

Tuesday 28 March 2017

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection - Reverend Andrew Frearson, Rector, St James the Great Church, Dollar

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Continuation of 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-04016 Graeme Dey: Included in the Main?!

Committee Meetings

9:30am Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee

9:45am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

9:45am Justice Committee

10:15am Health and Sport Committee

10:30am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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1. Christina McKelvie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its discussions with the UK Government ahead of the triggering of Article 50. ([S5T-00490](#))

2. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the Queensferry Crossing will not be ready by the revised completion date of the end of May. ([S5T-00479](#))

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

[S5M-04710 Nicola Sturgeon: Scotland's Choice](#)—That the Parliament acknowledges the sovereign right of the Scottish people to determine the form of government best suited to their needs and therefore mandates the Scottish Government to take forward discussions with the UK Government on the details of an order under section 30 of the Scotland Act 1998 to ensure that the Scottish Parliament can legislate for a referendum to be held that will give the people of Scotland a choice over the future direction and governance of their country at a time, and with a question and franchise, determined by the Scottish Parliament, which would most appropriately be between the autumn of 2018, when there is clarity over the outcome of the Brexit negotiations, and around the point at which the UK leaves the EU in spring 2019.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-04710.2 Ruth Davidson: Scotland's Choice](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-04710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert "declines the Scottish Government's proposal for a referendum on independence before April 2019; believes that it would be unfair to ask this question while the process of leaving the EU is still ongoing and while the Scottish Government has failed to set out its own position on independence; considers that no referendum should take place while there is no public or political consent for one, and urges the Scottish Government to focus its efforts on working with the UK Government to secure the best possible new relationship with the EU."

[S5M-04710.4 Kezia Dugdale: Scotland's Choice](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-04710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), leave out from "and therefore mandates" to end and insert "; believes that a strong Scottish Parliament within a federal UK would meet these needs; recognises that the overwhelming will of the Scottish people is that there should be no second divisive independence referendum; believes that far from giving Scots a choice, a second independence referendum would only increase uncertainty and cause greater division as the UK faces a hard Tory Brexit, and asserts that there should be no second independence referendum."

[S5M-04710.5 Patrick Harvie: Scotland's Choice](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-04710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), insert at end " ; believes that this gives people in Scotland a choice at a time when there is both the most information and most opportunity to act;

further believes that 16 and 17-year-olds and EU citizens, who were excluded from the EU referendum, should be entitled to vote, and considers that this referendum is necessary given the Prime Minister's decision to negotiate a hard exit from the EU, including leaving the single market, which conflicts with assurances given by the UK Government and prominent Leave campaigners, and which takes no account of the overwhelming Remain vote in Scotland."

S5M-04710.3 Willie Rennie: Scotland's Choice—As an amendment to motion S5M-04710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), leave out from "and therefore mandates" to end and insert "; believes that a second referendum on Scottish independence would only compound the uncertainty of Brexit and its risk to the economy, environment and security; notes that all measures of public opinion show that there is no appetite for such a vote; further believes that there is no mandate for another Scottish independence referendum on the basis of the UK leaving the EU when there are no cast-iron guarantees that full membership of the EU will be sought or granted, and supports the development of a positive future for Scotland inside a federal UK."

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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

S5M-04016 Graeme Dey: Included in the Main?!—That the Parliament recognises the campaign, Included in the Main?!, and the conclusion of a national conversation about the reality of educational experiences for children and young people who have learning disabilities, by ENABLE Scotland, which, it understands, is the largest voluntary organisation in the country for children and adults with learning disabilities and their families; notes that the national conversation looked at inclusive education and what it means for pupils who have learning disabilities; understands that the campaign has since engaged with over 800 young people, their parents and carers, and the education workforce, to talk about their experiences and consider what makes education truly inclusive; believes that the country has come a long way from when people with learning disabilities were viewed as "ineducable" but considers that inclusive education is still far from a reality for many and that this can have whole-life consequences; acknowledges that a report, *22 Steps on the Journey to Inclusion*, has been published as a result of the national conversation, which makes 22 recommendations and acknowledges that inclusive education is not about school setting or placement, but rather that all children should receive an inclusive education in a setting that best meets their educational and developmental needs, and notes the view that it is time to talk about how to make that vision a reality in Angus South and across Scotland.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee 11th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Gender Pay Gap:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Shirley Campbell, Director for People, Scottish Water;
Rosie MacRae, Head of Inclusion and Diversity, SSE;
Megan Horsburgh, Head of Diversity and Inclusion, Sodexo UK & Ireland;
Catriona Mackie, HR Director, Diageo Global Supply, Diageo;
and then from—
Katy Miller, Head of Human Resources, City of Edinburgh Council, COSLA;
Peter Reekie, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Investments, Scottish Futures Trust;
Nicky Page, Head of People Management, Police Scotland;
Ian Reid, Management Side Secretary, NHS Scotland Terms and Conditions Committee (STAC);
Diane Vincent, Director of People and Organisational Development, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
3. **Gender Pay Gap:** The Committee will consider evidence heard at today's meeting.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 11th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Review of the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Right Hon Lord Bonomy.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Protection of Seals (Designation of Haul-Out Sites) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/63).
4. **Public petitions** The Committee will consider the following petition—
PE1615 by Logan Steele on behalf of the Scottish Raptor Group on a state regulated licensing system for gamebird hunting in Scotland
5. **Review of the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002:** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will review its work programme.
7. **Deer Management in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.

Justice Committee 13th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, Don McGillivray, Deputy Director, Police Division, and Kevin Gibson, Solicitor, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government;
Gordon Macleod, Rail Standards and Sustainability Manager, Transport Scotland.
3. **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
4. **Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the key issues emerging from the evidence received on the Bill in order to inform the drafting of its Stage 1 report.
5. **Inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (in private):** The Committee will continue consideration of a draft report.

Health and Sport Committee 9th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/58)
National Health Service (Payments and Remission of Charges) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/59)
2. **Healthcare in Prisons:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Beth Macmaster, National Prison Monitoring Coordinator, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland;
Teresa Medhurst, Director of Strategy and Innovation, Scottish Prison Service;
Fiona McNeill, Head of Adult Services South, Prison & Police Custody Healthcare, Glasgow City Health & Social Care Partnership;
Jillian Galloway, Head of Prison Healthcare, Custody and Forensic Healthcare and Out of Hours, NHS Tayside, representative for Perth and Kinross Health & Social Care Partnership;
John Porter, National Nurse Advisor, National Prison Healthcare Network;
and then from—
Aileen Campbell, Minister for Public Health and Sport, Daniel Kleinberg, Head of Health Improvement, and Professor Sir Lewis Ritchie OBE, Adviser, Primary Care, Scottish Government.
3. **NHS Governance:** The Committee will discuss this morning's informal evidence session with NHS frontline staff.
4. **Healthcare in Prisons (in private):** The Committee will consider the main themes arising from the oral evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Sport for Everyone (in private):** The Committee will discuss its approach to conclusion of Phase 1 of its Inquiry.
6. **Preventative Agenda (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft chamber debate motion.

7. **Budget Process Review Group (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the Budget Process Review Group's report.
8. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 11th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Roads \(Scotland\) Act 1984 \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\];](#)
[Transport and Works \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\].](#)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/85\);](#)
[Transport and Works \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(Applications and Objections Procedure\) Amendment Rules 2017 \(SSI 2017/74\);](#)
[Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/77\);](#)
[Valuation Appeal Committee \(Procedure in Appeals under the Valuation Acts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/78\);](#)
[Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(Angus Council\) Designation Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/79\);](#)
[Parking Attendants \(Wearing of Uniforms\) \(Angus Council Parking Area\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/80\);](#)
[Road Traffic \(Parking Adjudicators\) \(Angus Council\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/81\);](#)
[Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(Stirling Council\) Designation Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/82\);](#)
[Parking Attendants \(Wearing of Uniforms\) \(Stirling Council Parking Area\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/83\);](#)
[Road Traffic \(Parking Adjudicators\) \(Stirling Council\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/84\).](#)
4. **Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 James Rust, Partner, Morton Fraser;
 and then from—
 David Wedderburn OBE, Forensic Architect, Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS);
 and then from—
 Craig Connal QC, Partner, Pinsent Masons;
 David Christie, Senior Lecturer, Robert Gordon University.
5. **Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider further the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 23 March 2017

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 Democrats Debate: Education

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Debate: Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese Agreement

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-03750 John Lamont: Congratulations to Rotary District 1020 and Other Champions of Change Winners

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 — S5M-04703 Willie Rennie: The Future of Elmwood Campus

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Mental Health Strategy

followed by Ministerial Statement: Transvaginal Mesh Implants

followed by Ministerial Statement: Unconventional Oil and Gas

followed by Ministerial Statement: Enterprise and Skills Review

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4:45 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 April 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 19 April 2017

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;
Rural Economy and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 April 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>

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

29 March 2017

11th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Shellfish (Restrictions on Taking by Unlicensed Fishing Boats) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/57) from—
Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity, Jim Watson, Marine Scotland Sea Fisheries Policy, and Tom Robertson, Marine Scotland Compliance, Head of Surveillance and Enforcement, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Mike Rumbles to move—S5M-04500—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.
3. **Transport update:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, Bill Reeve, Director of Rail, Transport Scotland, John Nicholls, Director - Aviation, Maritime, Freight & Canals, Alasdair Graham, Head of Planning and Design, and Tom Davy, Head of Bus and Local Transport Policy Unit, Transport Scotland, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on The Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft] and The Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017[draft] from—
Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, Yvette Sheppard, Environment and Sustainability Branch, Transport Scotland, Elizabeth Morrison, TAWS Unit, Anne Cairns, Legal Adviser, and Bill Brash, Environmental Impact Assessment Transposition Manager, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Minister for Transport and the Islands) to move—

S5M-04878—That the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that The Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-04879—That the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that The Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.
6. **Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
George Mair, Director, and Paul White, Communications Manager, Confederation of Passenger Transport;
Alex Scott, Bus Services Manager, and Alan Hutton, Team Leader Schools, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport;

Gary McGowan, Transport Co-ordinator, Association of Transport Co-ordinating Officers.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 19 April, the Committee will take evidence on the Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill. The Committee will also take evidence from the Minister for Negotiations of Scotland's Place in Europe and consider subordinate legislation.

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

Finance and Constitution Committee

29 March 2017

11th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, by emailing: finance.constitution@parliament.scot.

Local Government and Communities Committee

29 March 2017

10th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Morven Brooks, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Disability Equality Forum;
Linda Bamford, Convener, and Keith Robertson, Member, Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland;
and then from—
Jamie Rodden, Group Manager, Traffic and Road Safety, Glasgow City Council;
Vycki Ritson, Traffic Management and Road Safety, Aberdeen City Council.
2. **Public petitions: PE1539:** The Committee will consider the following petition—
[PE1539](#) by Anne Booth, on Housing Associations to come under the Freedom of Information Act (Scotland) 2002.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

The Non-Domestic Rates (District Heating Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/61);

The Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/64);

The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/66);

The Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/85).

4. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 1.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 26 April, the Committee expects to take evidence on non-domestic rates.

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

Education and Skills Committee

29 March 2017

10th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 11:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Children's Hearings System - Taking Stock of Reforms:** The Committee will take evidence from —
Mark McDonald, Minister for Childcare and Early Years, Tom McNamara, Head of Youth Justice and Children's Hearings, and Thekla Garland, Children's Hearings Team Leader, Scottish Government.
3. **Performance and Role of Key Education and Skills Bodies.** The Committee will consider responses to its 2nd Report, 2017 (Session5): *Performance and Role of Key Education and Skills Bodies*.
4. **Children's Hearings System - Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting on Children's Hearings System.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

The next committee meeting is planned for the 19 April.

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

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

30 March 2017

9th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Screen Sector Leadership Group report:** The Committee will take evidence from—
John McCormick, Chair, Screen Sector Leadership Group;
Ken Hay, Chief Executive Officer, The Centre for the Moving Image (CMI);

Jane Muirhead, Managing Director, Raise the Roof.

3. **Screen Sector Leadership Group report:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katy Orr, on 0131 348 85234 or at europe@parliament.scot .

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

30 March 2017

9th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Section 22 report - The 2015/16 audit of NHS Tayside:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "The 2015/16 audit of NHS Tayside" from—
Lesley McLay, Chief Executive, Professor John Connell, Chair of the Board, Lindsay Bedford, Director of Finance, and Andrew Russell, Medical Director and Deputy Chief Executive, NHS Tayside.
3. **Section 22 report - The 2015/16 audit of NHS Tayside:** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carol Calder, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Budget Process Review Group:** The Committee will consider its approach to the Budget Process Review Group's report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 20 April, the Committee will take evidence from the Scottish Police Authority and the Scottish Government on the Section 22 AGS report entitled "The 2015/16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority".

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on 0131 348 5390 or papls.committee@parliament.scot .

Public Petitions Committee

30 March 2017

6th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider—
[PE1639](#): Enterprise agency boards;
and will take evidence from—
Maureen Macmillan;
and will then consider—

[PE1633](#): Private criminal prosecutions;

[PE1634](#): Equality in council tax payment options;

[PE1635](#): Review of section 11 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995;

[PE1636](#): Require that all single use drinks cups are 100% biodegradable.

3. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider—

[PE1319](#): Improving youth football in Scotland;

[PE1458](#): Register of interests for members of Scotland's judiciary;

[PE1545](#): Residential care provision for the severely learning disabled;

[PE1551](#): Mandatory reporting of child abuse;

[PE1613](#): Taking account of sound sensitivity in regulating antisocial behaviour and environmental health;

[PE1625](#): Wider awareness, acceptance and recognition of Pathological Demand Avoidance Syndrome.

4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee

30 March 2017

9th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland:** The Committee take evidence from—
Natalia Jane Farmer, Social work researcher, and Olivia Ndoti, Service User, ASH - Asylum Seeker Housing Project;
Derek Mitchell, Chief Officer, CoSLA Strategic Migration Partnership;
Susanne Millar, Chief Officer for Strategy, Planning and Commissioning, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership;
Chief Inspector Alistair Muir, Police Scotland.
3. **Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
4. **Budget Process Review Group** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Finance and Constitution Committee on the Budget Process Review Group.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 20 April, the Committee will continue to take oral evidence from witnesses as part of its inquiry on Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot or call 0131 348 5223.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

30 March 2017

6th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Audit Scotland's report on the i6 programme:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland, Catherine Young, Audit Manager, and Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact Diane Barr, the Clerk to the Sub-Committee on 0131 348 5220 or by email diane.barr@parliament.scot

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Motions

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

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

Motions for Debate

***S5M-04920 Tavish Scott: Education**—That the Parliament understands that the Scottish Government's next steps document on educational governance is to be published in June 2017 and, in advance of this, calls for the inspection and policy functions of Education Scotland to be separated and for a reorganisation of the SQA in recognition of the concerns expressed by the teaching profession to the Education and Skills Committee.

***S5M-04919 Willie Rennie: Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese Agreement**—That the Parliament notes that 21 March 2017 marked one year since the First Minister signed a memorandum of understanding with the Chinese companies, SinoFortone and China Railway No.3 Engineering Group; notes that extensive parliamentary questioning has revealed that Scottish ministers did not undertake basic checks on the companies prior to signing; further notes that China Railway Group was blacklisted by the Norwegian state pension fund and condemned by Amnesty International, and SinoFortone has been exposed as having no serious investment record; censures the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work for failing to exercise basic diligence initially and then subsequently criticising opposition MSPs for raising basic questions; calls on the Scottish Government to apologise and take steps to alert public bodies in the UK that they may have gained false assurance about the financial credibility of SinoFortone from the First Minister's signature on the memorandum of understanding one year ago, and further calls for the working practices of the department and the sign-off protocols of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work to be revised to make sure that basic checks on the human rights record and financial underpinning of potential investors are made at an earlier stage.

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***S5M-04886 Brian Whittle: Royal Bank of Scotland Branch Closures in South Scotland**—That the Parliament expresses its concern at the reported decision by the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) to close a further 30 branches in Scotland, including those in Cumnock, Mauchline and Girvan; understands that the bank's justification for these closures is statistics that indicate an increase in the number of customers using digital banking services; believes that

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RBS's IT infrastructure is widely recognised to have been the cause of a number of significant issues in recent years; considers that RBS has a duty to provide equality of service for all its customers, regardless of how they choose to interact with the bank; further considers that closing these branches would be potentially discriminatory against people who, for whatever reason, do not use digital banking; believes that this group of customers is likely to include large numbers of older people and others for whom travel to a more distant branch represents a barrier to access, and notes the calls on RBS to immediately halt these proposed closures and reflect on whether they are justifiable from a company whose motto is "We are the Royal Bank for Scotland".

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, John Lamont*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Douglas Ross*, Margaret Mitchell*, Miles Briggs*, John Mason*, Liam Kerr*, Edward Mountain*, Rachael Hamilton*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-04926 Pauline McNeill: Pay it Forward Gig Tickets**—That the Parliament notes the "pay it forward" scheme for the forthcoming Easter Sunday Soul Food gig at King Tuts Wah Wah Hut in Glasgow; understands that this gives people the opportunity to buy tickets for strangers that will be distributed among people who receive support from homeless charity, the City Mission, the St Rollox Community Outreach Project, which helps asylum seekers and refugees, and Glasgow Women's Aid; congratulates the singer-song writer Jill Brown, DF Concerts and King Tuts on organising the event, and considers schemes such as this to be important opportunities to show people going through difficult times that the rest of society cares about them and their situations.

***S5M-04925 Gail Ross: RNLI Thurso**—That the Parliament congratulates the staff and management at the Weigh Inn in Thurso on their fundraising efforts for the Royal National Lifeboat Institute in Thurso following the annual dance, which was attended by around 100 people, and notes that a total of £1,692.51 was raised from the evening, which included a £300 donation from the Unite the Union at Dounreay.

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***S5M-04924 Tavish Scott: Shetlander Bill Adams runs 451st Half-marathon**—That the Parliament congratulates the Shetlander, Bill Adams, on completing his 451st half-marathon at Roding Valley in Essex in February 2017; notes that Bill began participating in long-distance races in 1983, when he entered a race in Lerwick, and has since then taken part in races across the world, including in New York, Germany and Latvia; understands that he has represented Shetland in nine island games, and won a silver and a bronze medal; applauds Bill for hitting such an impressive milestone, and commends him on his dedication to athleticism.

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***S5M-04923 Ben Macpherson: Leith Community Links Fund**—That the Parliament welcomes the completion of the latest phase of Leith Links Community Council's Community Links Fund, which is a participatory budgeting project; notes that there were 33 projects designed to benefit the local community that applied in this round; further notes that 920 members of the community in Leith cast their votes for local projects in this round of funding, 192 in person and 728 online; congratulates the 15 community projects that have been awarded funding; considers that the projects span a diverse range of activities focussing on many different aspects of the local community, from arts and wellbeing to addiction recovery and road safety; thanks the Scottish Government Community Choices Fund for making it possible for Leith Links Community Council to

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deliver this participatory budgeting process, and further thanks the community council and everyone involved for their efforts in facilitating this empowering process that gives local people the chance to have a direct say in how and where public funds can be used to address local needs.

***S5M-04922 Graeme Dey: Kirriemuir Dementia Garden**—That the Parliament welcomes the official opening of the Kirriemuir dementia-friendly garden on 27 March 2017; understands that the garden is the latest achievement by the Kirrie Connections community hub, which has developed into a place in which people living with dementia, and their carers, can get help and advice, and recognises the fantastic community collaboration that has helped raise awareness, change attitudes and broaden understanding of dementia across Kirriemuir and throughout Angus.

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***S5M-04921 Donald Cameron: Bowel Cancer Awareness Month 2017**—That the Parliament recognises Bowel Cancer Awareness Month 2017, which takes place throughout April; understands that almost 4,000 people are diagnosed with bowel cancer each year in Scotland and over 1,500 people die from it annually; recognises the importance of getting an early diagnosis, which can dramatically increase the chance of survival, and calls on all parliamentarians to do what they can to promote Bowel Cancer Awareness Month in their constituencies and regions.

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***S5M-04918 Bob Doris: Lottery Boost for the Concrete Garden in Possilpark**—That the Parliament congratulates the Concrete Garden on Balmore Road in the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency on securing £149,763 from the Big Lottery Fund Growing Community Assets programme; recognises that the Concrete Garden is an urban community food growing and creative waste reduction project providing growing space, activities and events for the people of Possilpark and North Glasgow; celebrates that the project will extend activities at the organisation's back garden site to include a family gardening club, outdoor play and cookery sessions for children, family orientated seasonal events and activities for adults, such as Grow your Own workshops, cookery classes and art activities, and commends the organisation on also building on the skills of volunteers and participants through a programme of peer learning and mentoring.

***S5M-04917 Neil Findlay: Whitburn Bank**—That the Parliament notes with concern the latest reported proposal by the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) to close its Whitburn branch; understands that this latest branch closure in West Lothian was announced without any prior public consultation; considers that this action again exposes RBS's broken promise to remain in towns and villages where it is the "last bank in town"; believes that the behaviour of RBS in Whitburn and other places in West Lothian has been contemptuous of local people and its loyal customers, and urges the bank to think again, first and foremost regarding the needs of its customers, who are also its shareholders, and act in the interest of the communities that it serves, not as a crude profiteer.

***S5M-04916 Emma Harper: South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project Secures £1.3 Million**—That the Parliament congratulates the South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project on securing £1.3 million of funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund; understands that recent satellite tagging work of golden eagles has shown the south of Scotland population is isolated from larger populations in the Highlands, and that this funding will help to increase the number of golden

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eagles in Dumfries and Galloway and the Scottish Borders; recognises that this will be done using the white-tailed eagle and red kite reintroduction projects as models over a four-year period from 2018, with the aim to bring between five and 10 young eagles south, and wishes the South of Scotland Golden Eagle project well for the future.

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***S5M-04915 Gillian Martin: Inverurie's Run Garioch Attracts 3,000 Participants—**That the Parliament congratulates the organisers of Aberdeenshire's second biggest running event, Run Garioch; understands that 3,000 runners participated in different lengths of run, including 1,000 aged between 4 and 12; recognises the importance to the event of the sponsorship provided by the local business community; appreciates the role of events such as Run Garioch in bringing communities together; commends the volunteers for their dedication and hard work, and wishes the event continued success in the future.

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***S5M-04914 Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Vets Help for Malawi University—**That the Parliament commends a Dunfermline-based veterinary practice in its efforts to transform the future of students in Malawi by donating much-needed resources; recognises that staff from Inglis Veterinary Hospital have recently despatched in excess of 100 text books, lab coats, boiler suits and items of stationery to the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources in the capital city; believes that white coats are regarded as precious commodities in Malawi, as are text books, which are invaluable to student vets as they have a great deal to learn about many different species in a region where internet access can be slow and patchy, and understands that the veterinary professor, Melaku Tefera, of Lilongwe University has felt humbled by the Inglis vets' support.

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***S5M-04913 Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Doctor in Haiti Mercy Mission—**That the Parliament commends the Dunfermline GP, Alison Dunn, on her life-changing trip in February 2017 to provide medical relief for hundreds of patients devastated by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti; understands that Alison was part of a team that was among the first medical relief workers to reach communities hit by the hurricane and that, although this was her eighth trip to the country, it has been her most challenging; believes that she is a member of Dunfermline's Vine Church on Garvock Hill, which built a state-of-the-art hospital on the island of La Gonave that opened in 2015, and has been visiting Haiti since 2008, and notes that two other Dunfermline volunteers made the trip, Charlie Seaman, who coordinates logistics to the country, and Kelly Armstrong from the Pars Foundation, who wants to purchase AstroTurf for a youth centre to take teams of football coaches to the country.

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***S5M-04912 Joan McAlpine: Congratulating Dumfries and Galloway Local Business Successes—**That the Parliament congratulates Dumfries and Galloway's food and drink and tourism businesses on their recent awards successes, notably Waulkmill Cider, Cream o' Galloway, Loch Arthur and Roan's Dairy, which all won at the Scottish Rural Awards; considers that this recognition is timely in light of the launch of the new Scottish food and drink industry vision to double its size to £30 billion by 2030; understands that Dumfries and Galloway is already

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one of Scotland's most important food producing regions; believes that, excluding agriculture, the food and drink industry is the most important economic growth sector to the area in terms of value and employment; congratulates the local food industry on the results achieved to date, and supports efforts in targeting support to build on these successes in the future.

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***S5M-04911 Clare Adamson: Motherwell and Wishaw's MSYPs**—That the Parliament congratulates Nathan Donnelly and Orla McDevitt on being elected as MSYPs for Motherwell and Wishaw; recognises the importance of the youth parliament in providing a voice for the young people of Scotland; notes the value of young people's engagement in politics and their communities; commends Nathan and Orla, and all of the other recently-elected MSYPs, and wishes them, and the Scottish Youth Parliament, continued success.

***S5M-04910 Clare Adamson: #TeamLisa Fundraising Efforts**—That the Parliament congratulates the Kelman family from Motherwell on raising £3,500 for the Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation; recognises that they were inspired to do so by their daughter, Lisa; applauds the family's #TeamLisa campaign, which encourages people from all over the world to take selfies, while wearing #TeamLisa t-shirts, and send the photos to Lisa; understands that proceeds from the sale of the t-shirts are donated to the foundation; thanks the family and the foundation for their hard work in support of people across Scotland with life-limiting conditions, and wishes them well in their future endeavours.

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***S5M-04909 Gail Ross: 15th Caithness International Science Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates everyone involved with the 15th Caithness International Science Festival; notes that the week-long event included school visits that reached an estimated 3,500 children, as well as presentations on a range of subjects such as energy, technology in farming and animal husbandry; understands that the festival culminated in a fun day at Wick Assembly Rooms where around 1,000 people turned up to see shows and displays from a record number of 17 presenters; pays particular tribute to the festival chairman, Iain Baikie, as well as Elena Baikie and Rachel Sheridan, for all their hard work in organising the successful festival, which does a great job of engaging old and young alike in the world of science, and looks forward to the staging of future festivals.

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***S5M-04908 Gail Ross: Congratulates Maddison Morrison on her Fundraising Efforts**—That the Parliament recognises with appreciation the fundraising efforts of six-year-old Maddison Morrison from Thurso; notes that, so far, the Mount Pleasant Gaelic Medium P2 pupil has raised over £190 for the MFR 500 Cash for Kids charity, which aims to improve the quality of lives of youngsters who are disabled or are ill; wishes Maddison all the best in her future fundraising efforts, which include a 5km walk, cake sale and a Christmas colouring-in competition, and looks forward to the positive difference that it considers these activities will make to youngsters across the north of Scotland.

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***S5M-04907 Alexander Stewart: Maisie Mckean from Dunfermline Celebrates her 100th Birthday**—That the Parliament congratulates Maisie Mckean, who is from Dunfermline, on marking her 100th birthday in March 2017; notes that Maisie, who was born into a working class household at the time of the First World War, excelled at the University of Edinburgh until the death of her father, who was a stonemason, meant that she had to leave her studies to become the family breadwinner; notes however that she received first class marks in Latin and that 40 years later, she earned a degree in classical studies; understands that, during the Second World War, Maisie trained as a nurse and worked at Drymen Hospital, where she was also responsible for taking meals to Rudolf Hess and notes that, one night, when trying to get to Edinburgh from Bangour Hospital, she hitched a lift with General de Gaulle; understands that she became reacquainted with her old school-friend, David, when he was returned from Dunkirk, and that the couple enjoyed 56 years of marriage until David passed away in 2002; sends its best wishes to Maisie, who has five children, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, and wishes her all the very best for her 100th year.

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***S5M-04906 David Torrance: Kirkcaldy's Cloud 9's**—That the Parliament congratulates Kirkcaldy's Sing in the City Choir, the Cloud 9's, on its first show, which was held at the Adam Smith Theatre; understands that the choir was formed in 2016 and celebrated this on 24 March 2017 with the sell-out show; notes that it meets every Monday evening in St Peter's Episcopal Church to rehearse songs from across the decades and genres; commends the passion and dedication of the Cloud 9's, and the musical directors Kirsty Baird and Annette Hanley, and wishes all Sing in the City members the very best for the future.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Joan McAlpine*

***S5M-04905 Gail Ross: The First Annual Caithness Tourism Gathering**—That the Parliament notes with appreciation the first annual Caithness Tourism Gathering, which is due to be held in Thurso at Caithness Horizons; notes that the aim of the event is to provide an overview of tourist developments in Scotland and the Highlands, as well as promoting tourism initiatives for local businesses and a chance to network; further notes that presentations will be made by VisitScotland, North Coast 500, Caithness Chambers of Commerce, Venture North, Caithness Visitor Attractions Group and North Star Consulting, and commends everyone at Caithness Visitor Attractions Group and Venture North for organising the event.

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***S5M-04904 Gillian Martin: Pitmedden Gardens**—That the Parliament congratulates Pitmedden Gardens on it being listed by the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions as one of the top sites in the UK; understands that the gardens, which were originally laid by Sir Alexander Seton in 1675, were re-created in the 1950s; notes that the site contains a museum to farming life; acknowledges that, in 2016, the venue attracted 33,095 visitors, an increase of 112.5%, and wishes it continued success.

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***S5M-04903 Patrick Harvie: The Homeless Barber Wins at the Second Glasgow Soup**—That the Parliament congratulates The Homeless Barbers on winning the top prize of £500 at the second instalment of Glasgow Soup, which is part of the Social Care Ideas Factory; notes that the event took place on 23 March 2017 at the Calton Heritage and Learning Centre and that the winning project will use its prize toward setting up a pop-up barber shop in the east end of

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Glasgow and to purchase mobile hairdressing equipment, such as cordless clippers; understands that the prize money was crowdfunded from the £5 entry fees and that people from the area heard pitches for ideas to help the community and vote for their favourite; also congratulates the second-place prizewinners, Soundsystems, which is a youth-led project that teaches disadvantaged young people in Easterhouse how to design, build and operate a 12v bike-transported sound system, as well as how to DJ and MC, write songs and promote music and events, and acknowledges that Soundsystems also won £500, which was donated anonymously on the night.

Supported by: Ross Greer*, James Dornan*, Bill Kidd*

***S5M-04902 Gail Ross: Newly-elected Crofting Commissioners—**That the Parliament congratulates the newly-elected representatives to the board of the Crofting Commission, including Mairi Mackenzie, who will represent the West Highlands, and Rod Mackenzie, who will represent the East Highlands, and recognises the role that Crofting Commissioners play in giving crofters a stronger voice and making decisions on matters affecting crofters and rural communities.

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***S5M-04901 Gail Ross: The Ross and Cromarty Pipes and Drums School Success—**That the Parliament congratulates three groups of young pipers from the Ross and Cromarty Pipes and Drums School on their success in competing in the North of Scotland branch of the RSPBA Quartets competition, which took place in Huntly; notes their achievements in placing first, second and fourth in the Grade 4A March, Strathspey and Reel, as well as their commendable fifth, seventh and eleventh finishes in the Grade 3 level of March, Strathspey and Reel, and commends all the participants for their hard work at the competition.

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***S5M-04900 Gail Ross: Artist in Residence at Inverewe Gardens—**That the Parliament welcomes the appointment of Lynn Bennett-Mackenzie as the artist in residence at Inverewe Gardens; notes that the appointment will allow Lynn to explore the nature of art in the gardens and wider estate during her residency, and appreciates her current exhibition, Art With Nature 1, which is taking place at the recently opened Sawyers Gallery at Inverewe House

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***S5M-04898 Gail Ross: Birchwood Highland Double Success—**That the Parliament congratulates Birchwood Highland on its double victory at the Highland Business Women Awards in Inverness for the team of the year and best third sector organisation titles; notes that, in 2017, Birchwood Highland is celebrating its 30th anniversary, and congratulates all the winners and nominees at the event.

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***S5M-04897 Gillian Martin: Thanks to HM Coastguard and Volunteers—**That the Parliament thanks HM Coastguard and volunteers from Collieston and Cruden Bay for rescuing Jack the Jack Russell, who fell down the cliffs near Slains Castle on 26 March 2017; understands that they ensured the safe recovery of the dog and reunited him with his owner, and praises everyone who gives up so much of their time to keep our coastlines safe.

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***S5M-04896 Anas Sarwar: Royal Bank of Scotland Branch Closures in Glasgow**—That the Parliament condemns the reported announcement by the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) that it plans to close 30 branches across Scotland; understands that, in Glasgow, Alexandra Parade, Anniesland Cross, Burnside, Crosshill and Govan branches will be closed; notes the important role that it considers local bank branches play in communities in Glasgow and wider Scotland, particularly in more deprived communities, and urges RBS to reconsider these planned closures.

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***S5M-04895 Maurice Corry: Horseback UK**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Horseback UK, which has a Scotland-based charity that uses horses to help wounded and injured veterans regain confidence, has received £150,000 of funding to deliver more courses from Help for Heroes; understands that Horseback UK has operated for seven years and has helped more than 500 veterans, and that the additional funding will deliver 10 courses, benefitting up to 100 wounded, injured or sick veterans, and recognises the potential of providing this unique outdoor recovery pathway, which uses a combination of equine therapy, the outdoors and adventure training to help individuals regain confidence and mobility, and to rebuild and move forward with their lives.

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***S5M-04894 Neil Findlay: Students Shoot Film for Charity**—That the Parliament congratulates HNC students at West Lothian College on creating a promotional video for the charitable company, HcL; notes that HNC Interactive Media students had the opportunity to film a promotional video for the charity, which operates door-to-door transport services for people with limited mobility in the Midlothian and West Lothian areas; values the partnership working on this project, and looks forward to viewing the finished products after editing has been completed.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, Edward Mountain*

***S5M-04893 Neil Findlay: President of Ramblers Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Ben Dolphin has been named President of Ramblers Scotland; notes that Ben is employed by West Lothian Council as a ranger in its country parks and is very well known in the Scottish outdoor scene, writing blogs, posting photos, videos for the Walkhighlands website, as well as *Outdoor Enthusiast* magazine; understands that Ben will use his presidency to encourage more people to explore Scotland on foot, and, like Ben, recognises the significant benefits that walking has on physical and mental health.

***S5M-04892 Neil Findlay: Livingston Artist is Top Drawer**—That the Parliament congratulates Cameron Lawson on winning the John Byrne National Drawing Competition, which involved thousands of pupils from across Scotland; notes that Cameron took the top spot ahead of three runners up from West Lothian, who were Suzie McNair from Low Port Primary School in Linlithgow, Eve Hunter from Linlithgow Academy and Nina Bourdarias from Inveralmond Community High School; recognises the high standard of entries in the competition, and welcomes the opportunity for young people to show off their artistic talents.

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***S5M-04891 Jackie Baillie: Father Joe Mills, Freeman of West Dunbartonshire**—That the Parliament congratulates Father Joe Mills on being named a Freeman of West Dunbartonshire in recognition of his almost 50 years of service as a priest in the area and following him recently conducting his last mass at St Mary's RC Church in Duntocher; understands that Father Mills, who served as an assistant priest in two of Dumbarton's largest parishes, St Patrick's and St Michael's, and was chaplain at Our Lady and St Patrick's High School, is a well-known member of the community and has entertained his congregations and members of the public alike; understands that he is widely known as "Scotland's radio priest" and has been the star of many charity concerts that have raised thousands for good causes in the community, including St Margaret's Hospice in Clydebank; thanks Father Mills for his contribution to the area, and wishes him every happiness in his new role at St Paul's Church in Glasgow.

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***S5M-04890 Bill Bowman: Move More Dundee**—That the Parliament congratulates everyone associated with Move More Dundee on its very successful launch event on 24 March 2017; notes that this partnership between Leisure and Culture Dundee, NHS Tayside, the University of Dundee, Paths for All and Macmillan Cancer Support offers a programme of activities to help people affected by cancer to "get moving"; understands that over 160 people had already been referred to the programme by 16 March, and wishes the initiative every success.

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***S5M-04889 Tavish Scott: Shetland Orca Competition**—That the Parliament congratulates all of the schools that took part in the Shetland Orca Competition; notes that pupils were asked to suggest a name for a cuddly orca and design a poster aimed at raising awareness of sightings in Shetland; understands that schools across Shetland, from Foula to Baltasound, took part and produced excellent entries; commends the competition's winners, Prasheeta Saravanan and Tom Delton-Jamieson, from Scalloway Primary School, on their efforts; welcomes the work of Whale and Dolphin Conservation and Shetland Orca Sightings in raising awareness of the species, and hopes that all of the pupils who participated continue to take a keen interest in orca sightings.

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***S5M-04888 Gillian Martin: Evie Robertson and Josh MacRae to Represent Aberdeenshire East at Scottish Youth Parliament**—That the Parliament congratulates Evie Robertson from Oldmeldrum and Josh MacRae from Inverurie on being elected to represent the young people of Aberdeenshire East as Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament; recognises the importance of young people to democracy and values the work of the Scottish Youth Parliament; commends Evie and Josh on their successful campaigns, and wishes them well as they represent their peers over the next two years.

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***S5M-04887 Colin Smyth: RBS Bank Closures in South Scotland**—That the Parliament condemns the reported announcement by the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) that it plans to close 30 branches across Scotland; understands that, in the South Scotland region, Newton Stewart, Cumnock, Mauchline, Prestwick, Troon and Girvan branches will be closed; notes the important role that it considers local bank branches play, particularly in rural communities; expresses

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concern that RBS customers in Newton Stewart will be forced to travel 24 miles to access their nearest RBS branch; further expresses sympathy to those employed by RBS at the affected branches whose jobs are now under threat, and calls on RBS to reconsider these closures.

Supported by: John Mason*, Emma Harper*, David Torrance*, Claudia Beamish*

***[S5M-04885](#) Tom Arthur: John Byrne National Drawing Competition**—That the Parliament congratulates primary school children from across Renfrewshire on receiving the praise of the renowned Scottish artist, John Byrne, after taking part in 2017's prestigious competition in his name; recognises that the school pupil, Harley Bell, from Thorn Primary School in Johnstone was runner-up after displaying an impressive talent for drawing; considers that Scotland has a proud record of producing world-class artists such as John Byrne; understands that, in order to continue this tradition, a love for art must be passed on to the next generation; commends the John Byrne National Drawing Competition for encouraging this passion among children, and wishes all the pupils who took part the best in evolving their drawing skills.

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[S5M-04883](#) Kate Forbes: Alasdair Ferguson Wins HIE Regional Director of the Year Award (lodged on 24 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Donald Cameron*, Douglas Ross*, Richard Lyle*, Emma Harper*, Graeme Dey*, Bill Kidd*, Clare Haughey*, John Finnie*

[S5M-04881](#) Christina McKelvie: Hamilton Sports Council Sports Performers of the Year (lodged on 24 March 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Emma Harper*, Richard Lyle*, Graeme Dey*, Bill Kidd*, Sandra White*, Clare Haughey*

[S5M-04880](#) Ross Greer: RBS Closures in West Scotland (lodged on 24 March 2017)

New Support: John Mason*, David Torrance*

[S5M-04877](#) Miles Briggs: Professor Eleanor Riley, New Director of the Roslin Institute (lodged on 24 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Finlay Carson*, Ash Denham*, Murdo Fraser*

[S5M-04876](#) Rona Mackay: Congratulations to Beth Gilmour and Zac McCaffery (lodged on 24 March 2017)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Bill Kidd*, Clare Haughey*, Gail Ross*

[S5M-04875](#) Alexander Stewart: Cash Award for Hawkhill Community Association (lodged on 24 March 2017)

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[S5M-04874](#) Jenny Gilruth: Best Beauty Salon in Glenrothes (lodged on 24 March 2017)

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[S5M-04872](#) Bill Bowman: Fundraising Success for Cancer Research UK (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S5M-04871](#) Gail Ross: Isla Sutherland, Chosen for the Young Ambassador Conference Team (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Graeme Dey*, Bill Kidd*

[S5M-04870](#) Joan McAlpine: 60th Anniversary of the Treaties of Rome (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Angus MacDonald*, Rona Mackay*, Willie Coffey*, Richard Lyle*, Kenneth Gibson*, Tom Arthur*, Christina McKelvie*, Emma Harper*, Mairi Evans*, George Adam*, Ben Macpherson*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Maree Todd*, Alex Rowley*, Graeme Dey*, Bill Kidd*, Bob Doris*, Ash Denham*, David Torrance*, Gordon MacDonald*, John Mason*, James Dornan*, Bruce Crawford*, Clare Haughey*, Patrick Harvie*

[S5M-04868](#) Maurice Corry: The Leamy Foundation Secures Big Lottery Funding (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S5M-04866](#) Angus MacDonald: Emma Guthrie Supports Girls at UN Event in the Big Apple (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: James Dornan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Clare Haughey*, Richard Lyle*, Joan McAlpine*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*

[S5M-04864](#) Gail Ross: Wester Ross Fisheries Success (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S5M-04862](#) Jamie Greene: Congratulating Irvine and Dreghorn Brass Band (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*, John Scott*

[S5M-04861](#) David Torrance: Congratulating the Newly-elected LGBT Youth Scotland MSYP from Kirkcaldy (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S5M-04860](#) Ross Thomson: Aberdeen Grammar School Concert Band Wins Third Platinum Award (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-04859](#) Alexander Burnett: Stuart Hogg, RBS Player of the Championship (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S5M-04858](#) Clare Adamson: Scotland's Volunteer Youth Worker of the Year (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-04857](#) Alexander Stewart: 35th Alloa Half Marathon (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-04853](#) Iain Gray: Congratulations to East Lothian MSYPs (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S5M-04840](#) David Torrance: Newly-elected MSYPs from Kirkcaldy (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-04832](#) Jenny Gilruth: Congratulations to Mid Fife and Glenrothes MSYPs (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-04808](#) Alexander Stewart: Perth Charity Receives Big Lottery Funding (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-04807](#) Finlay Carson: New Galloway's Big Lottery Award (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-04804](#) Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Charity Receives Big Lottery Fund Grant (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-04801](#) Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Pupil is Young Citizen of the Year (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-04800](#) Alexander Stewart: Perth Resident Sue Hendry Recognised by the Rotary Club of Perth (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-04762](#) Finlay Carson: Earth's Crust Bakery Shortlisted for BBC Food and Farming Award (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-04759](#) Alexander Stewart: New Maggie's Centre Opens in Larbert (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton*

[S5M-04753](#) Anas Sarwar: 12th Anniversary of World Down Syndrome Day (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-04748](#) Angus MacDonald: Moonwalk Scotland Raises Cash to Tackle Breast Cancer (lodged on 21 March 2017)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-04741](#) **Mark Ruskell: The Big Pedal and Superhero Fundraising Day** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Ross Greer*

[S5M-04708](#) **Neil Findlay: Flawed Airport Consultation** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Kezia Dugdale*

[S5M-04707](#) **Monica Lennon: CAMHS, Rejected Referrals and the Need for Answers** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-04688](#) **Mark Griffin: Split Payments of Universal Credit for Gender Equality** (lodged on 17 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Leonard*, Gillian Martin*, James Kelly*

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

New Support: Gordon MacDonald*

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Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 28 March 2017

- Christina McKelvie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its discussions with the UK Government ahead of the triggering of Article 50. ([S5T-00490](#))
- Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the Queensferry Crossing will not be ready by the revised completion date of the end of May. ([S5T-00479](#))

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 30 March 2017

- Ruth Davidson:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the day. ([S5F-01106](#))
- Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the week. ([S5F-01108](#))
- Patrick Harvie:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S5F-01113](#))
- Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the First Minister what further initiatives the Scottish Government will take to boost tourism, in light of a 15.6% increase in attendance at Scotland's visitor attractions in 2016. ([S5F-01131](#))
- Jamie Greene:** To ask the First Minister whether Police Scotland plans to increase the number of armed officers. ([S5F-01107](#))
- Iain Gray:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that only 1-in-18 schools were inspected last year. ([S5F-01132](#))
- Anas Sarwar:** To ask the First Minister what progress the Scottish Government has made on its commitment to reduce the number of working hours for junior doctors. ([S5F-01126](#))

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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 27 March 2017

[S5W-08416](#) Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government, further to reports of delays in the media, when the Queensferry Crossing will be open to the public.

[S5W-08420](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that the student loan system is fair and equitable.

[S5W-08421](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what the uptake is for student loans in household income bands (a) £18,999 or less, (b) £19,000 to £23,999, (c) £24,000 to £33,999 and (d) £34,000 or more, and what the impact on this has been of the increase in the minimum loan to £4,500.

[S5W-08422](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that the student loan system does not discriminate against people living in areas in quintile 1 of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

[S5W-08423](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government, further to its news release of 25 October 2016, *Review of student support*, whether it will give a breakdown of the full remit of the review.

[S5W-08426](#) Claudia Beamish: To ask the Scottish Government, when it will provide a substantive answer to question S5W-07548, which received a holding response on 10 March 2017.

[S5W-08428](#) Ash Denham: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the opportunities for Scotland-based companies to benefit from contracts associated with HS2.

[S5W-08429](#) Sandra White: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports of a rise in the HIV infection rate in Glasgow.

[S5W-08430](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-06728 by Angela Constance on 24 February 2017, what plans it has to create a disability poverty target.

[S5W-08431](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-02667 by Jeane Freeman on 28 September 2016, and the follow-up question, S5W-07360, which received a holding reply on 7 March 2017, when it will provide a substantive answer to whether the spend on all devolved benefits will be demand-led.

[S5W-08432](#) Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government how Education Scotland inspectors evaluate the quality and impact of habilitation provision in ensuring that the needs of visually impaired pupils are met.

[S5W-08433](#) Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government when its working group will commence work on habilitation provision recommendations contained in the Education and Culture Committee's 10th Report, 2015 (Session 4), *Attainment of pupils with a sensory impairment*.

[S5W-08434](#) Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government how it will embed into education, the standards and care pathways of the visual impairment network for children and

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young people, including the standard that every child diagnosed with a sight impairment will receive an assessment by a qualified habilitation specialist.

[S5W-08435](#) Claudia Beamish: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Scottish carer's benefit will retain the benefit cap exemption that has been in place since November 2016.

[S5W-08436](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-08004 by Shirley-Anne Sommerville on 24 March 2017, who the members are of the new Senior Management Team, and whether it will publish the set remit of each.

[S5W-08437](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-08001 by Shirley-Anne Sommerville on 24 March 2017, whether it will provide the information that was requested regarding whether it considers that reduction in student activity at Edinburgh College has arisen because of poor planning.

[S5W-08438](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-08004 by Shirley-Anne Sommerville on 24 March 2017, whether it will provide the information that was requested regarding what its position is on the effectiveness of the (a) board and (b) management and executive team of Edinburgh College, including its handling of public funds.

New Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 27 March 2017 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Damages (Personal Injury) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/96)
laid under section 1(4) of the Damages Act 1996

Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/97)
laid under section 225(3) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016

Laid only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 27 March 2017 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/94 (C.7))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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Progress of Legislation

Bills

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

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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 (lead committee (Finance and Constitution)), 29 March 2017

Budget (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed 23 February 2017

Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (*Social Security*)), 27 March 2017

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 28 March 2017

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 28 March 2017

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 28 March 2017

Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill (P)

Introduced 20 March 2017

Objections may be lodged up to 5pm on Friday 19 May with the Non-Government Bills Unit (Private.Bills@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 21 March 2017

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

Introduced 17 March 2017

Objections may be lodged up to 5pm on Tuesday 16 May with the Non-Government Bills Unit (Private.Bills@parliament.scot)

Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice)), 28 March 2017

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 29 March 2017

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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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

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

Affirmative instruments

Lead committee to report by 31 March 2017

[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) [withdrawn and re-laid on 23 March 2017]

[Transport and Works \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (8 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity) [withdrawn and re-laid on 23 March 2017]

Lead committee to report by 18 May 2017

[Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) (24 March 2017) (Education and Skills)

Negative instruments

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)

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[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)

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)

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[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)

Subject to annulment by 10 May 2017

Lead committee to report by 8 May 2017

[Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/77\)](#) (16 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Valuation Appeal Committee \(Procedure in Appeals under the Valuation Acts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/78\)](#) (16 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/85\)](#) (16 March 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 11 May 2017

Lead committee to report by 8 May 2017

[Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(Angus Council\) Designation Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/79\)](#) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Parking Attendants \(Wearing of Uniforms\) \(Angus Council Parking Area\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/80\)](#) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Road Traffic \(Parking Adjudicators\) \(Angus Council\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/81\)](#) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(Stirling Council\) Designation Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/82\)](#) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Parking Attendants \(Wearing of Uniforms\) \(Stirling Council Parking Area\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/83\)](#) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

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[Road Traffic \(Parking Adjudicators\) \(Stirling Council\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/84\)](#) (17 March 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 18 May 2017

Lead committee to report by 15 May 2017

[Regulation of Care \(Social Service Workers\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/95\)](#) (24 March 2017) (Education and Skills)

Subject to annulment by 21 May 2017

Lead committee to report by 15 May 2017

[Damages \(Personal Injury\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/96\)](#) (27 March 2017) (Justice)

[Bankruptcy Fees \(Scotland\) Revocation Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/97\)](#) (27 March 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report is being published on 28 March 2017—

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 4th Report, 2017 (Session 5):
Scotland Act 2016 - Standing Order rule changes (SP Paper 115)

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