 million specialist residency for adults with autism is to be developed in Clackmannanshire; believes that the construction will have three one-bedroom flats, three two-bedroom flats, 24/7 bespoke onsite care, with one flat being used for respite; understands that the charity, Scottish Autism, which seeks to help people diagnosed with autism to lead full and enriched lives, has purchased the former Kilncraigs House for the project; notes that it intends to invest additional money, generated in part through fundraising activity, to convert the Alloa premises into a fit-for-purpose residency, and recognises that this will provide accommodation for up to nine autistic adults and will be suitable for people who also live with mobility problems and other health-related issues.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Peter Chapman*, Maurice Corry*, James Dornan*, Edward Mountain*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Margaret Mitchell*, Murdo Fraser*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, John Lamont*, Douglas Ross*, Oliver Mundell*, Kenneth Gibson*, Alison Harris*

***S5M-04640 Alison Harris: Forth Valley Sensory Centre Café Tiki**—That the Parliament congratulates the Forth Valley Sensory Centre's Café Tiki on having received its Healthy Living certificate; understands that this acknowledges the social enterprise café as one of Falkirk's healthiest eating spots; acknowledges that the café is maintained through determination and hard work; notes that it is regularly staffed by volunteers, and wishes the café continued luck in its future endeavours.

***S5M-04639 Anas Sarwar: European Court of Justice Ruling and its Impact on Religious Hatred**—That the Parliament expresses its disappointment at the European Court of Justice's decision that it believes allows employers to ban their workers from wearing items at work that they regard as religious symbols, including headscarves, skull caps and turbans; considers that this ruling will make it even more difficult for people from religious communities, including Muslim women who wear a headscarf, Jewish men who wear and skull cap and Sikhs who wear a turban, to enter the job market in the future; agrees with Amnesty International that this will open a backdoor to prejudice at a time when identity and appearance have become a political battleground and when people need more protection against prejudice, not less; considers that this is part of a worrying trend of increasing religious prejudice, particularly Islamophobia and anti-Semitism, across mainland Europe; expresses concern at the rising support for parties and politicians who it considers openly incite religious hatred, such as Geert Wilders in the Netherlands and Marine Le Pen in France; believes that everyone must redouble their efforts to confront all forms of religious discrimination, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out what implications this ruling will have for employees in Scotland and its courts.

Supported by: Neil Findlay*, Pauline McNeill*, Jackie Baillie*, Rhoda Grant*, Monica Lennon*, Iain Gray*, Daniel Johnson*, Alex Rowley*

***S5M-04638 Neil Findlay: EU Hokey Cokey, In, Out, What's it all About?**—That the Parliament understands that the reason the Scottish Government is seeking to hold a second independence referendum is that Scotland is being "dragged out of the EU against its will"; believes that, with this in mind, it is a completely logical step for the Scottish Ministers, should the Scottish Parliament vote in favour of holding a referendum on independence, to commit to holding a further referendum on Scotland re-joining the EU; considers that, if such a commitment is not made, then

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the whole premise on which the independence referendum is being called will be fundamentally undermined, and calls on the Scottish Government and First Minister to provide what it believes would be clarity over this issue.

Supported by: Elaine Smith*

***S5M-04637 Stuart McMillan: Year of Scotland's Coast and Waters 2020**—That the Parliament recognises that the themed years tourism programme will continue beyond 2018 and be delivered in a two-year cycle; understands that the year 2020 will focus on Scotland's coast and waters; believes that this will support Scotland's marine and coastal tourism sector; hopes that it will reinforce the marine tourism strategy, Awakening the Giant; acknowledges that the year 2022 will be the year of Scotland's stories, and considers that these themed years provide an ideal way to continue to celebrate the best of Scotland.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Rona Mackay*, Clare Haughey*, Kenneth Gibson*, Graeme Dey*, David Torrance*, Joan McAlpine*, Richard Lochhead*, Ash Denham*, Sandra White*, Ivan McKee*, Gordon Lindhurst*

***S5M-04636 Stuart McMillan: Gourock Students Raise Money to Support Grieving Young People**—That the Parliament recognises the considerate actions of students at Gourock's St Columba's High School, who raised money to buy memory boxes for the Butterfly Project run by Ardgowan Hospice; notes that these memory boxes will be used to support young people aged from five to 25 who are grieving over the recent loss of a relative; further notes that the students were inspired to donate these memory boxes after visiting the facilities and seeing the excellent care and support provided by Ardgowan Hospice; praises the students for their thoughtful actions, and wishes them well for the future.

***S5M-04634 Bruce Crawford: Village of Kippen Ranked One of the Best in the UK**—That the Parliament congratulates the village of Kippen in Stirlingshire on being ranked the second best village in Scotland and 20th best in the UK by *The Times*; notes that Kippen's beautiful scenery, proximity to Loch Lomond, excellent butcher and gastropubs were cited as reasons why it is such a great place to live; acknowledges that this ranking will hopefully attract more people to Kippen and its surrounding areas; considers that Kippen is one of many great villages in the Stirlingshire area, and welcomes that the village is being recognised for what it believes are its welcoming nature, fantastic location and brilliant local amenities.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Stuart McMillan*, Dean Lockhart*, James Dornan*, Richard Lyle*, Colin Beattie*, Rona Mackay*, Clare Haughey*, Bob Doris*, Bill Kidd*, Murdo Fraser*, David Torrance*, Sandra White*, Ivan McKee*

***S5M-04632 Maurice Golden: Aiden McHugh, Tennis Scotland Junior Player of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Aiden McHugh from Bearsden on being named the Tennis Scotland Junior Player of the Year; recognises Aiden's hard work and contribution to the sport, and wishes him all the best for his tennis career.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Liz Smith*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*, Alison Harris*, Peter Chapman*, Margaret Mitchell*, Monica Lennon*, Ross Thomson*, Douglas Ross*, Liam Kerr*, Richard Lyle*, John Lamont*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Donald Cameron*, Colin Beattie*, Edward Mountain*, Murdo Fraser*, David Torrance*, Oliver Mundell*

***S5M-04631 Maurice Golden: Renfrewshire Bowling Club Big Lottery Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Renfrewshire Bowling Club on being awarded £10,000 of Big Lottery

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funding; recognises the club's role in the community; welcomes the funding, which will be used to refurbish the facilities, including a new accessible toilet, and wishes the club the best for 2017.

Supported by: Alison Harris*, Peter Chapman*, Liz Smith*, James Dornan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Douglas Ross*, John Lamont*, Ross Thomson*, Liam Kerr*, Richard Lyle*, Miles Briggs*, Donald Cameron*, Colin Beattie*, Edward Mountain*, Murdo Fraser*, Oliver Mundell*

***S5M-04630 Bruce Crawford: Robertson Trust to Provide Third Sector Hub in Stirling**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the Robertson Trust will convert the old army barracks in Stirling city centre into a third sector hub providing accommodation for charitable organisations and social enterprises; understands that this project has given a boost to the Stirling and Clackmannanshire Regional City Deal as it will allow organisations to share space, learning and creativity, maximising financial efficiency and encouraging joint working and innovation; notes that work should start later in 2017 and that the barracks are expected to begin their new role in early 2018, and looks forward to this exciting new enterprise for Stirling.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Stuart McMillan*, James Dornan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Richard Lyle*, Colin Beattie*, Rona Mackay*, Clare Haughey*, Gordon MacDonald*, Bob Doris*, Bill Kidd*, Murdo Fraser*, David Torrance*, Sandra White*, Ivan McKee*

***S5M-04629 Liam Kerr: Deaf Links Improves Local Services**—That the Parliament commends the efforts of the well-established Tayside-based charity, Deaf Links, which aims to improve services for deaf and hard of hearing people in Angus; notes that it is working with the Angus See Hear working group to gauge the need for lip-reading classes that will be provided by an experienced tutor who will work to improve the communication skills and boost the self-confidence of the people who take part, and welcomes Deaf Links' work in providing advocacy services to sensory-impaired people.

Supported by: Maurice Corry*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Peter Chapman*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Donald Cameron*, Edward Mountain*, Alison Harris*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liz Smith*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Margaret Mitchell*, David Torrance*, Douglas Ross*, John Lamont*, Oliver Mundell*

***S5M-04628 Jenny Gilruth: Glenrothes High School Pupils Win Competition**—That the Parliament congratulates the Glenrothes High School pupils Andrew Gallacher, Lauchlan Graham, Ryan Lawson and Harry Summers, who all study design and technology, on winning first prize in the MGM Timber anniversary design competition, an event that saw schools across Fife participate, and wishes all four every success for the future.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Joan McAlpine*, Rona Mackay*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Ivan McKee*

***S5M-04627 Bruce Crawford: Launch of the Stirling-Alive with Scotland Campaign**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Stirling-Alive with Scotland campaign to promote Stirling as a place to do business, live and work; notes that the campaign is the result of the successful Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Deal Bid and will build on other events in the city and surrounding areas, such as the inaugural Stirling Marathon in May 2017; understands that a promotional film has also been launched and condensed into a short advert, which will feature in Stirling's Vue cinema, on Sky Catch Up and on social media, and was recently broadcast on the rocks underneath Stirling Castle; considers that Stirling is a world-class, enterprising and dynamic city, and looks forward to all future developments with the Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Deal.

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***S5M-04626 Liam Kerr: Retirement of the Bishop of Brechin**—That the Parliament recognises the forthcoming retirement in July 2017 of the Bishop of Brechin, the Right Reverend Dr Nigel Peyton, after 41 years of ministry; notes that, although he was consecrated as the bishop at St Paul's Cathedral in Dundee in 2011, his ministry began in 1976; highlights his pioneering of the Dundee Centre of Mission, which encourages outreach initiatives across the diocese, and wishes him well and a happy retirement.

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***S5M-04624 Sandra White: Congratulations to Central and West Integration Network on Project Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates the Central and West Integration Network in the Glasgow Kelvin constituency on being awarded a £48,248 Young Start grant to establish an after school youth project for young people who are black or minority ethnic, asylum seekers or refugees; believes that the project will benefit 100 young people and encourage friendships, help reduce isolation and increase children's confidence in themselves, and welcomes the allocation of this funding to help provide development and support for young people across Glasgow.

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***S5M-04623 Dean Lockhart: Congratulating the Curly Coo**—That the Parliament congratulates the Curly Coo whisky bar in Stirling on being shortlisted in the category, Whisky bar of the year 2016, at the 2017 Drammie Awards; notes that the awards, which are organised by the American website, For Whiskey Lovers, also have nominations for several Scottish single malts, blends and distilleries across several categories; considers that, with its vast selection of over 130 malt whiskies, gins and craft beers, as well as its welcoming and knowledgeable staff, the Curly Coo is a great example of a unique and successful local business that continues to thrive in the heart of Stirling; applauds the hard work of the landlady in providing whisky tastings and a whisky festival, and for her enthusiasm in continuing to be an ambassador for all things Scotch whisky-related; considers that the nomination is even more impressive as the bar is the only one in Scotland to be listed in the category and is up against strong opposition from much larger bars in New York and Washington DC, among others, and wishes the bar and the other Scottish nominees for these awards the best of luck.

Supported by: Margaret Mitchell*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liz Smith*, Stuart McMillan*, Bruce Crawford*, Donald Cameron*, Alison Harris*, Ross Thomson*, Douglas Ross*, Liam Kerr*, John Lamont*, Colin Beattie*, Peter Chapman*, Edward Mountain*, Murdo Fraser*, Bill Bowman*, Oliver Mundell*

***S5M-04622 Gail Ross: Success for Inverewe Garden**—That the Parliament congratulates everyone at Inverewe Gardens on it winning the prestigious Best Garden title at the 2017 *BBC Countryfile Magazine* awards following a public vote, and commends all of the hard work by the staff at the National Trust for Scotland-owned estate, which has made this possible.

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***S5M-04621 Alexander Stewart: Mid Scotland and Fife Young Start Groups Receive Big Lottery Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates the two organisations in the Mid Scotland and Fife constituency that have been awarded a total of £99,687 by the Big Lottery Fund's Young Start scheme; notes that Options in Life, which received a £50,000 grant, will extend its successful volunteer project for a further two years, which aims to give the vulnerable young people it supports more opportunities to gain confidence, get fitter and learn new work and life skills; understands that the project consists of varied work placements, challenging outdoor experiences and participation in mentoring roles for young people aged 18 to 25; notes that Freedom Unlimited Enterprises, which received a £49,687 grant, will establish a new programme providing young people who have been convicted of crimes with up to 12 months of work experience and employment, with the aim of empowering them to move on to full-time employment; understands that the project will consist of a 13-week work experience programme in a furniture-making workshop, placements with local businesses and tradesmen and the sale of wood products to provide funding beyond the life of the grant, and further understands that organisations can apply for a Young Start grant of between £10,000 and £50,000 and for up to two years' funding.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Jamie Greene*, Douglas Ross*, Liam Kerr*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alison Harris*, John Lamont*, Liz Smith*, James Dornan*, Peter Chapman*, Ross Thomson*, Donald Cameron*, Colin Beattie*, Dean Lockhart*, Murdo Fraser*, David Torrance*, Rachael Hamilton*, Richard Lyle*, Bill Bowman*, Oliver Mundell*

***S5M-04620 Margaret Mitchell: The Bellshill She-Shed**—That the Parliament congratulates the Bellshill Men's Shed and Bellshill Locality's Community Learning and Development Partnership on their innovative approach in setting up a women's shed, which has colloquially become known as the She-Shed; understands that the women attending have had taster sessions on wiring plugs, electronics and using power tools and have gained skills in tiling and wallpapering; notes that all of the equipment that they use is shared with the men's shed; acknowledges that these sessions will be of benefit to both the men's and women's sheds when they overhaul their new premises at Viewpark Nursery, at which they hope to welcome many more members; believes that these initiatives offer an opportunity for older men and women to connect to the community, and wishes everyone involved with them all the best.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-04619 Jeremy Balfour: Marie Curie Garden of Light (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Bob Doris*, Kenneth Gibson*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Edward Mountain*, Liz Smith*, Bill Bowman*, Colin Beattie*, John Scott*, Finlay Carson*, Sandra White*, Dean

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Lockhart*, Rachael Hamilton*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Richard Lyle*, Christine Grahame*, Neil Findlay*, Oliver Mundell*, Ross Thomson*

[S5M-04618 Ben Macpherson: Edinburgh Artist Designs Scotland's First Baby Boxes](#) (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Clare Haughey*, Graeme Dey*, Joan McAlpine*, Gillian Martin*, Ivan McKee*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Richard Lyle*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-04617 Ben Macpherson: Julie's Moon](#) (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Sandra White*, Joan McAlpine*, Miles Briggs*, Kenneth Gibson*, Rona Mackay*, Bill Kidd*, Gillian Martin*, Ivan McKee*, Clare Haughey*, Ash Denham*, Bob Doris*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Gail Ross*, Gordon MacDonald*, Alison Harris*, Stuart McMillan*, Richard Lyle*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-04616 Annie Wells: These Streets Were Made For Walking](#) (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Bill Bowman*, Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Finlay Carson*, John Scott*, Dean Lockhart*, Rachael Hamilton*, Neil Findlay*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04615 Gil Paterson: Top Marks for Baljaffray Primary, Bearsden](#) (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Gillian Martin*, Ivan McKee*, David Torrance*, Jenny Gilruth*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-04614 Gordon Lindhurst: Holy Trinity Church Installs Fresh Water Wells in West Africa](#) (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Liz Smith*, Bill Bowman*, Finlay Carson*, John Scott*, Dean Lockhart*, Rachael Hamilton*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Richard Lyle*, Neil Findlay*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04613 Annie Wells: Young Start Funding for Glasgow Groups](#) (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Bill Bowman*, Finlay Carson*, Dean Lockhart*, Rachael Hamilton*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04612 Colin Beattie: MYPAS Receives Funding for Art Therapist](#) (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Ivan McKee*, David Torrance*, Jenny Gilruth*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-04608 Sandra White: Partickhill Bowling and Community Club](#) (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Gillian Martin*, Ivan McKee*, Jenny Gilruth*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-04607 Anas Sarwar: Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month](#) (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Gillian Martin*, David Torrance*, Neil Findlay*

[S5M-04606 Sandra White: Vendor Week](#) (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*, Ivan McKee*

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[S5M-04605](#) Dean Lockhart: Kirkcaldy's Food and Drink Fair (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Bowman*, Edward Mountain*, Finlay Carson*

[S5M-04604](#) Jeremy Balfour: The Junction (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Bill Bowman*, Finlay Carson*, Dean Lockhart*, David Torrance*, Oliver Mundell*

[S5M-04603](#) Stuart McMillan: Housing Brokerage Scheme Helps Younger Adults with Visual Impairment Find Homes (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*, Ivan McKee*

[S5M-04602](#) Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Volunteers to Redevelop Alloa Park (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Bowman*, Finlay Carson*, Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-04601](#) Stuart McMillan: Young Start Funding Success for Able2Sail and Morton in the Community (lodged on 14 March 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*, Ivan McKee*

[S5M-04600](#) Jackie Baillie: 2017 Budget Deals Major Blow to Scotch Whisky Industry (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Gail Ross*, Claudia Beamish*

[S5M-04599](#) Tavish Scott: Loganair Launches Apprenticeship Scheme (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-04597](#) Angus MacDonald: The Opening of Maggie's Forth Valley Centre in Larbert (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Ivan McKee*

[S5M-04595](#) Maurice Corry: Skapade Inspirational Development Solution CIC (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-04594](#) Angus MacDonald: NHS Forth Valley Chief Executive Moves to Top Role on UK's Biggest NHS Board (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

[S5M-04592](#) Donald Cameron: Oban Hospice to Open New Centre (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-04591](#) Alexander Burnett: Tornaveen Community Centre (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*, Ross Thomson*

[S5M-04590](#) Clare Adamson: North Lanarkshire's Sporting Hall of Fame (lodged on 13 March 2017)

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New Support: Neil Findlay*, Ivan McKee*

[S5M-04589](#) Tom Arthur: Young Women in STEM Event (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

[S5M-04588](#) Alexander Stewart: Largest-ever Intake at Tulliallan Police College (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-04587](#) Alexander Stewart: British Empire Medal for Marie Ross from Alloa (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-04585](#) Patrick Harvie: Govan Graving Docks (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Adam Tomkins*, James Kelly*

[S5M-04583](#) Graeme Dey: Dundee & Angus 2017 Women Ahead Business Awards (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

[S5M-04582](#) Gail Ross: Scottish Tourism Week 2017 (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

[S5M-04581](#) John Finnie: Ship-to-ship Oil Transfers in the Cromarty and Moray Firths (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Claudia Beamish*

[S5M-04575](#) Miles Briggs: Ben Dolphin, New President of Ramblers Scotland (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*, Neil Findlay*

[S5M-04574](#) Jackson Carlaw: ASDA Newton Mearns Supports Eastwood (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-04572](#) Jackson Carlaw: Sharon Bar-li, Israel's New Deputy Ambassador (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-04571](#) Alex Rowley: Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership (lodged on 13 March 2017)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-04566](#) Sandra White: RCS Confirmed as World-leading Centre for Performing Arts Education (lodged on 10 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

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[S5M-04562](#) Maurice Golden: UK Budget Investment in Electric Vehicles (lodged on 09 March 2017)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-04512](#) Mary Fee: World Tuberculosis Day 2017 (lodged on 08 March 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S5M-04511](#) Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Tourism Sector (lodged on 08 March 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S5M-04499](#) Sandra White: Keep Me Posted (lodged on 08 March 2017)

New Support: James Kelly*

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

New Support: Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-04431](#) Richard Leonard: North Lanarkshire Council Schools Renewal Programme (lodged on 03 March 2017)

New Support: Anas Sarwar*, Mark Griffin*, Iain Gray*, Neil Findlay*

[S5M-04291](#) Colin Smyth: Youth Stop AIDS Campaign, It Ain't Over (lodged on 27 February 2017)

New Support: Alison Johnstone*

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

New Support: Ivan McKee*

[S5M-04253](#) Maurice Golden: Renewable Energy Scotland (lodged on 24 February 2017)

New Support: Edward Mountain*

[S5M-03863](#) Monica Lennon: Luxury: A Short Film, and its Contribution to Tackling Period Poverty in Scotland (lodged on 06 February 2017)

New Support: Alison Johnstone*

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

New Support: Alex Rowley*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 22 March 2017

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

- 1. Maree Todd:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to reports that every tenant in homeless accommodation in the Highlands is in rent arrears following the roll-out of universal credit by the Department for Work and Pensions. ([S5O-00797](#))
- 2. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to raise the incomes of families with children living in poverty. ([S5O-00798](#))
- 3. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the provision of social housing. ([S5O-00799](#))
- 4. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government how it encourages volunteering in communities. ([S5O-00800](#))
- 5. Tavish Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government when details of funding for the third sector interface model for the 2017-18 financial year will be finalised. ([S5O-00801](#))
- 6. Kate Forbes:** To ask the Scottish Government what powers and responsibilities have been devolved to Highlands and Islands communities in the last 10 years. ([S5O-00802](#))
- 7. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making on improvements to the planning system, in light of the Review of the Scottish Planning System. ([S5O-00803](#))
- 8. Jackson Carlaw:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on 72% of respondents to its consultation on social security in Scotland believing that it should aim to deliver social security through already available public sector services and organisations. ([S5O-00804](#))
- 9. Mairi Evans:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has received assurances from the UK Government that it will not impose the changes to housing benefit for 18- to 21-year-olds in Scotland while discussions regarding a possible exemption are ongoing. ([S5O-00805](#))
- 10. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in light of the findings in the report, *Shifting the Curve*, that people in minority ethnic groups are often the most disadvantaged and can face additional barriers when trying to get out of poverty. ([S5O-00806](#))
- 11. Adam Tomkins:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to concerns that the Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill does not contain sufficient measures to lift children out of poverty. ([S5O-00807](#))
- 12. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it has taken to encourage regeneration in Inverclyde. ([S5O-00808](#))
- 13. Christina McKelvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what communication it has had with the UK Government regarding the Syrian refugee resettlement scheme. ([S5O-00809](#))
- 14. Graeme Dey:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding has been made available to Angus Council to ensure that affordable housing for social rent can be built over the next five years. ([S5O-00810](#))
- 15. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to empower LGBTI people. ([S5O-00811](#))

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16. Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to mitigate the impact that welfare reforms have had on access to free school meals. ([S5O-00812](#))

17. Peter Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the support that it offers to coastal towns and communities. ([S5O-00813](#))

18. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that young disabled people are not subject to discrimination. ([S5O-00814](#))

19. Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to support local government pension funds that wish to divest from fossil fuels and reinvest in projects such as social housing. ([S5O-00815](#))

20. Jenny Gilruth: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to raise awareness of how people can claim benefits that they are entitled to, in light of reports that there could be over 500,000 individuals and families that are not doing so. ([S5O-00816](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 23 March 2017

1. John Mason: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle violence against women in prostitution. ([S5O-00817](#))

2. Mike Rumbles: [Not Lodged]

3. Anas Sarwar: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to reopen the Yorkhill minor injuries unit and, if so, on what date it will do so. ([S5O-00819](#))

4. Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the comments by the divisional commander of British Transport Police in Scotland that its proposed merger with Police Scotland risks reducing the effectiveness of railway policing. ([S5O-00820](#))

5. Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what its timetable is for proceeding with the results of the consultation on increasing the number of organ donations. ([S5O-00821](#))

6. Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what it anticipates the opportunities would be for the fishing industry of an independent Scotland joining the EU. ([S5O-00822](#))

7. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what the impact has been of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax. ([S5O-00823](#))

8. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government what impact air pollution is having on human health, flora and fauna in Scotland. ([S5O-00824](#))

9. Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on airport expansion. ([S5O-00825](#))

10. Johann Lamont: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what progress it is making in implementing the recommendations of the Commission for Widening Access. ([S5O-00826](#))

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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 15 March 2017

S5W-08050 Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-07503 by Michael Russell on 7 March 2017, what correspondence it has had with the (a) European Free Trade Association (EFTA), (b) Faroese Government and (c) Danish Government regarding (i) the possibility of and (ii) possible routes to Scotland joining the association.

S5W-08105 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates achieving a 50:50 gender balance for (a) members and (b) chairs of public boards.

S5W-08106 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to provide more detailed occupational data that includes (a) STEM sectors, (b) growing industries and (c) part-time employees.

S5W-08107 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to provide intersectional data on the pay gap.

S5W-08108 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will change the National Performance Framework Indicator on gender pay to include men and women who work part time.

S5W-08109 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) monitoring and (b) evaluation it undertakes of whether businesses that have signed the Scottish Business Pledge are meeting the commitments in the pledge.

S5W-08110 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will include a commitment to addressing (a) occupational segregation and (b) the gender pay gap for businesses that sign up to the Scottish Business Pledge.

S5W-08111 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to encourage small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to report their gender pay gap.

S5W-08112 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how many businesses have signed up to the Scottish Business Pledge, and what percentage of the total number of businesses in Scotland this represents.

S5W-08113 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how many employees are covered by businesses that have signed up to the Scottish Business Pledge, and what percentage of the total number of employees in Scotland this represents.

S5W-08114 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how many members of public boards are women, broken down by board and also given as a percentage of the number of members on each board.

S5W-08115 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how many chairs of public boards are women, and what percentage of the total number of chairs of public boards this represents.

S5W-08116 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to improve female representation on public boards.

S5W-08120 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-04419 by Shona Robison on 15 November 2016, what progress it has made setting up a feasibility study into extending free personal and nursing care to people under the age of 65 with a diagnosis of dementia (Frank's Law), and what the reasons are for any delay with this.

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[S5W-08121](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what the value is of Scotland's exports to each member of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

[S5W-08122](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, if Scotland became independent, whether it will hold on a referendum on seeking membership of the EU or the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

[S5W-08123](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, if Scotland became independent, whether it would seek membership of the EU or the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and, if so, which organisation would be its initial preference.

[S5W-08124](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the comment by the Scottish Green Party that "in assessing public appetite for a second referendum we will respect new kinds of citizen-led initiatives - for example, a call for a referendum signed by up to 1 million people on the electoral register".

[S5W-08125](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, if Scotland became independent, what the process would be for it joining the EU, and how long this would take.

[S5W-08128](#) Ross Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government what the waiting time is from the point of referral to an appointment at the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary cataract clinic; what the average time was in each of the last four years, and how many people have been waiting (a) three to six and (b) over six months.

[S5W-08132](#) Ross Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government how many people on the waiting list for an appointment at the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary cataract clinic in the last year have sought private treatment.

[S5W-08133](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government to what extent the research that it used to underpin its consultation on unconventional oil and gas extraction, *Talking Fracking*, explored the impacts of fracking on wildlife and biodiversity.

[S5W-08134](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding how many public access defibrillators there are in each local authority area, and what action it can take to promote the locations of these, including providing details online.

[S5W-08135](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on introducing free or discounted travel for (a) part- and (b) full-time carers.

[S5W-08140](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government how NHS Fife is performing with regard to the waiting time targets for neurology.

[S5W-08146](#) Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government (a) how much and (b) what percentage of the electricity generated in Scotland is from its nuclear power stations.

[S5W-08147](#) Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of the electricity generated in Scotland has been exported to the rest of the UK in each of the last four years, and how much this raised.

[S5W-08159](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S5W-06777 and S5W-07788 by John Swinney on 17 February and 15 March 2017 respectively, what progress it is making in drafting its written response to the Time for Inclusive Education (TIE) campaign, and on what date in spring 2017 it will publish this.

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New Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 15 March 2017 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications and Objections Procedure) Amendment Rules 2017 (SSI 2017/74)
laid under paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and section 28 of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007

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

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

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

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

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 (evidence, lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 14 March 2017

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice)), 14 March 2017

Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice)), 14 March 2017

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 15 March 2017

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform), 14 March 2017

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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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

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Affirmative instruments

Lead committee to report by 22 March 2017

[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 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 16 March 2017

Lead committee to report by 13 March 2017

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

Subject to annulment by 23 March 2017

Lead committee to report by 20 March 2017

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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)

Subject to annulment by 3 May 2017

Lead committee to report by 1 May 2017

[Protection of Seals \(Designation of Haul-Out Sites\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/63\)](#) (9 March 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/64\)](#) (9 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/66\)](#) (9 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 4 May 2017

Lead committee to report by 1 May 2017

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber \(Procedure\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/68\)](#) (10 March 2017) (Justice)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Tax Chamber \(Procedure\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/69\)](#) (10 March 2017) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 9 May 2017

Lead committee to report by 8 May 2017

[Transport and Works \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(Applications and Objections Procedure\) Amendment Rules 2017 \(SSI 2017/74\)](#) (15 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

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)

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<p>Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais</p>				

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

Petitions

The following petition was lodged with the Parliament on 15 March 2017

[PE1645](#) Petition by James Ward on Review of legal aid in Scotland.

A full list of petitions can be viewed on the Scottish Parliament website at:

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