

Thursday 11 January 2018

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S5M-09621 Tom Arthur: Carer Positive Employer Initiative

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Developing the Young Workforce: Review of Progress at the Midpoint of the Seven-year Programme

followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

9:15am Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

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- 1. Bill Bowman:** To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it undertook with HMRC regarding any potential negative impact of diverging tax bands and rates from the rest of the UK. ([S5O-01634](#))
- 2. Dean Lockhart:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the latest Scottish Fiscal Commission forecasts for economic growth. ([S5O-01635](#))
- 3. Adam Tomkins:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason in its Draft Budget, spending on equalities is being increased by 12%. ([S5O-01636](#))
- 4. Gail Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government how many probationer teachers there will be in the academic year 2018-19. ([S5O-01637](#))
- 5. Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government by what date the National Trauma Network will be fully operational. ([S5O-01638](#))
- 6. Peter Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to develop its policy for land value taxes, in light of the Scottish Land Commission's research on the use of such taxes in other countries. ([S5O-01639](#)) R
- 7. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its current road safety initiatives. ([S5O-01640](#))
- 8. Iain Gray:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the performance of ScotRail in delivering services on the North Berwick to Edinburgh line. ([S5O-01641](#))
- 9. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met Fife College and what issues were discussed. ([S5O-01642](#))
- 10. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government what effect the amalgamation of schools can have on communities that lose their local school as a result. ([S5O-01643](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Ruth Davidson:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01878](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01879](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01880](#))
- 4. Willie Rennie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01881](#))
- 5. Kate Forbes:** To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government plans to reduce the use of single-use disposable plastics such as plastic straws. ([S5F-01912](#))
- 6. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to improve small business confidence, in light of reports suggesting that it is at a near-record low. ([S5F-01901](#))

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-09621](#) Tom Arthur: Carer Positive Employer Initiative—That the Parliament supports the Carer Positive employer recognition scheme and its aim of making life better for carers; notes the vital job that carers do, which Carers Scotland estimates contributes the equivalent of around £10.8 billion per year to the economy and will likely increase as the population continues to age; welcomes the large number of employers of differing sizes from a wide range of sectors who have signed up to support carers in their workplace through the Carer Positive initiative; understands that Carer Positive is funded by the Scottish Government and was developed in partnership with public, private and voluntary sector organisations in Scotland; further understands that Carer Positive employers can progress through three accreditation levels of engaged, established and exemplary; notes that around 270,000 people in Scotland combine work with care and that, without support and understanding at work, carers can experience high levels of stress and exhaustion; recognises the importance of this scheme in supporting carers and employers; further recognises that this scheme can lead to benefits for employers, such as reduced absences, lower levels of staff turnover and savings on recruitment costs, and notes that employers across the Renfrewshire South constituency and Scotland are being encouraged to take steps to become Carer Positive employers and discover the benefits of supporting their workforce and those who rely on them.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Developing the Young Workforce: Review of Progress at the Midpoint of the Seven-year Programme

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The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-09821.3](#) Liz Smith: Developing the Young Workforce: Review of Progress at the Midpoint of the Seven-year Programme—As an amendment to motion S5M-09821 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Developing the Young Workforce: Review of Progress at the Midpoint of the Seven-year Programme), insert at end ", but recognises that these opportunities will only be realised if the aforementioned policies are accompanied by those designed to create a more diverse education system, which fully embraces vocational and technical training in the way set out by the commission that was led by Sir Ian Wood."

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of Jamie Hepburn (Developing the Young Workforce: Review of Progress at the Midpoint of the Seven-year Programme), leave out ", and believes" and insert "; recognises that the rise of exploitative zero-hours contracts is damaging to the future stability of the workforce; notes that the current methodology used by the Scottish Government considers a school leaver who becomes employed on a zero-hours contract to be in a 'positive destination'; believes that zero-hours contracts should be removed as a 'positive destination' for young people in official Scottish Government statistics, and that public procurement should not reward companies and organisations that engage in operating zero-hours contracts, but further believes".

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Committee Meetings

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

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 1st Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Subject to Parliamentary approval of motion S5M-09835, Iain Gray will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 & 7 in private.
3. **The 2016/17 audit of the Scottish Government's Non-Domestic Rating Account:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's section 22 report from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Stephen Boyle, Assistant Director, and Michael Oliphant, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **The administration of the Scottish Rate of Income Tax 2016-17:** The Committee will take evidence on the National Audit Office report from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark Taylor, Assistant Director, Audit Scotland;
Sir Amyas Morse, Comptroller & Auditor General, and John Thorpe, Executive Leader, National Audit Office.
5. **The 2016/17 audit of the Scottish Government's Non-Domestic Rating Account:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Stephen Boyle, Assistant Director, and Michael Oliphant, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
6. **The administration of the Scottish Rate of Income Tax 2016-17:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 4 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark Taylor, Assistant Director, Audit Scotland.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will review its work programme.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee 1st Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Claire Baker will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
4. **Erasmus+:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jackie Killeen, Director, British Council Scotland;
Emily Beever, Senior Development Officer, YouthLink Scotland;
Luke Humberstone, President, NUS Scotland;

Marion Spöring, Chair University Council for Modern Languages Scotland (UCMLS),
Senior Lecturer in Applied Languages and European Studies, University of Dundee;
Daniel Evans, Centre Head, Commercial and Marketing, West Lothian College.

5. **Scottish Government Reports:** The Committee will consider a series of biannual reports produced by the Scottish Government in relation to EU issues.
6. **Erasmus+:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19 (in private):** The Committee will consider its report.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 10 January 2018

Tuesday 16 January 2018

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's International Policy Framework and Priorities for 2018

followed by Financial Resolution: Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-09652 James Kelly: The Scottish Sports Association

Wednesday 17 January 2018

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-09328 Joan McAlpine: The Economic Potential of Robert Burns

Thursday 18 January 2018

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-08845 Maurice Corry: 100 Years of Women in the British Armed Forces

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Building a Connected Scotland: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Together

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 January 2018

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 24 January 2018

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Health and Sport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 25 January 2018

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>

Education and Skills Committee

15 January 2018

2nd Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 4.45 pm in The Lighthouse, Glasgow

1. **Education reforms:** The Committee will take evidence from:

Mhairi Shaw, Regional Lead Officer, Glasgow City Region Education Improvement Collaborative, and Director of Education, East Renfrewshire Council;

Wilma Bain, Corporate Director of Education, Communities and Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council;

Maureen McKenna, Executive Director of Education Services, Glasgow City Council.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on the 24th January 2018 the Committee expects to consider the subordinate legislation.

For further information please contact Roz Thomson, the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are roz.thomson@parliament.scot on extension 85222.

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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

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

Motions for Debate

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Supported by: John Swinney

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Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***S5M-09838 Christina McKelvie: Quick Credit Voucher, Tackling Fuel Poverty in Scotland**—That the Parliament recognises the Quick Credit Voucher scheme from Scottish Power; believes that the scheme offers a £49 credit payment designed to support customers who are referred to foodbanks and may be in need of fuel assistance; notes that the scheme is being piloted at the Hamilton District Foodbank in the Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse parliamentary constituency; praises Scottish Power for showing, what it believes to be, an ethical and morally responsible approach in assisting customers to tackle fuel poverty; reiterates praise for the volunteers of the foodbank, noting their tireless work in providing food and assistance for over 4,015 people throughout 2016-17; believes that the Quick Credit Voucher model can be used as a template by others when offering customers support with their energy needs, and notes that other energy companies, including E.ON, npower, British Gas, EDF and SSE are being encouraged to respond to this campaign, helping those across Scotland who face the uncertainty of fuel poverty.

***S5M-09836 Rona Mackay: Cancer Awareness for Young People**—That the Parliament understands that 40% of cancers in adulthood are preventable; notes the view therefore that there is a need to make sure that every young person is educated about cancerous signs and symptoms; commends the vital work carried out already by Teenage Cancer Trust through its Education and Awareness programme in schools to empower young people to take control of their own health, and notes the calls for more to be done to protect the next generation and for Members to work together to ensure that every school in Scotland, including in the Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency, can help pupils to receive the cancer education that they need, particularly with 2018 being the Year of Young People.

Supported by: Sandra White*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, John Mason*, Richard Lyle*, Ruth Maguire*, Liam McArthur*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Ash Denham*, Christina McKelvie*, Joan McAlpine*, David Torrance*, Clare Haughey*, Colin Beattie*, Ben Macpherson*, Stuart McMillan*

***S5M-09834 Clare Haughey: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2018**—That the Parliament notes that 26 February marks the beginning of Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2018; believes that these disorders are serious mental health conditions that affect people psychologically, socially and physically; understands that approximately 1.25 million people in the UK have an eating disorder, of which an estimated 89% are female; praises the Scottish Eating Disorders Interest Group and the charity, Beat, on providing what it sees as vital help for people with such conditions and their families; notes that the Scottish Government's Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027 commits to working toward the development of a digital tool to specifically support young people with eating disorders; highlights the programme, See Me, which it considers has been instrumental in tackling the stigma and discrimination associated with mental health issues, including eating disorders, and notes both the view that early intervention is essential in reducing unnecessary deaths and the calls for all stakeholders to continue working together to ensure that the appropriate help is available and provided. **R**

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-09839 Fulton MacGregor: U-turn on North Lanarkshire School Transport**—That the Parliament welcomes the reported announcement from the Labour leadership in North Lanarkshire Council to drop its plans to reduce school transport provision for thousands of young people throughout the authority; notes that this comes after the end of a consultation that it understands was forced through by the Labour/Conservative administration; congratulates what it understands were the thousands of parents and young people who, along with SNP councillors and parliamentarians, co-ordinated a campaign against the reductions, including several hundred who took part in protests by walking long distances in the ice and snow to school, and urges the Labour leadership in North Lanarkshire Council to end what it considers its continued attacks on education.

***S5M-09837 Colin Beattie: Provost of Midlothian**—That the Parliament notes the sudden death of the Midlothian Provost, Adam Montgomery; recognises that he served as a Labour councillor for the Lothian Regional and Midlothian councils for over 31 years; commends the dedication of Adam during his time as Provost of Midlothian and as a councillor, and offers its sincere condolences to his family and friends.

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***S5M-09833 Clare Adamson: Betty Blades Awarded the British Empire Medal**—That the Parliament congratulates Betty Blades, who is the captain of 5th Motherwell Girls' Brigade, on being awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in recognition of her "services to young people and the community in Motherwell"; recognises that the BEM is presented for providing a "hands-on" service that makes a significant difference to communities; commends Betty on her commitment to and volunteer work with the 5th Motherwell since 1976; notes that she introduced the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme to section in 1987 and has helped many girls achieve this distinction through various projects and expeditions; appreciates the work that Betty has done for hundreds of girls through the brigade, and looks forward to her continued significant service to the community.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Clare Haughey*, Richard Lyle*, Ash Denham*, Joan McAlpine*, David Torrance*

***S5M-09832 Jeremy Balfour: Diamond Award for Edinburgh Butcher Scotch Pies**—That the Parliament congratulates the Edinburgh butcher, Crombies, on winning the coveted diamond award at the Scottish Craft Butchers Savoury Pastry Products Awards 2018; understands that the family-run butcher shop, established on Broughton Street in 1955, is one of very few butchers in Scotland that continue to make their Scotch pies with only lamb, and wishes all at Crombies continued success.

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***S5M-09831 Finlay Carson: Galloway Forest**—That the Parliament welcomes the airing by the BBC of *The Forest*; commends the documentary on raising awareness of all aspects of life in and around Galloway Forest and the south west; recognises the work of the district forest manager, Colin Hossack, and that over 600,000 tonnes of timber is produced in the forest every

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year; appreciates the contribution that it makes to environmental, tourist and recreational programmes, and believes that the programme further highlights many of the attributes that strengthen the arguments in favour of establishing a Galloway national park.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Margaret Mitchell*, Alexander Stewart*, Oliver Mundell*, Bill Bowman*, Emma Harper*

***S5M-09830 Sandra White: Scotland's First Paramedic Science Degree Launched at Glasgow Caledonian University**—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) on the launch of Scotland's first paramedic degree course; understands that GCU has recruited 50 students onto the first year of the new three-year undergraduate paramedic science course, and that the university has received further interest from prospective students; further understands that the course seeks to support school leavers and those changing careers to enter the profession through a study to employment process involving course modules such as anatomy and physiology and undertaking role play emergency scenarios and work placements, and wishes the university and students the best with the establishment and development of the BSc Paramedic Science course.

***S5M-09829 Graeme Dey: World Championship Scotch Pie Awards 2018**—That the Parliament congratulates James Pirie & Son of Newtyle on its recent success at the Scottish Bakers World Championship Scotch Pie Awards 2018; understands that the Angus South constituency butchers' famous Scotch pie won the top award and has been given the highly coveted title of 2018 World Champion Scotch Pie; notes the success of Keptie Bakery in Letham, which won a bronze award for its Scotch pie and a silver award for its macaroni pie, and applauds the success of local businesses in the Angus South constituency as they continue to support Scotland's thriving food and drink industry.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Clare Haughey*, Ruth Maguire*, Ash Denham*, Stuart McMillan*, Bob Doris*, Richard Lyle*, Bill Kidd*, Bruce Crawford*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Ben Macpherson*

***S5M-09828 Christine Grahame: Bankruptcy Scrutiny**—That the Parliament considers that, while the majority of those applying for and being awarded bankruptcy are decent, honest people, the operation of bankruptcy proceedings in Scotland, including investigating into assets and the efficacy of Bankruptcy Restriction Orders (BROs), requires urgent revisiting, given the issues raised in the recent BBC Scotland documentary, *Millionaire Bankrupts Exposed*, which was an investigation by the award-winning journalist, Sam Poling, and urges the Scottish Government to take measures now, such as increasing personnel to investigate where it is suspected bankruptcy assets are being concealed or disposed of, and to ensure that BROs are not being flouted as a first step.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Elaine Smith*, Christina McKelvie*, David Torrance*

***S5M-09827 George Adam: Kathryn Docherty, WorldSkills UK Gold Winner**—That the Parliament congratulates Kathryn Docherty, who is a student at West College Scotland's (WCS) Paisley campus, on winning gold in the Beauty Therapy: Hands and Face category at the WorldSkills UK finals 2017; recognises that this prestigious competition brings together almost 600 apprentices and young people from across Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland to compete to be the best in their chosen skill; notes that Kathryn also won the category in the regional heats in June 2017; commends her hard work and determination, and applauds the staff at WCS who have supported Kathryn on her journey.

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***S5M-09826 Gail Ross: Discovery of the World's Largest Flame Shell Colony in Loch Carron**—That the Parliament welcomes reports that the world's largest colony of flame shells has been discovered in a marine protected area in the west coast; notes that a quarter of a billion of the shellfish are living in nests that have formed an immense 185-hectare bed at the bottom of Loch Carron; understands that the small molluscs are recognisable due to their striking orange tentacles and typically live hidden in nests, which they construct from shells, stones and other materials around them; recognise that the discovery was made during a survey that was carried out by Heriot-Watt University, Scottish Natural Heritage and Marine Scotland to learn more about marine life in the loch; appreciates the significance of the discovery after what it believes was the devastation caused to the species in 2017 due to heavy dredging in the loch; considers it positive that this species is being re-established when, it understands, it was predicted that it would take decades for it to recover from the damage inflicted; thanks all of the organisations involved on their efforts, and considers this a welcome discovery that is a further example of the importance of this new marine protected area.

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***S5M-09825 Alexander Stewart: Alloa Man to Receive Commemoration for Outstanding Bravery During the First World War**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that an Alloa man, who was awarded the Victoria Cross (VC) for his bravery in the Great War, will be officially recognised with a commemorative service; understands that John Crawford Buchan was born in Alloa's King Street on 10 October 1892; believes that he was the third son of David Buchan, who was the then owner and editor of *The Alloa Advertiser*, and that John became a town clerk and was a writer for his father's business; further believes that, along with being a keen sportsman and having a talent for languages, he would later volunteer for the army but, at the age of 25 as a 2nd Lieutenant, he lost his life in the line of duty and was awarded the VC medal, which is the highest award for gallantry for British and Commonwealth forces; notes that, in tribute to him, Clackmannanshire Council will hold a civic event in March 2018 at The Boer War Memorial in Alloa; further notes that a VC stone will also be unveiled and words will be said in Lieutenant Buchan's honour; acknowledges that the VC programme is a national scheme with commemoration events organised around the date that the personnel received their VC medal, and posthumously commends Lieutenant Buchan on his outstanding bravery and loyalty to his troops despite being badly injured and in the face of overwhelming odds.

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***S5M-09824 Emma Harper: BBC Promotes Bonnie Galloway' Forest**—That the Parliament commends BBC Scotland on its recent television show, *The Forest*, which is based on the Galloway Forest in South West Scotland; understands that the show was filmed over a six-month period and captures various aspects of life, work, history and culture around the area; notes that the show features local wildlife rangers, tree planters, astronomers and even rally drivers, and is an eye-opener to people living outside the South West as to the huge advantages and wealth of things to do, visit and see; congratulates the programme director, Jack Warrender, originally from

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a farm in South Ayrshire, and his team on their excellent work, and encourages all to watch the show over the next five weeks.

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***S5M-09823 James Kelly: Isabella Banks Appointed an MBE**—That the Parliament warmly congratulates Isabella Banks, who is from Cambuslang, on being appointed an MBE in the New Year's Honours List in recognition of her services to older people in South Lanarkshire; understands that Isabella has been secretary of Lightburn Elderly Association Project (LEAP) for a number of years and continues to be a champion for her community, and wishes her every success.

Supported by: Anas Sarwar*, Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*

***S5M-09822 James Kelly: Nora Dillon Appointed an MBE**—That the Parliament warmly congratulates Nora Dillon, who is from Rutherglen, on being appointed an MBE in the New Year's Honours List in recognition of her services to affordable housing, credit management and the communities in Rutherglen and Cambuslang; understands that Nora has been a community champion for a number of years, and wishes her every success.

Supported by: Anas Sarwar*, Colin Beattie*

***S5M-09820 Stuart McMillan: Gourock, Number One in Scotland for Independent Retailers**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Gourock has been named number one in Scotland for independent retailers by Local Data Company (LDC) in partnership with the University of Stirling; understands that, in 2017, just under 85% of its shops were independent businesses; acknowledges that the study found that the town is one of just four locations in the country with an independent retailer rate of above 80% and that it also posted the biggest rise in independent retailer rate since the annual LDC study began in 2013, rising from 78.8 to 84.6%, and wishes the independent retailers of Gourock the best of luck in the coming year and beyond.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Emma Harper*, Kenneth Gibson*, Ash Denham*, Ruth Maguire*, Graeme Dey*, Clare Haughey*, Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Ben Macpherson*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-09819 Gail Ross: Contribution of the Wick Paths Group (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Adamson*, Clare Haughey*, Ben Macpherson*

S5M-09817 Liam McArthur: New Year Honours for Orkney's Glenys Hughes (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

S5M-09816 Liam McArthur: New Year Honours for Orkney's Bryan Sutherland (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-09815](#) Bill Kidd: 999 BT Service Teams (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Clare Adamson*, Colin Beattie*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09811](#) Johann Lamont: First Glasgow Fare Increases (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

[S5M-09810](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Kits for Kids Edinburgh (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Margaret Mitchell*, Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Ruth Maguire*, Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Peter Chapman*, Bill Bowman*, Rachael Hamilton*, Murdo Fraser*, Colin Beattie*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09809](#) Stuart McMillan: Scotland's Marine Tourism Conference 2018 (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Claudia Beamish*, Jenny Gilruth*, Alex Rowley*, Clare Adamson*, Colin Beattie*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09808](#) Kenneth Gibson: The Only Game in Town (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*

[S5M-09807](#) Angus MacDonald: Big Build – Cambodia (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Colin Beattie*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09802](#) Jackson Carlaw: New Year's Honours for Eastwood (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Colin Beattie*

[S5M-09801](#) Colin Beattie: Midlothian's Food, Facts and Friends Food Bank Project (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09800](#) Jackson Carlaw: ASDA Supports Newton Mearns Community Projects (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Colin Beattie*

[S5M-09799](#) Colin Smyth: Recognising the Impact of Parkinson's in Scotland (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Liam McArthur*, Anas Sarwar*

[S5M-09798](#) Michelle Ballantyne: North Berwick Butcher Secures National Awards (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[S5M-09797](#) Bill Bowman: Monifieth Woman Raises Money for Breast Cancer Research (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Colin Beattie*

[S5M-09796](#) Gail Ross: Nae Straw at Aw in Ullapool (lodged on 09 January 2018)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Richard Lochhead*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09795](#) Graeme Dey: Arbroath Butchers' Success at the Scottish Craft Butchers Awards (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Bruce Crawford*, Colin Beattie*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09794](#) Kenneth Gibson: Auchrannie Resort Becomes Employee-owned (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jenny Gilruth*, Colin Beattie*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09793](#) Richard Lochhead: Funding for Step by Step Moray (lodged on 08 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Colin Beattie*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09792](#) Rona Mackay: Bearsden Care Home Best in UK (lodged on 08 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Richard Lyle*, Ruth Maguire*, Bill Kidd*, Ash Denham*, Joan McAlpine*, David Torrance*, Clare Haughey*, Colin Beattie*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09791](#) Rona Mackay: Young Police Volunteers Help Older People (lodged on 08 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Colin Beattie*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09790](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: 15 January, #BrewMonday (lodged on 09 January 2018)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Rona Mackay*, Iain Gray*, Ruth Maguire*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Ash Denham*, Miles Briggs*, Rachael Hamilton*, Stuart McMillan*, Liam McArthur*, Mary Fee*, John Mason*, Johann Lamont*, Colin Beattie*, Finlay Carson*, Alison Johnstone*, Bruce Crawford*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09788](#) Tavish Scott: 25th Anniversary of the Braer Disaster (lodged on 08 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Rowley*, Colin Beattie*

[S5M-09787](#) Angus MacDonald: Ann Kerr Awarded Rotary Club of Falkirk Community Achievement Award (lodged on 08 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Colin Beattie*

[S5M-09784](#) Angus MacDonald: Eddie Hughes Raises £6,000 for Breast Cancer Now (lodged on 08 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Colin Beattie*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09782](#) Sandra White: University of Glasgow's 567th Birthday (lodged on 08 January 2018)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09781](#) Richard Lochhead: 15th Anniversary of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act (lodged on 08 January 2018)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bruce Crawford*, Colin Beattie*, Gail Ross*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09778](#) Joan McAlpine: Dumfries and Galloway Blood Bikes (lodged on 08 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, John Finnie*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09772](#) John Mason: Fat Cat Thursday (lodged on 04 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, John Finnie*

[S5M-09768](#) John Mason: Rohingya Muslims (lodged on 03 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, John Finnie*

[S5M-09767](#) Kenneth Gibson: Congratulations to the William Quarrier Scottish Epilepsy Centre (lodged on 03 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Colin Beattie*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09766](#) John Mason: UK Economic Failure (lodged on 03 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-09765](#) John Mason: Offensive Behaviour at Football (lodged on 03 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09763](#) Graeme Dey: Monifieth Befriending Scheme Funding from the Henry Duncan Grants Programme (lodged on 03 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Bruce Crawford*, Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09762](#) Willie Coffey: Congratulations to Kilmarnock Wossobama Junior Fighters (lodged on 03 January 2018)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09761](#) Willie Coffey: Well Done to Fraser Wilson and David Wren (lodged on 03 January 2018)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09755](#) Fulton MacGregor: Break-in at Coatbridge Foodbank (lodged on 22 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09753](#) Linda Fabiani: Happy 50th Anniversary, Samye Ling (lodged on 22 December 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[S5M-09752](#) Linda Fabiani: Kilbryde Hospice, Serving the Community (lodged on 22 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-09751](#) Emma Harper: Dalbeattie Men's Shed Named Best in the UK (lodged on 21 December 2017)

New Support: Bruce Crawford*

[S5M-09749](#) Graeme Dey: Gin Bothy Success at the Scottish EDGE Awards (lodged on 21 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09746](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Report by the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness (lodged on 21 December 2017)

New Support: John Finnie*

[S5M-09745](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Kindred at Risk (lodged on 21 December 2017)

New Support: Ruth Davidson*, Kezia Dugdale*

[S5M-09743](#) Andy Wightman: Reporters Without Borders' 2017 Review (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09742](#) Richard Lochhead: World Cancer Day 2018 (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-09741](#) Clare Haughey: Recognising the Unsung Heroes of Christmas (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09735](#) Gordon Lindhurst: SANDS Extends Operating Hours Over Festive Period (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09734](#) Graeme Dey: SSEN Resilient Communities Funding for East Haven Together (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09733](#) Clare Haughey: Rutherglen Minister Wins Top Accolade (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09731](#) Christina McKelvie: Hamilton Karate Students Bring Back Medals from KWF UK Junior Development Championships (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09730](#) Christina McKelvie: South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network Receives National Lottery Award (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-09729](#) Christina McKelvie: Hamilton-based Dad Climbs Mount Everest for Diabetes UK
(lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09724](#) Gail Ross: Caithness General Hospital Guide on Pelvic Health Used Worldwide
(lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09723](#) Gail Ross: The Barn in Ardgay (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09721](#) Gail Ross: Tigers of Scotland (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09719](#) Gail Ross: Success of Swimmers from Wick Amateur Swimming Group (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09718](#) Gail Ross: Chronicling 140 Years of Life in Wick (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09717](#) Gail Ross: Easter Ross Vets' Anniversary Celebration (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09716](#) Gail Ross: Kia Thomas Bungee Jumps for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland
(lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09715](#) Gail Ross: Plockton High School Pupils Win YES Programme Awards (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09714](#) Gail Ross: 102nd Birthday of Elsie Maud Tait (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09712](#) Bill Kidd: Yokerburn Nursery, Afro Scottish Integration Scotland and Scottish Disability Sport Receive National Lottery Support (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09707](#) Graeme Dey: Awards for All Funding in Angus South (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09704](#) Angus MacDonald: Sahelis, Falkirk (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-09703](#) Sandra White: Catalan Regional Elections 2017 (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09702](#) Gillian Martin: Victoria Hall Trust Receives £5,478 of Big Lottery Funding (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09697](#) John Finnie: Ulva Ferry Project (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09695](#) Fulton MacGregor: Cup Success for Albion Rovers in the Community 2004's (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09694](#) Angus MacDonald: Mrs Tilly's Named Number One Sweetie Brand in Scotland (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09692](#) Angus MacDonald: Celtic Renewables Gets the Green Light to Build a New Plant (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09690](#) Stuart McMillan: Ellen Hits 40-year Milestone (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09688](#) David Torrance: Fife Tourism Success (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09687](#) Christine Grahame: Blood Bikes Scotland (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09680](#) Graeme Dey: Retirement of Angus Foster Carers, Allan and Sheena Thomson (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09677](#) Stuart McMillan: MindMosaic Counselling and Therapy in Greenock Receives Young Start Grant (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09672](#) Jeremy Balfour: Polish Family Support Centre (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09671](#) Jeremy Balfour: Pilrig Bowling Club (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09670](#) Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Arts Collective (lodged on 19 December 2017)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[**S5M-09669**](#) **Jeremy Balfour: Citadel Youth Centre** (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[**S5M-09668**](#) **Colin Beattie: Cousland SWI's Celebratory Dinner** (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[**S5M-09666**](#) **Stuart McMillan: Scottish Water's £2.8m Investment Project in Greenock** (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[**S5M-09663**](#) **Jenny Gilruth: Carmen Feeney, Champion Muay Thai Boxer** (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[**S5M-09661**](#) **Jenny Gilruth: Fife Community Food Project** (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[**S5M-09660**](#) **Jenny Gilruth: Castle Furniture Project** (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[**S5M-09659**](#) **Jenny Gilruth: Markinch Primary and Nursery School** (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[**S5M-09658**](#) **Sandra White: The Citz Redevelopment Project** (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[**S5M-09655**](#) **Emma Harper: Dupont Teijin Secures Funding For Future** (lodged on 19 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[**S5M-09649**](#) **Stewart Stevenson: Rosehearty Community Boat Club** (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[**S5M-09647**](#) **Pauline McNeill: Celtic FC Foundation** (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[**S5M-09643**](#) **Emma Harper: Let's Get Sporty** (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[**S5M-09642**](#) **Mairi Gougeon: Strathmore Rugby Football Club Receives Awards for All Scotland Funding** (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-09641](#) Clare Adamson: Windmills Lanarkshire Ltd, Motherwell (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09640](#) Clare Adamson: Newmains Community Trust (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09639](#) Mairi Gougeon: Montrose Bowling Club Receives Awards for All Scotland Funding (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09638](#) Mairi Gougeon: Ferryden School Partnership Receives Grant from the Big Lottery Fund (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09632](#) Richard Lyle: Viewpark Gardens Allotments Association (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09630](#) Emma Harper: The Family Centre in Lochside, North West Dumfries (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09628](#) Adam Tomkins: Holocaust Memorial Day 2018 (lodged on 18 December 2017)

New Support: Tavish Scott*, Kezia Dugdale*

[S5M-09620](#) Gillian Martin: Nine-year-old Rebecca Morrice Raises £1,284 for Cancer Research UK (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09618](#) Graeme Dey: Success for Arbroath Performer at Scottish Youth Theatre's National Ensemble (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09617](#) Gillian Martin: Audrey and Lindsay Cameron Raise over £2,400 for Charity (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09605](#) Bill Bowman: Shaper Caper Limited (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09602](#) Fulton MacGregor: Hat-trick Win at Media Scotland's Regionals Editorial Awards (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09597](#) Colin Beattie: Queen Margaret University Helps Ease Students' Mental Illness (lodged on 15 December 2017)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09596](#) Colin Beattie: Midlothian Young People's Advice Service Receives Grant to Aid LGBTQ Youth (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09595](#) Alison Johnstone: Comments by the Chancellor of the Exchequer Regarding the Employment of Disabled People (lodged on 15 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09591](#) Ivan McKee: Congratulating Toonspeak Young People's Theatre in Barmulloch, Glasgow (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09589](#) Gail Ross: Campaign Work of WWF Scotland (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09588](#) Ross Greer: Democratic Elections in Northern Syria (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09587](#) Gail Ross: Caithness Teenagers among the Top under-18 Darts Players in Scotland (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09586](#) Alison Harris: Last Remaining Bank in Denny to Close (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09585](#) Emma Harper: Commending the Beginning of Intergenerational Friendships in Dumfries (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09583](#) Jeremy Balfour: Queen Margaret University (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09582](#) Jeremy Balfour: Midlothian Young People's Advice Service (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09580](#) Andy Wightman: The Scotland Declaration on Human Rights (lodged on 14 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09579](#) Neil Findlay: Ending Violence Against Girls and Women (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-09576](#) Neil Findlay: Linlithgow Heritage Trust Gains Lottery Funding (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09570](#) Richard Lochhead: Elgin Restaurant Qismat wins Scotland's Favourite Curry House at Spice Awards (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09569](#) Daniel Johnson: Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09568](#) Angus MacDonald: Elizabeth Laird Celebrates her 105th Birthday (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09566](#) Angus MacDonald: Riverside Riding and Communities Along the Carron Association win ASDA Foundation Funding (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09565](#) Monica Lennon: Write to End Violence Against Women Awards 2017 (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09563](#) John Mason: Hampden Park (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09562](#) Clare Adamson: Craigneuk Takeaway Named Scotland's Best (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09560](#) Angus MacDonald: TSB Falkirk Present £10,000 to Cycling Without Age (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09559](#) Monica Lennon: Stonewall Equali-tea in South Lanarkshire (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09556](#) Angus MacDonald: Denny and Dunipace Citizens Advice Bureau Celebrates 40th Anniversary (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09555](#) Stewart Stevenson: Alabama's New Senator (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-09428](#) Clare Adamson: The Dangers of Counterfeit and Imitation Apple Chargers
(lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S5M-09328](#) Joan McAlpine: The Economic Potential of Robert Burns (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

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Questions Ceistean				

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 17 January 2018

Education and Skills

- 1. Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out on the impact on schools of its proposed reductions to local authority budgets. ([S5O-01674](#))
- 2. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure there are appropriate levels of accommodation available for higher education students attending courses at campus. ([S5O-01675](#))
- 3. Andy Wightman:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides for instrumental music education in primary and secondary schools. ([S5O-01676](#))
- 4. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to encourage qualified teachers who have left the profession to return. ([S5O-01677](#))
- 5. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government how many local authorities pay the minimum level for school clothing grants. ([S5O-01678](#))
- 6. Dean Lockhart:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage more young people into apprenticeships. ([S5O-01679](#))
- 7. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made on widening access to university, particularly for those from the most disadvantaged areas. ([S5O-01680](#))
- 8. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports distance learning for postgraduate students. ([S5O-01681](#))
- 9. Mairi Gougeon:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve teacher recruitment. ([S5O-01682](#))
- 10. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the reported high pupil-teacher ratios across the Lothian area. ([S5O-01683](#))
- 11. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on gender-neutral school uniforms. ([S5O-01684](#))
- 12. Ash Denham:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that young people in the Edinburgh Eastern constituency, particularly in more deprived areas, will be able to participate in the Year of Young People 2018. ([S5O-01685](#))
- 13. Margaret Mitchell:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that the widest possible subject choice is available to secondary school pupils. ([S5O-01686](#))
- 14. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the reported shortage of teachers in STEM subjects. ([S5O-01687](#))
- 15. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met Universities Scotland and what was discussed. ([S5O-01688](#))
- 16. Ivan McKee:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support the work of organisations that mentor care-experienced young people, such as MCR Pathways in Glasgow. ([S5O-01689](#))
- 17. Tom Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve attainment levels across Aberdeen. ([S5O-01690](#))

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18. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government how it is improving rights for children with additional support needs. ([S5O-01691](#))

19. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage children from school into higher education. ([S5O-01692](#)) R

20. Kate Forbes: To ask the Scottish Government what the impact is on teacher numbers of immigration policy. ([S5O-01693](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 18 January 2018

1. Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government when the full membership of the interim board for the South of Scotland Enterprise Agency will be announced. ([S5O-01664](#))

2. Stewart Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the R100 superfast broadband programme will have on rural areas. ([S5O-01665](#))

3. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress towards meeting waiting times targets in NHS Grampian. ([S5O-01666](#))

4. Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress towards the expansion of Scottish Ambulance Service provision in Moray. ([S5O-01667](#))

5. Ruth Maguire: To ask the Scottish Government what role it considers pharmacies should play in supporting the health of the communities that they serve. ([S5O-01668](#))

6. Jenny Gilruth: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to support the celebration of the 70th anniversary of Glenrothes new town in summer 2018. ([S5O-01669](#))

7. Tom Arthur: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports community empowerment in the Renfrewshire South constituency. ([S5O-01670](#))

8. Maurice Corry: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve community policing. ([S5O-01671](#))

9. Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to meet with local health groups to discuss palliative care in the Highlands. ([S5O-01672](#))

10. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether increases in rail fares are justified, in light of the reported decrease in ScotRail's performance. ([S5O-01673](#))

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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 10 January 2018

S5W-13740 Sandra White: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the comment in *The Scotsman* on 31 December 2017 by the artistic director of the Celtic Connections festival that, (a) because of Brexit, (i) many international artists feel unwelcome in the UK because the country now appears "less internationalist in outlook", (ii) new entry visa requirements "would be a big logistical nightmare and financial headache" for the festival and (iii) the impact on the festival's buying power because of the fall in the value in the pound has led to a 20% reduction in the number of overseas artists attending the festival and (b) without EU-funding, "maybe a dozen shows a year in our programme" would not have happened.

S5W-13741 Sandra White: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the Celtic Connections festival on the economy of (a) Glasgow and (b) Scotland.

S5W-13742 Sandra White: To ask the Scottish Government what support it will provide to the 2018 Celtic Connections festival, and what engagements (a) ministers and (b) officials plan to undertake at the event.

S5W-13747 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-13460 by Humza Yousaf on 3 January 2018, whether the proposed study will include an economic impact assessment regarding (a) the economic activity generated by the ports at Cairnryan and (b) how communities along the A77 and A75 corridors and relevant rail routes are influenced by the current road infrastructure.

S5W-13748 Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Justice received the report into undercover policing; when it will be published, and what the reason is for any delay.

S5W-13749 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-13223 by Jeane Freeman on 18 December 2017, whether the three-month bus pass for people aged 16 to 24 who have been unemployed for six months or more requires legislative change.

S5W-13750 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-13138 by Jeane Freeman on 19 December 2017, whether the Framework Document has been finalised.

S5W-13751 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) monitoring and (b) research activity it is supporting to improve the understanding of (i) industry and (ii) decision makers of the impacts of onshore wind farms on (A) birds, (B) bats, (C) peatlands and (D) other species and habitats.

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[S5W-13752](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government how many onshore wind farms it estimates will be re-powered in each of the next five years.

[S5W-13753](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what opportunities there are for developers to coordinate wind farm re-powering proposals to maximise their climate and environmental benefits.

[S5W-13754](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government how it will fulfil the commitment in its onshore wind policy to facilitate coordination between developers to maximise benefits of re-powering, including “more widely coordinated habitat restoration”.

[S5W-13755](#) Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to ensure that rail fare prices are transparent and the cheapest possible fare is made clear to customers, and what discussions it has had with (a) ScotRail and (b) other rail operators regarding this.

[S5W-13758](#) Kezia Dugdale: To ask the Scottish Government what power it has to determine new protected characteristics in addition to those listed in the Equality Act 2010 and whether it plans to do so.

[S5W-13761](#) Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported proposal by The Moray Council to reduce its number of school librarians by half as part of its 2018-19 budget.

[S5W-13762](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what work it has done to determine how split payments for universal credit will be made relative to the elements received, and what the potential employment scenarios for couples were.

[S5W-13763](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Parliament scheduling the second reading of the Universal Credit (Application, Advice and Assistance) Bill 2017-19 for 16 March 2018, whether it will make an announcement on split payments for universal credit in Scotland ahead of this date.

[S5W-13764](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether it commissioned the Department for Work and Pensions to estimate the costs of introducing split payments for universal credit in Scotland, and when this took place.

[S5W-13765](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how much it paid the Department for Work and Pensions for the implementation of the flexibilities introduced by the Universal Credit (Claims and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.

[S5W-13766](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has discussed the use of automatic split payments for universal credit with the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.

[S5W-13767](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what equality impact assessment it has conducted regarding the use of universal credit split payment flexibilities, and whether this considered domestic abuse.

[S5W-13768](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what meetings it has had with stakeholders to (a) discuss and (b) develop potential policy options for delivering split payments for universal credit, and when these took place.

[S5W-13769](#) Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work to develop a national strategy for school libraries.

[S5W-13770](#) Richard Lochhead: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on every secondary school having a library and full-time qualified librarian, and how it can encourage and promote moves towards this.

[S5W-13771](#) Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made to support the establishment of the Levenmouth Rail Link, and whether Transport Scotland will undertake the GRIP 4 study as part of this.

[S5W-13772](#) Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) funding and (b) support it is making available for local authorities to pilot and develop citizens' basic income schemes.

[S5W-13773](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-00665 by John Swinney on 16 June 2016, how many teachers there have been in each local authority in each year since 2007 who have had additional support for learning as their main subject.

[S5W-13774](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S5W-00665 and S5W-13573 by John Swinney on 16 June 2016 and 9 January 2018 respectively, for what reason the figures provided in each answer regarding the number of learning support teachers there were in each local authority from 2007 to 2015 are different.

[S5W-13775](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-13573 by John Swinney on 9 January 2018, whether the number of full-time equivalent ASN teachers recorded was rounded to the nearest whole number and, if not, for what reason whole numbers were used.

[S5W-13786](#) John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it has carried out any analysis of the shift in general usage from landline to mobile telephones and the impact of this on MSPs' ability to communicate with their constituents within current budget means.

[S5W-13788](#) Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had or plans with the UK Government regarding citizens' basic income schemes.

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Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Members' Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no indication is given that the Scottish Government or UK Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 5 Proposals:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/12419.aspx>

Final Proposal for Member's Bills

Neil Bibby: Proposed Tied Pubs (Code and Adjudicator) (Scotland) Bill— Proposal for a Bill to establish a Pubs Code in Scotland to govern the relationship between tenants of tied pubs and their owners, and an Adjudicator to enforce the code (lodged 9 January 2018)

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

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Bills

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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.

Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education and Skills)), 6 December 2017

Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 16 January 2018

Stage 1 Report - Justice Committee (24th Report, 2017)

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 12 December 2017

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
[\(\[LegislationTeam@parliament.scot\]\(mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot\)\)](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill (P)

Passed, 21 November 2017

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Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 13 December 2017

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Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 21 December 2017

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1, Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 19 December 2017

Lead committee - Equalities and Human Rights

Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Communities)), 13 December 2017

Islands (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 10 January 2018

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Finance and Constitution Committee, 6 December 2017

Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 9 January 2018

Planning (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 4 December 2017

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

Consideration Stage (evidence, lead committee (Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee), 13 December 2017

Social Security (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Social Security Committee), 25 January 2018

Amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

(LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Amendments to Part 1 should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 19 January 2018

Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 20 December 2017

Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill (P)

Passed, 14 December 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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European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-10

Lodged on 12 September 2017

Interim Report (Finance and Constitution Committee) published, 9 January 2018

Financial Guidance and Claims Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-11

Lodged on 13 December 2017

(lead committee (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)), 9 January 2018

Trade Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-12

Lodged on 20 December 2017

Lead committee - Finance and Constitution

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

Affirmative instruments

Lead committee to report by 4 February 2018

[Regulation of Investigatory Powers \(Covert Surveillance and Property Interference – Code of Practice\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (11 December 2017) (Justice)

[Regulation of Investigatory Powers \(Equipment Interference – Code of Practice\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (11 December 2017) (Justice)

[Regulation of Investigatory Powers \(Covert Human Intelligence Sources – Code of Practice\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (11 December 2017) (Justice)

Lead committee to report by 8 February 2018

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (15 December 2017) (Education and Skills)

[Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Scotland\) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (15 December 2017) (Education and Skills)

Lead committee to report by 22 February 2018

[Registers of Scotland \(Digital Registration, etc.\) Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (20 December 2017) (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work)

Lead committee to report by 23 February 2018

[Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(Supplementary and Consequential Provisions\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (21 December 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

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Subject to annulment by 18 January 2018

Lead committee to report by 15 January 2018

[Novel Foods \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/415\)](#) (24 November 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 24 January 2018

Lead committee to report by 22 January 2018

[Razor Clams \(Prohibition on Fishing and Landing\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/419\)](#) (30 November 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Notice to Local Authorities \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/421\)](#) (30 November 2017) (Justice)

[Sale of Nicotine Vapour Products \(Vending Machines\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/422\)](#) (30 November 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 31 January 2018

Lead committee to report by 29 January 2018

[Letting Agent \(Registration and Code of Practice\) \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/428\)](#) (7 December 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Fife Council Area and Perth and Kinross Council Area \(Keltybridge and Fife Environmental Energy Park at Westfield\) Boundaries Amendment Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/430\)](#) (7 December 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 6 February 2018

Lead committee to report by 5 February 2018

[National Health Service Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/433\)](#) (13 December 2017) (Health and Sport)

[National Health Service Superannuation Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/434\)](#) (13 December 2017) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 7 February 2018

Lead committee to report by 5 February 2018

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Amendment and Transitional Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/435\)](#) (14 December 2017) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 8 February 2018

Lead committee to report by 5 February 2018

[Universal Credit \(Claims and Payments\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/436\)](#) (15 December 2017) (Social Security)

[Sea Fish \(Prohibited Methods of Fishing\) \(Firth of Clyde\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/450\)](#) (15 December 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Electricity Works \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/451\)](#) (15 December 2017) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

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Lead committee to report by 19 February 2018

[Teachers' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/454\)](#) (20 December 2017) (Education and Skills)

Subject to annulment by 23 February 2018

Lead committee to report by 19 February 2018

[Specified Crustaceans \(Prohibition on Landing, Sale and Carriage\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/455\)](#) (21 December 2017) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Allotments \(Compensation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/457\)](#) (21 December 2017) (Local Government and Communities)

[Forced Marriage etc. \(Protection and Jurisdiction\) \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Relevant Third Party\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/461\)](#) (21 December 2017) (Justice)

Documents laid for consultation

Laid for consultation before 22 January 2018

[Public Services Reform \(Poverty and Inequality Commission\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\] \[Proposed Draft Order\] \(SG/2017/239\)](#) (8 November 2017) (Social Security)

[Public Services Reform \(Poverty and Inequality Commission\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\] \[Proposed Explanatory Document\] \(SG/2017/240\)](#) (8 November 2017) (Social Security)

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Committee Reports

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The following report was published on 11 January 2018

Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2018 (Session 5): Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 (SP Paper 256)

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