

Wednesday 29 March 2017

# Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions

Finance and the Constitution  
Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

**followed by** Scottish 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

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Rural Economy and Connectivity  
Committee

**10:00am** Finance and Constitution  
Committee

**10:00am** Local Government and  
Communities Committee

**11:00am** Education and Skills Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

#### Finance and the Constitution

- 1. Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has carried out of public support for a second referendum on Scotland leaving the UK. ([S5O-00828](#))
- 2. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to concerns that reductions to local government budgets will have a negative impact on local services in South Scotland. ([S5O-00829](#))
- 3. Johann Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the local government budget allocation to Glasgow City Council since 2007. ([S5O-00830](#))
- 4. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government how its national digital strategy will impact on the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency. ([S5O-00831](#))
- 5. Graeme Dey:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact will be of the finance secretary's recent announcement of £15.6 million being reinvested back into the Digital Scotland programme ([S5O-00832](#))
- 6. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact independence would have on Scotland's public finances. ([S5O-00833](#))
- 7. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact EU funding has on Scottish public finances. ([S5O-00834](#))
- 8. Gail Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent engagement it has had with the hospitality sector regarding business rates relief. ([S5O-00835](#))
- 9. Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers the Edinburgh Agreement to be a model for an independence referendum. ([S5O-00836](#))
- 10. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what currency an independent Scotland would use. ([S5O-00837](#))

#### Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

- 1. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to boost the economy and create jobs in Coatbridge and Chryston. ([S5O-00838](#))
- 2. Tom Arthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the economic contribution of the music industry. ([S5O-00839](#)) R
- 3. David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support Dingwall's economy. ([S5O-00840](#))
- 4. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the latest Fraser of Allander Economic Commentary, which warns that indicators of Scottish consumer confidence are more negative than for the UK as whole. ([S5O-00841](#))
- 5. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met representatives of the Scottish Investment Bank. ([S5O-00842](#))

**6. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to promote apprenticeship schemes. ([S5O-00843](#))

**7. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact would be on the economy of a second independence referendum campaign. ([S5O-00844](#))

**8. Dean Lockhart:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the latest Fraser of Allander Economic Commentary, which states that Scotland has a weak export performance that remains a concern and a key challenge. ([S5O-00845](#))

**9. Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government how many former North Sea oil and gas workers have retrained as teachers through the Transition Training Fund and subsequently found employment in teaching, and how much has been spent delivering the scheme. ([S5O-00846](#))

**10. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support businesses in North East Scotland. ([S5O-00847](#))

### followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Debate: Education

**[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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

**[S5M-04920.1](#) John Swinney: Education**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04920 in the name of Tavish Scott (Education), after "calls for" insert "serious consideration to be given to".

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**[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.

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### **S5M-04919.2 Keith Brown: Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese**

**Agreement**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04919 in the name of Willie Rennie (Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese Agreement), leave out from "notes that extensive" to end and insert "recognises that Scotland has a strong track record in attracting investment as evidenced by the fact that Scotland has ranked as the best place for inward investment outside London for five of the last six years; further recognises that the memorandum of understanding (MoU) was about developing a working relationship to explore potential investment and that no legal, contractual or funding obligations on behalf of the Scottish Government have been made and there has been no engagement with the company since September 2016; notes with concern the human rights record of China Railway No.3 Engineering Group's parent company, China Railway Group; regrets that the signing of the MoU gave rise to concerns, and commits to considering and taking account of these concerns in any future such situations; agrees that the Scottish Government must always consider the human rights implications of its engagement with countries and business; believes that investment agreements should only be signed where appropriate due diligence, including on the human rights record of companies involved, has been undertaken; welcomes Scottish Government engagement with Amnesty International and other organisations on human rights ahead of international engagements, and believes that, with appropriate care, it is possible for international trade to co-exist with support for human rights around the world."

### **S5M-04919.1 Dean Lockhart: Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese**

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### **S5M-04919.3 Jackie Baillie: Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese**

**Agreement**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04919 in the name of Willie Rennie (Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese Agreement), insert at end "recognises that inward investment can be a beneficial part of a broad economic development and growth strategy for Scotland; acknowledges the concern about the record of the companies party to the memorandum of understanding with the Scottish Government; regrets that the Scottish Government did not fully inform the public about this deal; believes that public funds and investment agreements with companies that do not pay their workers fairly or pay their fair share of taxes are wrong, and calls on the Scottish Government to develop a transparent approach to attracting investment to Scotland, which provides added value by creating jobs."

## **followed by Business Motions**

**S5M-04940 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 April 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Health and Sport Committee Debate: Inquiry into the Preventative Health Agenda

*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 Conservative and Unionist Party 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

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 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 26 April 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Justice and the Law Officers;

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 27 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

### **followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S5M-04941](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: First Minister's Questions, Portfolio and General Questions and Topical Questions**—That the Parliament agrees that the period for Members to—

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 April should end at 3.00pm on Thursday 13 April;

lodge a First Minister's Question for answer on Wednesday 3 May should end at 12 noon on Friday 28 April;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May should end at 12 noon on Friday 28 April;

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 2 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 2 May;

lodge a First Minister's Question for answer on Thursday 1 June should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 30 May;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 June should end at 12 noon on Thursday 25 May; and

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 30 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 30 May.

**[S5M-04942](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Bankruptcy and Protected Trust Deeds (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**[S5M-04943](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**[S5M-04944](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

## 5:00 pm Decision Time

### followed by Members' Business

#### Debate on the subject of—

**[S5M-03750](#) John Lamont: Congratulations to Rotary District 1020 and Other Champions of Change Winners**—That the Parliament praises the excellent work of Rotary clubs across Scotland in delivering projects to improve their local area and beyond, as well as providing friendship and support for their members; congratulates Rotary District 1020 on being awarded two out of 12 Rotary Champions of Change awards in 2016 for humanitarian service; understands that Grant Stephen of the Rotary Club of Duns was commended for setting up and running the Dementia Café in Duns and Robin Hamilton of the Rotary Club of Dunbar received an award for his project in India providing sanitation at schools in the Kalimpong district; notes that the 2017 Champions of Change awards ceremony will be taking place in April and will once again recognise unsung heroes in domestic and international categories; further notes that the Rotary Club of Galashiels has recently delivered 15 analogue breast screening lorries to India, in partnership with Indian Rotaries and led by local Rotarians, Patricia Paterson and Peter Croan; believes that the fantastic work of groups such as District 1020 and other Rotarians across Scotland makes a huge difference to local communities across Scotland and worldwide, and congratulates Rotary International, which is celebrating its 112th anniversary in 2017.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 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. **Forth Replacement Crossing:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work, and David Climie, Project Director, Forth Replacement Crossing Team, Transport Scotland, Scottish Government;  
Sally Cox, Chair, and Michael Martin, Project Director, Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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, Chairman, ATCO Scotland Education Transport, Association of Transport Co-ordinating Officers.

### Finance and Constitution Committee 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.

### Local Government and Communities Committee 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;

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.

### Education and Skills Committee 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.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 23 March 2017

### 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

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Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;  
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**followed by** Scottish Government Business

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**Thursday 20 April 2017**

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**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>

### 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 [europa@parliament.scot](mailto:europa@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

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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](mailto: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)

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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)

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- 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 Alastair 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](mailto: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. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Sub-Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **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.
3. **Work programme:** The Sub-Committee will consider its work programme.

### **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](mailto: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.

### Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

## Motions for Debate

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**\*[S5M-04919.3 Jackie Baillie: Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese Agreement](#)**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04919 in the name of Willie Rennie (Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese Agreement), insert at end “; recognises that inward investment can be a beneficial part of a broad economic development and growth strategy for



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Scotland; acknowledges the concern about the record of the companies party to the memorandum of understanding with the Scottish Government; regrets that the Scottish Government did not fully inform the public about this deal; believes that public funds and investment agreements with companies that do not pay their workers fairly or pay their fair share of taxes are wrong, and calls on the Scottish Government to develop a transparent approach to attracting investment to Scotland, which provides added value by creating jobs.”

**\*S5M-04919.2 Keith Brown: Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese Agreement**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04919 in the name of Willie Rennie (Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese Agreement), leave out from "notes that extensive" to end and insert “recognises that Scotland has a strong track record in attracting investment as evidenced by the fact that Scotland has ranked as the best place for inward investment outside London for five of the last six years; further recognises that the memorandum of understanding (MoU) was about developing a working relationship to explore potential investment and that no legal, contractual or funding obligations on behalf of the Scottish Government have been made and there has been no engagement with the company since September 2016; notes with concern the human rights record of China Railway No.3 Engineering Group’s parent company, China Railway Group; regrets that the signing of the MoU gave rise to concerns, and commits to considering and taking account of these concerns in any future such situations; agrees that the Scottish Government must always consider the human rights implications of its engagement with countries and business; believes that investment agreements should only be signed where appropriate due diligence, including on the human rights record of companies involved, has been undertaken; welcomes Scottish Government engagement with Amnesty International and other organisations on human rights ahead of international engagements, and believes that, with appropriate care, it is possible for international trade to co-exist with support for human rights around the world.”

Supported by: Jamie Hepburn\*, Paul Wheelhouse\*

**\*S5M-04919.1 Dean Lockhart: Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese Agreement**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04919 in the name of Willie Rennie (Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese Agreement), leave out from "further notes" to end and insert “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; 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; considers that investment by Chinese companies in other parts of the UK has made a significant and positive contribution to the economies and infrastructure of the regions involved, and calls on the Scottish Government to take further action to promote Scotland as a top destination for investment by global investors, including from China, with counter-parties and on terms that are in the best interests of Scotland.”

## Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*S5M-04948 Neil Findlay on behalf of the Health and Sport Committee: Inquiry into the Preventative Health Agenda**—That the Parliament recognises the importance of the work of the Health and Sport Committee in its inquiry into the preventative health agenda; welcomes its examination of policies and actions, which prioritise and build in actions to reduce demand on health in the longer term following on the work of the Christie Commission on the Future Delivery

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of Public Services, and the Finance Committee in 2010; notes that the cross-cutting nature of health inequalities also encompasses housing, education, justice, transport, the environment and other portfolios, and welcomes attempts to meet the growing demand for public services by preventing health problems before they occur by early interventions and by tackling causes as well as their effects.

**\*S5M-04946 Fulton MacGregor: National Autism Strategy**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Autism Strategy 2017-2020 from the Richmond Fellowship Scotland, which is based in Stepps; notes that the launch took place during World Autism Awareness Week on 27 March 2017; understands that the strategy aims to support those with autism and their family carers, as well as external partners, and commits to supporting the Richmond Fellowship Scotland as it aims to improve the lives of people who have autism.

Supported by: James Dornan\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Sandra White\*, Richard Lyle\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**\*S5M-04945 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Acting Conveners**—That, under rule 12.1A, the Parliament agrees that—

(a) Jackie Baillie be appointed as a member of the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee; and

(b) an acting convener of the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee shall be chosen for the period 16 April 2017 to 20 October 2017.

**\*S5M-04944 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**\*S5M-04943 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**\*S5M-04942 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Bankruptcy and Protected Trust Deeds (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**\*S5M-04941 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: First Minister's Questions, Portfolio and General Questions and Topical Questions**—That the Parliament agrees that the period for Members to—

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 April should end at 3.00pm on Thursday 13 April;

lodge a First Minister's Question for answer on Wednesday 3 May should end at 12 noon on Friday 28 April;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May should end at 12 noon on Friday 28 April;

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 2 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 2 May;

lodge a First Minister's Question for answer on Thursday 1 June should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 30 May;

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submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 June should end at 12 noon on Thursday 25 May; and

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 30 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 30 May.

**\*S5M-04940 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—**That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 April 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Health and Sport Committee Debate: Inquiry into the Preventative Health Agenda

*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 Conservative and Unionist Party 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

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 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

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5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 26 April 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Justice and the Law Officers;

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 27 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

**\*S5M-04938 Maurice Corry: Helensburgh is One of the Top Places to Live by the Sea—**That the Parliament welcomes the news that Helensburgh has been named in the *Sunday Times*' top 30 places to live by the sea in the UK; notes that Helensburgh was the highest ranked, at number 14, place to live by the sea in Scotland, ahead of Elie, North Berwick and the Isle of Bute; understands that the survey takes factors such as jobs, exam results, culture and community spirit into consideration, and hopes that this news convinces more people to sample the delights of Helensburgh and the West of Scotland.

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**\*S5M-04937 Alison Johnstone: Celebrating Disabled Access Day 2017—**That the Parliament welcomes the news that Disabled Access Day 2017 was the largest of any year so far; notes that it was organised by the Scottish charity, Euan's Guide, which is a disabled access review website, and ran from 10 to 12 March 2017; understands that the event, which was first held in January 2015, aims to raise awareness of the access issues faced by many disabled people, with hundreds of places across the UK opening their doors to showcase their accessibility, including Edinburgh Castle, Rosslyn Chapel and other venues in the Lothian region; notes the words of the event coordinator, Ryan McMullan, who said, "during the weekend, I saw first-hand the power of people coming together and making sure that accessibility and inclusivity was second nature and not a big deal"; believes that it is incumbent on everyone in a modern society to continue to

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advocate for measures that will remove barriers to access and ensure equality of opportunity, and looks forward to an even bigger celebration of improvements in 2018.

Supported by: Gordon Lindhurst\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Richard Lyle\*, Miles Briggs\*, Emma Harper\*, Iain Gray\*, Mark Griffin\*

**\*S5M-04936 Tom Arthur: Commending Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire Postal**

**Workers**—That the Parliament commends the good will of Royal Mail staff across Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire who have been raising money for the Stroke Association over the last two years; understands that the fundraising drive that they have taken part in has now reached £2 million; recognises that their fundraising efforts will go towards offering vital support to people that have had a stroke and their loved ones, and wishes Royal Mail and the Stroke Association all the best with their continuing great work.

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**\*S5M-04935 Edward Mountain: Mooternity**—That the Parliament congratulates the Caithness Health Action Team on launching its campaign, Mooternity, which is challenging the downgrading of maternity services at Caithness General Hospital, and hopes that all Members agree that moving mothers in labour should be avoided, rather than be part of their health plans.

Supported by: Margaret Mitchell\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Miles Briggs\*, Peter Chapman\*, John Lamont\*, Douglas Ross\*, Donald Cameron\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Jamie Greene\*, Alexander Burnett\*, Ross Thomson\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Maurice Corry\*, Alison Harris\*, Colin Beattie\*

**\*S5M-04934 Clare Adamson: New College Lanarkshire Performs Rock of Ages**—That the Parliament congratulates New College Lanarkshire on its recent production of *Rock of Ages*; notes that the performance was presented by the college's HNC and HND Musical Theatre students; acknowledges what it sees as outstanding performances by those on stage, in the musical accompaniment and behind the scenes staging, and wishes everyone involved continued success.

Supported by: James Dornan\*, David Torrance\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Ivan McKee\*, Sandra White\*, Richard Lyle\*, Monica Lennon\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Alison Harris\*, Clare Haughey\*

**\*S5M-04933 Christina McKelvie: Human Rights Consortium Scotland Report, Rights at Risk**—That the Parliament notes the Human Rights Consortium Scotland report, *Rights at Risk*, which details testimony from civil society experts regarding how Brexit might affect the everyday human rights that it considers are concurrent with EU membership; agrees with the report that leaving the EU could put human rights on a precarious platform, with no clear assurances from the UK Government that the current legislation, such as the European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights, will apply; further agrees that, without membership of the EU, the adherence to the European Convention on Human Rights will become far less assured and more subjective to the wishes of a Conservative administration that it believes has very little regard for enshrining such legislation; reiterates its deep concern that the UK Government has repeatedly failed to offer assurances to EU nationals living in the UK that their status and residency will be unaffected by Brexit; believes that this is causing undue uncertainty and great worry; considers that this report should act as an alarm call to the wider public regarding, what it believes to be, the blatant disregard and lack of concern that the UK Government is showing for human rights legislation post-Brexit; supports the call by the report's authors for Scotland to be an international leader in the implementation of human rights law post-Brexit, and encourages everyone to protect and promote a human rights-based society now and after Brexit.

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**\*S5M-04932 Graeme Dey: Arbroath's Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Titles**—That the Parliament congratulates Morag McKenzie on being awarded the Citizen of the Year title by the Arbroath Rotary Club, and Dionne Geddes, who was named as the town's Young Citizen of the Year; notes that Morag was recognised for her over 40 years of service and assistance to the Arbroath Pipe Band, and that Dionne won her prize in light of her hard work and caring nature, which have resulted in substantial amounts being raised for various local and international charities, and commends the club for recognising Morag and Dionne's contributions to the community.

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**\*S5M-04931 Graeme Dey: Pat Terry and Paula Deans Fundraise for Macmillan Cancer Support and MND Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the efforts of Pat Terry and Paula Deans who, through organising an event at Arbroath's Anchor Bar, raised £2,880 for Macmillan Cancer Support and MND Scotland; notes that the event on 11 March 2017 included entertainment from the comedian, Miss Tilly aka Mark J Wilson, and Cher aka Alan Morgan, and welcomes the time and work put in by people such as Pat and Paula to raise funds for these important causes.

Supported by: David Torrance\*, Joan McAlpine\*, James Dornan\*, Clare Haughey\*, Richard Lochhead\*, Richard Lyle\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*

**\*S5M-04930 Alexander Stewart: Quiz Raises More Funds for Award-winning Perth Hospital Radio**—That the Parliament congratulates the Perthshire Solicitors Property Centre on raising £600 from its annual quiz for Hospital Radio Perth; notes that the competition, which is now in its 16th year, raised the funds for the broadcast team at Perth Royal Infirmary and, since it began, the quiz has made around £9,000 for the charity, and understands that the station, which is supported by around 35 volunteers, has been hailed as the UK's top hospital radio station four times in the last 20 years, which is more than any other of the country's 230 stations.

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**\*S5M-04929 Emma Harper: New MSYPs for Galloway and West Dumfries**—That the Parliament congratulates Emma Currie and Neal McCulloch from Stranraer on their election as MSYPs for Galloway and West Dumfries; notes that 1,789 votes were cast by young people living, working and studying in the constituency and that the results were announced at the Oasis Youth Centre on 22 March 2017; understands that the current MSYPs for the South Scotland region, Jordan Todd, Dylan Currie and Lewis Douglas and Emily Davies, will continue in their role until 24 June, with Emma, Neal and the other newly-elected members assuming their positions from the next day; thanks Jordan, Dylan, Lewis and Emily for their service, and wishes them the best of luck for the future.

**\*S5M-04928 James Dornan: Mount Florida Primary School**—That the Parliament congratulates the pupils at Mount Florida Primary School who won £500 after impressing judges in a competition

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that was run by Choices for Life; notes the pupils came third in the contest, which was open to primaries and secondaries across the whole of Scotland, after they submitted a music video, in which they changed the lyrics to the song, *No Limit*, to "no cigs, bin it"; recognises that Choices for Life is an innovative, educational initiative that is delivered by Police Scotland and funded by the Scottish Government, and notes that its main objective is to raise awareness among young people of the risks and dangers of substance use and misuse, including tobacco, alcohol, drugs and new psychoactive substances.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour\*, David Torrance\*, Richard Lochhead\*, Sandra White\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Ivan McKee\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*S5M-04927 Liam Kerr: RBS Branch Closure, Stonehaven**—That the Parliament expresses its concern at the decision by the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) to close 30 branches in Scotland, including the branch in Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire; understands that the bank's justification for this is that there has been both a decrease in footfall and an increase in the number of customers using digital banking services, but considers that, regardless of how they choose to interact with it, customers should expect equality of service; considers that closing the branches will be 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 who, for whatever reason, cannot travel distances to a remaining branch, and notes with concern the effect that such closures have on traditional high streets, with drops in bank-related footfall causing other businesses to close.

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**\*S5M-04865 Angus MacDonald: Falkirk District's Secondary Schools' High Pass Marks**—That the Parliament recognises the improvement over the last five years of high school pupils in the Falkirk district, moving it to seventh in the league table of 32, with rankings based on qualifications that are considered to give students the best chance of securing a good job; understands that attainment in literacy continues to improve in the Falkirk district and is now higher than the national average in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework, and that 95% of pupils leave school with what experts describe as a "positive destination", which is 2% better than the national average and up 5% since 2012; congratulates all the staff and pupils in Falkirk district's secondary schools on what it sees as these impressive improvements, and wishes the schools continued success with the aim of 100% of young people going on to positive destinations in the near future.

Supported by: James Dornan\*, Richard Lyle\*, Alison Harris\*, Bill Kidd\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Sandra White\*, Elaine Smith\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*

### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**S5M-04926 Pauline McNeill: Pay it Forward Gig Tickets** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Mairi Evans\*, James Dornan\*, Alex Rowley\*, Anas Sarwar\*, Sandra White\*, Richard Lochhead\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Rona Mackay\*, David Torrance\*, Richard Lyle\*, Ivan McKee\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Neil Findlay\*, Clare Adamson\*

**S5M-04925 Gail Ross: RNLI Thurso** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

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New Support: Richard Lyle\*, Graeme Dey\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Maree Todd\*, David Torrance\*, Ivan McKee\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Donald Cameron\*, Douglas Ross\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-04924](#) Tavish Scott: Shetlander Bill Adams runs 451st Half-marathon** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: John Lamont\*, Richard Lyle\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Maree Todd\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Donald Cameron\*, Douglas Ross\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-04923](#) Ben Macpherson: Leith Community Links Fund** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Rona Mackay\*, Richard Lyle\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, James Dornan\*, Sandra White\*, Ash Denham\*, Graeme Dey\*, Bill Kidd\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Joan McAlpine\*, David Torrance\*, Clare Haughey\*, Colin Beattie\*, Richard Lochhead\*, Ivan McKee\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-04922](#) Graeme Dey: Kirriemuir Dementia Garden** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Rona Mackay\*, Richard Lyle\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Gail Ross\*, Stuart McMillan\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Richard Lochhead\*, Ivan McKee\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-04921](#) Donald Cameron: Bowel Cancer Awareness Month 2017** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Monica Lennon\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, John Lamont\*, Neil Findlay\*, Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Sandra White\*, Finlay Carson\*, Maurice Corry\*, Ross Thomson\*, Alison Harris\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Jamie Greene\*, David Torrance\*, John Scott\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Colin Beattie\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*, Douglas Ross\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-04918](#) Bob Doris: Lottery Boost for the Concrete Garden in Possilpark** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-04916](#) Emma Harper: South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project Secures £1.3 Million** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Rona Mackay\*, Richard Lyle\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Gail Ross\*, Graeme Dey\*, Stuart McMillan\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-04915](#) Gillian Martin: Inverurie's Run Garioch Attracts 3,000 Participants** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: George Adam\*, Sandra White\*, Stuart McMillan\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-04914](#) Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Vets Help for Malawi University** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Margaret Mitchell\*, Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Finlay Carson\*, Liam Kerr\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Ross Thomson\*, Alison Harris\*, Jamie Greene\*, David Torrance\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Colin Beattie\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*, Douglas Ross\*

**[S5M-04913](#) Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Doctor in Haiti Mercy Mission** (lodged on 27 March 2017)



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New Support: Margaret Mitchell\*, Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Finlay Carson\*, Liam Kerr\*, Ross Thomson\*, Alison Harris\*, Jamie Greene\*, David Torrance\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Colin Beattie\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*, Douglas Ross\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-04912](#) Joan McAlpine: Congratulating Dumfries and Galloway Local Business Successes** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Finlay Carson\*, Gail Ross\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Sandra White\*, David Torrance\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-04910](#) Clare Adamson: #TeamLisa Fundraising Efforts** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: George Adam\*, Alison Harris\*, Sandra White\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04909](#) Gail Ross: 15th Caithness International Science Festival** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Maree Todd\*, Sandra White\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-04908](#) Gail Ross: Congratulates Maddison Morrison on her Fundraising Efforts** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04907](#) Alexander Stewart: Maisie Mckean from Dunfermline Celebrates her 100th Birthday** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*, John Lamont\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Bill Bowman\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Peter Chapman\*, Finlay Carson\*, Ross Thomson\*, Alison Harris\*, Jamie Greene\*, David Torrance\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Colin Beattie\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*, Douglas Ross\*

**[S5M-04906](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy's Cloud 9's** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*

**[S5M-04905](#) Gail Ross: The First Annual Caithness Tourism Gathering** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Maree Todd\*, Sandra White\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04904](#) Gillian Martin: Pitmedden Gardens** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle\*, Gail Ross\*, Graeme Dey\*, Stuart McMillan\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*

**[S5M-04903](#) Patrick Harvie: The Homeless Barber Wins at the Second Glasgow Soup** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle\*, Neil Findlay\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Sandra White\*, David Torrance\*, Ivan McKee\*

**[S5M-04902](#) Gail Ross: Newly-elected Crofting Commissioners** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

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New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Maree Todd\*, Sandra White\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04901](#) Gail Ross: The Ross and Cromarty Pipes and Drums School Success** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Maree Todd\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04900](#) Gail Ross: Artist in Residence at Inverewe Gardens** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*, Douglas Ross\*

**[S5M-04898](#) Gail Ross: Birchwood Highland Double Success** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Maree Todd\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04897](#) Gillian Martin: Thanks to HM Coastguard and Volunteers** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Ross Thomson\*, Mairi Evans\*, Richard Lochhead\*, Gail Ross\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Ivan McKee\*

**[S5M-04896](#) Anas Sarwar: Royal Bank of Scotland Branch Closures in Glasgow** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Ivan McKee\*

**[S5M-04895](#) Maurice Corry: Horseback UK** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Liz Smith\*, Richard Lyle\*, Bill Bowman\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Peter Chapman\*, Finlay Carson\*, Liam Kerr\*, Ross Thomson\*, Alison Harris\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Jamie Greene\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Colin Beattie\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*, Douglas Ross\*

**[S5M-04894](#) Neil Findlay: Students Shoot Film for Charity** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Richard Lyle\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*

**[S5M-04892](#) Neil Findlay: Livingston Artist is Top Drawer** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*

**[S5M-04891](#) Jackie Baillie: Father Joe Mills, Freeman of West Dunbartonshire** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*, Colin Beattie\*

**[S5M-04890](#) Bill Bowman: Move More Dundee** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Finlay Carson\*, Peter Chapman\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Ross Thomson\*, Alison Harris\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-04889](#) Tavish Scott: Shetland Orca Competition** (lodged on 27 March 2017)

New Support: Gail Ross\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Maree Todd\*, Colin Beattie\*

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Motions   Gluasadan				

**[S5M-04888 Gillian Martin: Evie Robertson and Josh MacRae to Represent Aberdeenshire East at Scottish Youth Parliament](#) (lodged on 27 March 2017)**

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Sandra White\*

**[S5M-04887 Colin Smyth: RBS Bank Closures in South Scotland](#) (lodged on 27 March 2017)**

New Support: Neil Findlay\*, Colin Beattie\*

**[S5M-04886 Brian Whittle: Royal Bank of Scotland Branch Closures in South Scotland](#) (lodged on 27 March 2017)**

New Support: Bill Bowman\*, Finlay Carson\*, Peter Chapman\*, Ross Thomson\*, Alison Harris\*, John Scott\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04885 Tom Arthur: John Byrne National Drawing Competition](#) (lodged on 27 March 2017)**

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

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

New Support: Maree Todd\*, Ivan McKee\*, Alexander Burnett\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Sandra White\*

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

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*

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

New Support: Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Ross Thomson\*, Alison Harris\*, Jamie Greene\*, John Scott\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Annie Wells\*

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

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Sandra White\*

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

New Support: Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Ross Thomson\*, Alison Harris\*, Annie Wells\*

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

New Support: Peter Chapman\*, Ross Thomson\*, Rachael Hamilton\*

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

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Sandra White\*

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Motions   Gluasadan				

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

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Gillian Martin\*, Sandra White\*, Richard Lochhead\*, Linda Fabiani\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Gail Ross\*, Clare Adamson\*, Colin Beattie\*

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

New Support: Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Alison Harris\*, Ross Thomson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

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

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, Alison Harris\*, Colin Beattie\*, Ivan McKee\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

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

New Support: Maree Todd\*

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

New Support: Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Ross Thomson\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

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

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

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

New Support: Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Annie Wells\*

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

New Support: Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Ross Thomson\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett\*

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

New Support: Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Ross Thomson\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04855](#) Margaret Mitchell: Bothwell Parish Church Quire** (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Ross Thomson\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04854](#) Sandra White: Vodafone Creates Jobs in Kelvin** (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*

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

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Motions   Gluasadan				

New Support: Ivan McKee\*

**[S5M-04852](#) Alexander Burnett: Hector Grant** (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Ross Thomson\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04850](#) Donald Cameron: Stornoway Piping Competition Secured** (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Ross Thomson\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04849](#) Donald Cameron: Argyll and the Isles Agricultural Forum Chairman Stands Down** (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04846](#) Liam Kerr: Fittie Community Development Trust Funding** (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Bowman\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04838](#) Edward Mountain: Skye and Lochalsh Community Care Forum** (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Ross Thomson\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04837](#) Brian Whittle: Ayrshire College Participates in DataFest 2017** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: John Scott\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04836](#) Brian Whittle: Ayrshire College Wins UK Training Partner of the Year Award** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: John Scott\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04835](#) Neil Findlay: 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Oscar Romero** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*

**[S5M-04834](#) Margaret Mitchell: Salvation Army Hamilton** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Peter Chapman\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04827](#) Liam Kerr: Mall Park House, Montrose and the Guernica Child Refugees** (lodged on 23 March 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*, Bill Bowman\*, Peter Chapman\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04826](#) Edward Mountain: Knockhill Racing Circuit Armed Forces Appreciation Day** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: John Scott\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04825](#) Alexander Burnett: Lyme Disease, The Need To Do More** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

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Motions   Gluasadan				

New Support: Neil Findlay\*, Ivan McKee\*, Rhoda Grant\*, John Scott\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04824](#) Liam Kerr: Dundee Women's Aid Awarded Grant** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton\*

**[S5M-04823](#) Liam Kerr: Creation of Forfar Sensory Room for Families Affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04821](#) Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Development Group (Scotland)** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04820](#) Jeremy Balfour: Brock Garden Centre SCIO** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04819](#) Colin Beattie: Midlothian Mosque Celebrates Four Years** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*

**[S5M-04818](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney's First Coffee Roaster** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Maree Todd\*

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

New Support: Annie Wells\*

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

New Support: Annie Wells\*

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

New Support: Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04803](#) Bill Bowman: Big Lottery Fund Success in Dundee East** (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: Annie Wells\*

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

New Support: Annie Wells\*

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Motions   Gluasadan				

**[S5M-04799](#) Ash Denham: Residents Love Edinburgh** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*

**[S5M-04798](#) Ross Greer: Scottish Youth Parliament Elections** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*

**[S5M-04797](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Virtual Reality – Careers in Construction Wins UK Career Development Award 2017** (lodged on 22 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, John Scott\*, Rachael Hamilton\*

**[S5M-04787](#) Margaret Mitchell: The Manda Centre** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04785](#) Bill Bowman: Shona Leckie's Champion Marmalade** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton\*

**[S5M-04775](#) Bill Bowman: The Dundee Mental Health Cairn Fowk** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton\*

**[S5M-04774](#) Ross Greer: Milngavie Week 2017** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*

**[S5M-04772](#) Gail Ross: Seafood Shack in Ullapool** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*

**[S5M-04766](#) Murdo Fraser: Request to Return the Stone of Destiny to Perth** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

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

New Support: Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04760](#) Jeremy Balfour: Girlguiding Scotland's Young Advocates Campaign to End Sexual Harassment in Schools** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

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

New Support: Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04758](#) Maurice Golden: Kathleen Anderson's First Book Published** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04754](#) Edward Mountain: Mikeysline** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

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Motions   Gluasadan				

New Support: Rachael Hamilton\*, Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04751 Miles Briggs: New Minister for Willowbrae Parish Church](#)** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04749 Jamie Greene: DataFest17](#)** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04746 Miles Briggs: Lothian's New MSYPs](#)** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04744 Alexander Stewart: Tenci Earnshaw, Young Writer of the Year](#)** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-04722 Gail Ross: Invergordon FC, Champions 2017](#)** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*

**[S5M-04706 Liam McArthur: Orkney Elects Young Parliamentarians](#)** (lodged on 20 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*

**[S5M-04703 Willie Rennie: The Future of Elmwood Campus](#)** (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: Rona Mackay\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Elaine Smith\*, Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-04685 Miles Briggs: Edinburgh Results Group to Mark World TB Day](#)** (lodged on 17 March 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*

**[S5M-04682 Annie Wells: Scottish LGBTQI Voices](#)** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Rachael Hamilton\*

**[S5M-04678 Neil Findlay: Awards for West Lothian Apprentices](#)** (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*

**[S5M-04674 Miles Briggs: Lynch Syndrome Awareness Day](#)** (lodged on 16 March 2017)

New Support: Jamie Greene\*

**[S5M-04633 Maurice Golden: JC PomPoms, World Cheerleading Championships Contenders](#)** (lodged on 21 March 2017)

New Support: Annie Wells\*



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Motions   Gluasadan				

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

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*

[\*\*S5M-03735\*\*](#) **Claudia Beamish: Joint Statement on Just Transition** (lodged on 27 January 2017)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*

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Questions   Ceistean				

## Written Questions

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

Inspired Questions are initiated by the Scottish Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

### Inspired questions lodged on 28 March 2017

**[S5W-08448](#) Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress made in relation to its International Development Small Grants Programme funding round 2017-18.

### Written questions lodged on 28 March 2017

**[S5W-08439](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it offers to wildlife attractions to help them maintain security against break-ins.

**[S5W-08440](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle the import of (a) ivory, (b) rhino horns and (c) other materials from endangered species.

**[S5W-08441](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what part it plays in international (a) projects and (b) groups that tackle wildlife crime.

**[S5W-08442](#) Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to tackle rising HIV rates in Glasgow, in light of reported figures that show the number of cases rising from approximately 10 per year to 88 in the last two years, which has been attributed to the sharing of needles between intravenous drug users and an increased use of the drug, Ethylphenidate.

**[S5W-08443](#) Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-04415 by Maureen Watt on 16 November 2016, how it plans to increase awareness and usage by GPs of the ALISS system.

**[S5W-08444](#) Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to comments made at the meeting of the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee on 3 February 2016, when it will provide information to the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on the emerging valuations for sporting rates.

**[S5W-08445](#) Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what the costs are of the collection of sporting rates.

**[S5W-08446](#) Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what the estimated income is from non-domestic rates for shootings and deer forests in 2017.

**[S5W-08447](#) Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government how many shooting and deer forest subjects will be on the valuation roll, and whether this is the same as the number of holdings it has registered.

**[S5W-08450](#) Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the finding by Information Services Division (ISD) that 83.8% of NHS Lothian cancer patients were treated within the 62-day standard; what action it is taking to ensure that the board meets the 95% target, and when it expects this target to be met.

**[S5W-08456](#) Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on reports that the Transition Training Fund was used for training courses to help unemployed oil and gas workers maintain their safety certification, and whether this support is still being provided.

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Questions   Ceistean				

**[S5W-08457](#) Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what financial support is available for unemployed oil and gas workers who are trying to keep their safety certifications up to date.

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

## Progress of Legislation

### Bills

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the Scottish Parliament website at:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/576.aspx>

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

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

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

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

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

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

#### **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 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 28 March 2017

*Lead committee - Social Security*

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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:**

<http://external.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/31313.aspx>

### **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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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

## 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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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

[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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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

[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)

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[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)

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

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[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)

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[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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[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)

## Petitions

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**PE1649** Petition by Jennifer Lawrie on Council tax bands.

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The following report was published on 28 March 2017 –

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 17<sup>th</sup> Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 116)

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