

Thursday 18 January 2018

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**followed by** 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

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Public Petitions Committee

**9:30am** Equalities and Human Rights Committee

**9:30am** Social Security Committee

**9:45am** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

**10:00am** Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

**1:00pm** Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 11:40 am General Questions

- 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](#))

### 12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Ruth Davidson:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01914](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01915](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01916](#))
- 4. Richard Lochhead:** To ask the First Minister what discussions the Scottish Government has had with the UK Government regarding concerns expressed by the Scotch whisky industry regarding the possible consequences of Brexit for customs arrangements. ([S5F-01929](#))
- 5. Finlay Carson:** To ask the First Minister what support the Scottish Government is providing to the inshore fishing industry. ([S5F-01941](#))
- 6. Monica Lennon:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the Campaign for Freedom of Information in Scotland's campaign, Get it Minuted. ([S5F-01925](#))
- 7. Tavish Scott:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government will take to increase, and improve diversity in, the early learning and childcare workforce. ([S5F-01939](#))

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

**[S5M-08845 Maurice Corry: 100 Years of Women in the British Armed Forces](#)**—That the Parliament notes that 2017 is the centenary of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), which was the first time that women were formally fully enrolled in the armed forces; further notes that more than 57,000 women, including some from the west of Scotland, served in the WAAC from July 1917 till 1921, including some 10,000 in France in a variety of roles, including drivers, clerks, signallers, cooks, bakers, orderlies, waitresses, codebreakers, printers, gardeners, domestics, typists and phone operators; understands that the earliest advocates for the creation of the WAAC, and also the corps' first chief controller and controller, were the Scots, Mona Geddes and Helen Fraser; believes that women form a valued and integral part of the British Armed Forces; welcomes that, since September 2017, every role in the Royal Air Force is now open to women, making it the first branch of the British military to do so, and notes the views that other military branches should follow suit.

## 2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**[S5M-09927 Jeane Freeman: Building a Connected Scotland: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Together](#)**—That the Parliament recognises that social isolation and loneliness affect people of all ages and stages of life; believes that it is people and communities themselves that have a central role in building and maintaining social connections and supporting those who may be socially isolated; acknowledges that the Scottish Government has an important role to play in showing leadership as well as creating the conditions that allow people and communities to design and deliver solutions that best meet their needs; welcomes therefore the publication of the Scottish Government's draft strategy, *A Connected Scotland*, and encourages everyone to respond to this important consultation, and further welcomes the good work of a range of organisations from the third sector and elsewhere in tackling these issues, including the Campaign to End Loneliness and the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness, which aims to highlight the fact that everyone can do something to help lonely people in the community.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S5M-09927.2 Annie Wells: Building a Connected Scotland: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Together](#)**—As an amendment to motion S5M-09927 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Building a Connected Scotland: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Together), leave out from ", and further welcomes" to end and insert "; recognises the need to find concrete ways of measuring and monitoring progress to best understand how the future strategy is working; welcomes the good work of a range of organisations from the third sector and elsewhere in tackling these issues, including the Campaign to End Loneliness and the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness, which aims to highlight the fact that everyone can do something to help lonely people in the community, and further welcomes the appointment of a new UK minister to lead on loneliness and continue the work of Jo Cox."

**[S5M-09927.1 Monica Lennon: Building a Connected Scotland: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Together](#)**—As an amendment to motion S5M-09927 in the name of Jeane Freeman

(Building a Connected Scotland: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Together), after "important consultation" insert "; recognises the importance of local government in delivering community services that tackle loneliness, and that austerity-driven budget cuts to local authorities reduce their capacity to do this".

**[S5M-09927.3](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Building a Connected Scotland: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Together**—As an amendment to motion S5M-09927 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Building a Connected Scotland: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Together), insert at end "; believes that the planning decisions of local authorities can be driven by the pressures of demand at the expense of placemaking and social cohesion; considers that the way in which the built environment is established and maintained is an important factor in addressing social isolation and loneliness; welcomes that the draft strategy recognises that falls, and the fear of falling, are a common cause of social isolation, particularly among older people; recalls that the Parliament voted in favour of developing a national falls strategy on 2 March 2017, and urges the Scottish Government to explain how this is being progressed."

**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

## Committee Meetings

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

### Public Petitions Committee 1st Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Consideration of a continued petition:** The Committee will consider [PE1627](#) by Annette McKenzie on Consent for mental health treatment for people under 18 years of age, and will take evidence from—  
Maureen Watt, Minister for Mental Health, Ruth Christie, Head of Early Interventions, Mental Health and Protection of Rights Division, and Dr John Mitchell, Principal Medical Officer and Psychiatric Adviser, Scottish Government.
2. **Consideration of a continued petition:** The Committee will consider [PE1651](#) by Marion Brown on behalf of Recovery and Renewal on Prescribed drug dependence and withdrawal, and will take evidence from—  
Maureen Watt, Minister for Mental Health, Jenny Simons, Policy Officer, Mental Health and Protection of Rights Division, and Dr John Mitchell, Principal Medical Officer and Psychiatric Adviser, Scottish Government.

### Equalities and Human Rights Committee 1st Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Universal Periodic Review:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's latest response to the Universal Periodic Review from—  
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities, Duncan Isles, Head of Human Rights Policy, and David Holmes, Human Rights Policy Officer, Scottish Government.
3. **Universal Periodic Review:** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
4. **Human Rights and the Scottish Parliament:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will review its work programme.

### Social Security Committee 1st Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Consideration of proposed draft Public Services Reform Order** The Committee will take evidence on the draft Public Services Reform (Poverty and Inequality Commission) (Scotland) Order 2018 from:  
Gillian Cross, Child Poverty Lead, Scottish Government;  
Paul Tyrer, Head of Social Justice Strategy, Scottish Government; and

Colin Brown, Senior Principal Legal Officer (ECT Division), Scottish Government.

3. **Consideration of Universal Credit Regulations** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument - The Universal Credit (Claims and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/436)
4. **Child Poverty Delivery Plan** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities.
5. **Consideration of Disability and Carers Benefits Expert Advisory Group Report:** The Committee will consider a report from the Disability and Carers Benefits Expert Advisory Group on independent scrutiny of social security.
6. **Consideration of the Committee's work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 1st Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Elaine Smith will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of evidence heard, and a draft report, on its inquiry into sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct should be taken in private at future meetings.
4. **Cross-Party Groups:** The Committee will consider applications for recognition from two Cross-Party Groups, and take evidence from—  
 Graeme Dey, Co-Convener of the proposed CPG on Autism;  
 and then from—  
 Kenneth Gibson, Convener of the proposed CPG on Life Sciences.
5. **Sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
 Susan Duffy, Group Head of Committees and Outreach, Lorna Foreman, Head of Organisational Development, and David McGill, Assistant Chief Executive, Scottish Parliament.
6. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Groups on Autism and Life Sciences.
7. **Sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
8. **Commission on Parliamentary reform - Member's Bills (in private):** The Committee will consider a note by the clerk.

### Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 2nd Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to —the NHS Workforce Planning and NHS in Scotland 2017 audits; the Self-Directed Support audit/ post-legislative scrutiny; its post-legislative scrutiny work programme; scrutinising Major Capital Projects updates from the Scottish Government; and settlement agreements / severance policy.

## Justice Sub-Committee on Policing 1st Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Daniel Johnson will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Convener:** The Sub-Committee will choose a Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Sub-Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
4. **Work programme:** The Sub-Committee will consider its work programme.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 17 January 2018

### Tuesday 23 January 2018

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Finance and Constitution Committee Debate: European Union (Withdrawal) Bill LCM – Interim Report

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-08211 Rona Mackay: Condemns Unpaid Trial Shifts

### Wednesday 24 January 2018

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions  
Health and Sport

**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 — S5M-09381 Gail Ross: Adverse Childhood Experiences

### Thursday 25 January 2018

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-08960 Maurice Golden: Electric Shock Training Collars in Scotland

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Stage 1 Debate: Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Tuesday 30 January 2018

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**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### **Wednesday 31 January 2018**

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions  
Communities, Social Security and Equalities

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### **Thursday 1 February 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** Stage 3 Proceedings: Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

## Future Committee Meetings

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

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## Motions

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

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- \* before the number indicates publication for the first time
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## Motions for Debate

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Supported by: Angela Constance, Kevin Stewart

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Supported by: Miles Briggs\*

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### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*S5M-09965 Bob Doris: HIV and UK Aviation**—That the Parliament condemns the reported decision by the Civil Aviation Authority to deny class 1 medical certificates to people living with HIV, which it understands prevents otherwise capable pilots from taking up employment as commercial airline pilots; believes that the medical evidence that is being used to justify this decision was published in 2007 and considers that advances in HIV medicine and treatment render such evidence out of date; understands that, under the Equality Act 2010, HIV is recognised as a disability and protected characteristic, which should protect people living with it from employment discrimination; recognises that a number of countries worldwide allow people living with HIV to become commercial airline pilots, including the Netherlands, Australia, Canada and New Zealand, and urges the Civil Aviation Authority to take urgent steps to avoid what it considers such discrimination for people living with HIV.

**\*S5M-09964 Michelle Ballantyne: Gold for Gala Harrier, Faisal Khursheed**—That the Parliament recognises Faisal Khursheed, of Gala Harriers, who helped the Scotland Celtic under-20 cross country team to Gold at the British Cross Country Challenge; understands that the 17-year-old finished 12th in a time of 19.58 and was the third counter for the team, and congratulates Faisal and his teammates on their success.

Supported by: Ruth Maguire\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Peter Chapman\*, David Torrance\*, Tom Mason\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Margaret Mitchell\*

**\*S5M-09963 Michelle Ballantyne: Midlothian Ageing Well in Trinidad and Tobago**—That the Parliament recognises the volunteers from the Midlothian Ageing Well project who travelled to Trinidad and Tobago to help build homes and introduce walking football to the country; understands that the group spent a fortnight helping to promote the health and social benefits of the game; notes that, as well as being involved in a football tournament, the volunteers worked with Habitat for Humanity in laying foundations and painting houses, and commends them on their efforts to better the lives of others.

Supported by: Tom Mason\*, Bill Kidd\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Peter Chapman\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Margaret Mitchell\*

**\*S5M-09962 Maurice Golden: Tomorrow's Older People Today Programme**—That the Parliament congratulates the Barrhead-based organisation, Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire, on being awarded £400,000 by the Big Lottery Fund's Improving Lives programme, which it will

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use to deliver its two-year programme, Tomorrow's Older People Today, which aims to engage the older people of the future in developing the confidence and connections that are required to help them age well; believes that this will transform the way that communities collaborate to reduce social isolation and improve the quality of life for the ageing population, and wishes all involved with the programme every success.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Ruth Maguire\*

**\*S5M-09961 Sandra White: Townhead Supports Community Cohesion**—That the Parliament welcomes the awarding of £129,670 in Big Lottery funding to Stepping Stones for Families; notes that this will help the group to work with minority ethnic families in the Townhead area of Glasgow to address isolation and help them develop a sense of belonging to the community; understands that it will put together a programme of family and community play programmes at Townhead Village Hall at which parents and children will work together and meet other families from the area; welcomes this award and the efforts to improve community cohesion, and wishes everyone involved with the project the best of luck.

Supported by: Ash Denham\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Anas Sarwar\*, David Torrance\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Bill Kidd\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Graeme Dey\*, Gail Ross\*, Rona Mackay\*

**\*S5M-09960 Emma Harper: Young Farmers Fly the Flag in Denver**—That the Parliament commends Andrew Hunter-Blair, Alexander Davidson, Callum Park and Jim White, who are four young farmers from across Dumfries and Galloway, who recently visited Denver in the United States to attend a cattle show on a learning journey organised by the Galloway Cattle Society; notes that the key aim of the trip was to promote, inspire and up-skill farmers under the age of 30 who have an interest in the historic and ancient Galloway breed; understands that the trip was the first in a series of three international journeys to promote the breed; wishes the young farmers the very best in the programme, and encourages all to consider buying locally-sourced Galloway beef.

Supported by: Ruth Maguire\*, Ash Denham\*, Richard Lyle\*, Gail Ross\*, Joan McAlpine\*, David Torrance\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Bill Kidd\*

**\*S5M-09959 Bill Kidd: Congratulating the Glasgow Wood Recycling Project**—That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow Wood Recycling Project on receiving £149,932 from the Big Lottery Fund; understands that the group will use its grant to work with men who experience loneliness and isolation by providing one-on-one support and a range of activities and training, and recognises the work that this group continues to do to help the men involved become confident and integrated into the wider community, as well as through its other multi-generational work programmes.

**\*S5M-09958 Bill Kidd: Congratulating ANYiSO in Glasgow Anniesland**—That the Parliament congratulates the charity, ANYiSO, in the Glasgow Anniesland constituency on being awarded £115,440 from the Big Lottery fund; acknowledges the contribution that ANYiSO makes within Glasgow by supporting and empowering African and other black and minority ethnic women around the city, and notes that it provides both drop-in sessions and workshops on a weekly basis that help people individually with confidence building and integrating into their communities.

**\*S5M-09957 Margaret Mitchell: NHS Lanarkshire's Midwives**—That the Parliament congratulates NHS Lanarkshire's midwifery team on being nominated for the prestigious Royal College of Midwives (RCM) Award for Midwifery Service of the Year; understands that the team was nominated by Dr Mary Ross-Davie, the RCM country director for Scotland, and is one of four

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finalists; notes that the award recognises excellence, innovation and outstanding midwifery, and wishes the team luck for the awards ceremony on 6 March 2018 in London.

Supported by: Tom Mason\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Peter Chapman\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Liz Smith\*, Miles Briggs\*, Ruth Maguire\*

**\*S5M-09956 Margaret Mitchell: Congratulations to the Airdrie & Coatbridge**

**Advertiser**—That the Parliament congratulates journalists at the *Airdrie & Coatbridge Advertiser* on winning three prizes at Media Scotland's Regionals Editorial Awards; understands that Mark Pirie won the Sportswriter of the Year title, Jean Ward won the Unsung Hero award, and the editor, Graham Miller, won Scoop of the Year; notes that the awards recognise excellence across Media Scotland's 17 weekly newspapers, and wishes the newspaper and its journalists continued success.

Supported by: Tom Mason\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Peter Chapman\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Liz Smith\*, Miles Briggs\*, Ruth Maguire\*

**\*S5M-09955 Angus MacDonald: Malcolm Allan Butchers Feeds the Troops for the**

**Festivities**—That the Parliament salutes Malcolm Allan butchers in Falkirk for its efforts in sending steak pies and lorne sausage to Cyprus to feed 250 soldiers from the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards for Christmas; understands that Scotland's most senior and only regular cavalry regiment is working as part of a UN peacekeeping force and specifically requested Malcolm Allan steak pies and lorne sausage due to the butcher's high-quality produce being a favourite of the soldiers and a nice reminder of home; recognises the vital role that the Armed Forces play in keeping us safe at home and abroad; notes with concern recent surveys showing one-in-four Armed Forces family members feel that their loved one's situation has had an impact on their own mental health and wellbeing, and that only 5% would seek help from a mental health professional; calls on everyone to get behind the Help for Heroes campaign, You are not alone, as part of its Hidden Wounds initiative, which helps Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families seek the support that they need and rightly deserve; commends Malcolm Allan for its support for Armed Forces personnel serving abroad, and thanks these people for their continued commitment to keeping us safe wherever they are in the world.

Supported by: Richard Lyle\*, Richard Lochhead\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, David Torrance\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Bill Kidd\*

**\*S5M-09954 Bruce Crawford on behalf of the Finance and Constitution Committee: Interim**

**Report**—That the Parliament notes the recommendations of the Finance and Constitution Committee's 1st Report 2018 (Session 5), *European Union (Withdrawal) Bill LCM - Interim Report* (SP Paper 255).

Supported by: Adam Tomkins\*

**\*S5M-09953 Emma Harper: Crichton Trust, Dumfries**—That the Parliament commends the Crichton Trust on the work that it is doing to promote, regenerate and care for the Crichton Estate and other buildings of historic interest throughout Dumfries and Galloway; recognises that its mission is to preserve, enhance and interpret the historic character of the Crichton Estate and develop it with a clear identity as a place of educational, commercial, recreational, cultural and artistic excellence; understands that the Crichton Trust has good working partnerships with the local authority, NHS Dumfries and Galloway and the Crichton Campus Leadership Group, which comprises representation from various stakeholders, including the universities of Glasgow and the West of Scotland, which both have campuses on the Crichton grounds, as well as SRUC and the Crichton Carbon Centre; recognises that collectively the stakeholders involved are continuing to

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make the Crichton Estate an attractive place to work, train and study, and wishes the Crichton Trust the very best with its future plans.

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**\*S5M-09952 Jenny Gilruth: David Nelson, Glenrothes Community Champion**—That the Parliament pays tribute to the life and work of David Nelson, a true community champion of Glenrothes, who has sadly passed away; extends its sympathies to his wife, Maureen, and his children, Vicky and David, and recognises his commitment to Glenrothes as a founder member of the Auchmuty Tenants Association and Glenrothes Area Residents Federation, his drive to ensure that a new CISWO was built and completed, his successful court challenge to the so-called bedroom tax and his total and absolute commitment to the people of Auchmuty and Glenrothes.

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**\*S5M-09951 Edward Mountain: University of Highlands and Islands Raises Over £6,000 for the Highland Hospice**—That the Parliament commends the staff from the University of Highlands and Islands in raising £6,494.41 for the Highland Hospice; understands that the money was raised following a raffle, coffee morning and a mince pie and Christmas jumper day; acknowledges the individual personal challenges to raise money undertaken by Jeanne Boyd, Helen Anton and Dr Iain Morrison; notes that the Highland Hospice will use the donation to support its work in improving the quality of life for people with life-limiting illnesses; applauds the continued support the University of Highlands and Islands gives to the charities sector, and wishes it the best for its fundraising efforts in the future.

**\*S5M-09950 Richard Lochhead: Pernod Ricard Ban Non-biodegradable Plastic Straws and Stirrers**—That the Parliament congratulates Pernod Ricard on its decision to ban plastic straws and stirrers in any part of its business; understands that the business has decided to stop using non-biodegradable straws and stirrers as part of its New Year resolutions; notes that the group has asked all of its affiliates globally to ensure that non-biodegradable straws are not used at any Pernod Ricard events in the future; acknowledges that a straw, which is only used for an average of 20 minutes, can take more than 200 years to breakdown into smaller pieces and often does not disintegrate; recognises that this is an important step for the beverage industry in tackling the damaging impacts that non-biodegradable plastics are having on the global environment; commends Pernod Ricard's decision to ban plastic straws and stirrers, and hopes that other industry-leading organisations will follow in its footsteps.

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**\*S5M-09949 Alexander Stewart: Ancre Somme Association and the Scouting Organisations Support the Ribbon of Poppies Project**—That the Parliament recognises the continuing success in Scotland of the UK-wide Ribbon of Poppies project; acknowledges that this Remembrance project was the brainchild of Iain Henderson from Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire; understands that his initial idea was the creation of a carpet of crimson from Land's End to John O'Groats to remember all those killed or wounded during the First World War; believes that Iain and colleagues from The Memorial Mob, which is a group dedicated to creating memorials and events to help remember the Armed Services, are hoping the poppy ribbon will be a living legacy to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice; notes that, since Iain launched the Ribbon of Poppies project, hundreds of Scout, Cub, Guide and Brownie groups have pledged support, as well as a

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number of schools and other community organisations; further notes that, soon after the launch, it soon became apparent to all involved that the project was going to bigger than just the UK, as pledges started coming in from all over the world; considers that, around the same time, the Ancre Somme Association launched a similar initiative that had the same aims and objectives, with the only difference being that it produced packets of Remembrance poppy seeds, with profits from the sale of the poppies being donated to the William McFadzean VC Commemoration Society; welcomes the news that the Ancre Somme Association is inviting Scouts of all ages to take part in its Ribbons of Poppies campaign to grow poppies across Scotland in order to remember those who lost their lives; is enthused that all that is required to take part is a small bit of a land and a packet of scarlet red field poppy seeds; commends the Ancre Somme Association on its enthusiastic approach to this project, and wishes everyone involved the very best of luck in their endeavours. **R**

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**\*S5M-09948 Neil Findlay: St John's Children's Ward Closed to Out-of-hours Inpatients for 29 Weeks**—That the Parliament understands that, as of 17 January 2018, St John's Hospital's children's ward has been closed to inpatients out-of-hours for 29 weeks and shows no sign of reopening; believes that this is failing children and their parents, who need a fully-functioning 24/7 paediatric service at the hospital, and calls on NHS Lothian and the Scottish Government to end this situation as a matter of urgency.

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**\*S5M-09947 Gail Ross: Ainess Academy Pupil Wins National Geography Award**—That the Parliament warmly congratulates Amandeep Kainth, who received a Scottish Association of Geography Teachers Award for achieving full marks in his geography Higher examination; recognises that Amandeep is highly passionate about geoscience and in 2017 made an augmented reality sandbox, which he presented at the Celebration of Engineering and Science in 2016, earning him the Gold Crest Award; acknowledges Amandeep's admirable conscientiousness, and wishes him future success and enjoyment in the field of geoscience.

**\*S5M-09946 Gail Ross: Plans to Create Innovative Independent Housing in the Highlands**—That the Parliament welcomes plans to develop innovative new homes for independent living in the Highlands; recognises that their aim is to assist older and disabled people to live independently for as long as possible; notes that the 44 homes constructed will include technology such as data capture, sensors and internet software that can predict and prevent illnesses and episodes, therefore potentially preventing hospital stays; recognises that the homes will be managed by Albryn Housing in partnership with NHS Highland and Carbon Dynamic, and looks forward to seeing the progress of the project.

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**\*S5M-09945 Gail Ross: Commemoration of Captain David McAndie in Canada**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Captain David McAndie, originally from Portmahomack, has been honoured in Canada with the naming of a valley there in his memory; notes that Captain McAndie served as a soldier in the Canadian military during the First World War after he emigrated to North America; considers that this award is greatly deserved and notes that it is one of the many he received for bravery in battle, which include a Distinguished Conduct Medal and a

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Military Cross; notes that the renamed valley is close to where Captain McAndie lived in Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, and believes that his remaining family can take great pride in this tribute.

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**\*S5M-09944 Neil Findlay: Clause 11 of the EU Withdrawal Bill**—That the Parliament notes the vote in the House of Commons on 16 January 2018 on Clause 11 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill 2017-19; understands that Scottish Conservative MPs voted against Labour and SNP amendments, which, it believes, would have protected and respected the devolution settlement, and calls on Ruth Davidson, as the Scottish Conservative Party leader, to condemn the actions of the MPs from Scotland who voted against the unanimous views of the Finance and Constitution Committee.

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**\*S5M-09943 Kenneth Gibson: Rename Glasgow Prestwick Robert Burns International Airport**—That the Parliament supports the campaign to rename Glasgow Prestwick Airport to Robert Burns International Airport in honour and memory of Scotland's national bard; believes that the life and works of Burns plays a significant role in attracting tourists and, as such, agrees that the international airport in Burns' homeland of Ayrshire should be renamed to reflect this, and considers that renaming Prestwick airport to help promote Scotland's rich culture and heritage around the world would help attract more visitors to the country and the airport itself.

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**\*S5M-09942 Monica Lennon: UNISON Report, Road to Nowhere**—That the Parliament welcomes the UNISON report, *Road To Nowhere*, which surveyed local authority roads' teams and considered the impact of austerity on services and those who deliver them;

notes the key findings in the report, including that across Scotland roads budgets have been cut by 21% since 2011-12 and that budget cuts are severely impacting on local authorities' ability to deliver a high quality service;

is concerned that roads teams are, it believes, continuing to experience a reducing workforce and increased demands on the service;

notes that the report also found morale among workers to be low, with staff feeling overworked and undervalued, skipping breaks, working late and reporting high levels of stress to ensure that work is completed;

thanks local authority staff who it considers are working hard to keep people safe, especially during winter weather,

and calls on the UK and Scottish governments to reverse the cuts and invest in public services and communities.

**\*S5M-09941 Willie Rennie: Strathcona Cup 2018**—That the Parliament welcomes the Canadian Strathcona Cup Team to Scotland as it visits to vie for the oldest trophy in international curling;

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understands that the first competition between the two countries was in 1902 when 25 Scots curlers took part in the inaugural Canadian tour; notes that the competition, which takes place every five years, still involves curlers of both countries playing nationwide over a number of weeks, and wishes the players from both sides of the Atlantic well in what it expects will be a competitive set of fixtures and a celebration of a 116-year bond.

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**\*S5M-09936 Clare Adamson: Firpark Secondary School Donation to St Andrew's Hospice**—That the Parliament commends Firpark Secondary School in Motherwell for its donation to St Andrew's Hospice; applauds the school for raising £691.72 for such a worthy organisation; notes that the school has been committed to raising funds for the hospice for many years; understands that, this year, students raised money over Christmas by making gifts to sell at the parents' night, as well as hosting a movie day; appreciates that St Andrew's Hospice is crucial to the community as one of Lanarkshire's main providers of specialist palliative care; applauds Firpark Secondary School for its commitment to charity, and wishes both the school and the hospice all the best in the future.

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**\*S5M-09935 Clare Adamson: Retirement of WM Ross Hamilton**—That the Parliament congratulates the Watch Manager, Ross Hamilton, from Motherwell Red Watch on his forthcoming retirement from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS); commends Ross for his dedicated service to SFRS over the last 30 years and nine days; appreciates all that he has done to protect the safety of the people of North Lanarkshire, and wishes him all the best in his retirement.

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**\*S5M-09934 Clare Adamson: Retirement of the Footballer, Steven Hammell**—That the Parliament offers its best wishes to Steven Hammell, the long-serving left back for Motherwell FC, on his forthcoming retirement after almost 600 games and 20 years with the Steelmen; acknowledges that highlights of Steven's impressive career include playing 12 times for Scotland under-21s between 2001 and 2004, being named Motherwell Supporters' Association Player of the Year in 2001, and getting drafted into Scotland's top squad for a World Cup qualifier against Croatia in May 2013; understands that he has played under 12 managers as a Motherwell player; notes that he is leaving the team at the end of January 2018 to take over as the Fir Park club's new Academy Director; considers that Steven's experience as a great player and model professional for the club and the academy, where he has already worked for several years, will serve as an inspiration to young people in football; is aware that helping young players is crucial to the ongoing success of Motherwell FC, and commends Steven for his continued commitment to the Steelmen and the development of youth in the sport.

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**\*S5M-09933 Clare Adamson: James Chapman Butchers Savoury Pastry Success**—That the Parliament congratulates James Chapman Butchers on being awarded four medals in the Scottish Craft Butchers Savoury Pastry Products Awards 2018; understands that the butchers, which has

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shops in both Motherwell and Wishaw, was awarded two gold medals, one for its handheld steak pies and one for its chicken curry pies; notes that, in addition to the two gold medals, it also received two silver medals for its bridies and mince and onion pies; appreciates that the Scottish Craft Butchers Awards foster and encourage product innovation in Scotland's independent sector by highlighting original or innovative culinary creations; recognises that James Chapman Butchers has previously received awards for innovation, including silver medals in 2017 for its Scotch pies, sausage rolls and handheld steak pies, and wishes it all the best in the future.

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**\*S5M-09932 Clare Adamson: Motherwell and Wishaw Rotary Club Raising Funds for Tackling Polio**—That the Parliament commends the Motherwell and Wishaw Rotary Club for its commitment to raising awareness and funds over the next year for the eradication of polio; recognises that funds will go to the Purple4Polio campaign, which is designed to unite communities and engage in activities as part of the final push to eradicate polio internationally; understands that, since Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the occurrence of polio has dropped by more than 99.9%, with cases having gone from 350,000 a year in 125 countries to just 37 cases in three countries, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria, as of 2016; notes that the Motherwell and Wishaw Rotary Club will raise funds weekly through its Bonus Ball, as well as monthly from its Numbers Club, and further commends the club's efforts to help eradicate polio.

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**\*S5M-09931 Clare Adamson: New Area Commander for Local Policing in Motherwell, Bellshill, Wishaw and Shotts**—That the Parliament congratulates Chief Inspector Mark Leonard on his appointment as the new Area Commander for local policing in Motherwell, Bellshill, Wishaw and Shotts; recognises that Chief Inspector Leonard served in the Royal Air Force as an Aerospace Systems Operator before joining Grampian Police in 1995; understands that in 2000 he transferred to Strathclyde, working in a variety of roles, including local policing, proactive and reactive investigations and licensing, as well as specialist roles such as family liaison officer, covert source handler and as a public order/CBRN responder; commends him for his work as leader of a national team at the Scottish Crime Campus, Gartcosh, supporting local policing and the Specialist Crime Division; considers that, because he lives locally, the Chief Inspector will have a personal understanding of local priorities; notes that he hopes to focus on individuals causing the most harm, as well as working collaboratively with relevant partners in the community, and looks forward to his work to make Motherwell and the surrounding areas safer for everyone.

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**\*S5M-09930 Clare Adamson: Mears Scotland Festive Lunch for Older People**—That the Parliament commends Mears Scotland for its annual festive holiday lunch to tackle the isolation and loneliness of older people in Motherwell; understands that the lunch was served at the ML1 restaurant in New College Lanarkshire's Motherwell Campus; notes that the lunch was attended by 40 residents from Contact the Elderly, Sporting Memories, Mears Care and Mears Supported Living; recognises that students from New College Lanarkshire's Motherwell Campus cooked and served the meal while Mears' apprentices looked after guests; appreciates that Mears Scotland

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has held this event annually since 2014, and looks forward to its continued commitment to tackling isolation and loneliness of older people in Motherwell.

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### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S5M-09940](#) Annie Wells: Home-Start Glasgow South Receives Big Lottery Funding** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Liz Smith\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Miles Briggs\*, Johann Lamont\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Tom Mason\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Bill Kidd\*, Alison Harris\*, Peter Chapman\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Edward Mountain\*, Rona Mackay\*, Colin Beattie\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-09939](#) Annie Wells: Lingo Flamingo Receives Big Lottery Funding to Help People with Dementia** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Richard Lyle\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Ivan McKee\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*, Colin Beattie\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-09938](#) Alexander Stewart: Royal Mail and Boxing Poet Launch a New Film on Mental Health** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*, Miles Briggs\*, Tom Mason\*, Claire Baker\*, Alison Harris\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-09937](#) Maurice Golden: Iceland to End the Use of Plastic Packaging** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Alexander Stewart\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Edward Mountain\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Maurice Corry\*, Richard Lochhead\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*, Gail Ross\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Jamie Greene\*, Tom Mason\*, Bill Kidd\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, David Torrance\*, Alison Harris\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-09929](#) Clare Haughey: Asda Foundation Funding for Healthy n Happy Community Development Trust** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Pauline McNeill\*

**[S5M-09928](#) Christina McKelvie: Celebrating BEMIS Scotland and the Importance of Multicultural Inclusion** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Ivan McKee\*, Anas Sarwar\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Bill Kidd\*, Clare Haughey\*, John Finnie\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, John Mason\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*, Pauline McNeill\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*

**[S5M-09924](#) Bruce Crawford: John Muir Award 21st Anniversary** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*

**[S5M-09923](#) Alexander Stewart: Help for Heroes' You Are Not Alone Initiative** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

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New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-09922](#) Christine Grahame: Sparrow Sparsity** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Donald Cameron\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Clare Haughey\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, David Torrance\*

**[S5M-09921](#) Gillian Martin: Encouraging Cyber-resilience Among Young People** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*

**[S5M-09918](#) James Dornan: Support for Maltese Freedom of Speech** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, David Torrance\*

**[S5M-09917](#) Clare Haughey: Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre Big Lottery Funding** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth\*, David Torrance\*, Colin Beattie\*

**[S5M-09916](#) Clare Haughey: Funding for Project 31** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth\*, David Torrance\*

**[S5M-09915](#) Adam Tomkins: Rangers FC Honoured with Autism Friendly Award** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Ivan McKee\*, Miles Briggs\*, Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09912](#) Edward Mountain: Embo, Avoch and Tarskavaig all Nominated for the UK Village of the Year Competition** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Gail Ross\*, Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-09911](#) Tom Arthur: Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, David Torrance\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09910](#) Fulton MacGregor: WASPI Glasgow and Lanarkshire Meeting in Coatbridge** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Jenny Gilruth\*, David Torrance\*

**[S5M-09909](#) Alexander Stewart: Police Officers Raise Almost £1,000 for Cairneyhill Primary School** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*

**[S5M-09908](#) Jenny Gilruth: Fundraising Success by Ritchie Wilson for Social Bite** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S5M-09907](#) Jenny Gilruth: Muirhead Outreach Project** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

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New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S5M-09906](#) Jenny Gilruth: Funding Awarded to SAMH** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Edward Mountain\*, David Torrance\*

**[S5M-09905](#) John Mason: Free Asia Bibi** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, David Torrance\*

**[S5M-09904](#) Patrick Harvie: Protecting Carillion Workers** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Johnstone\*

**[S5M-09903](#) Jeremy Balfour: Saheliya** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-09902](#) Jeremy Balfour: Community Enterprise Limited** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-09901](#) James Dornan: Congratulating Home-Start Glasgow South** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*

**[S5M-09899](#) Peter Chapman: Recipient of British Empire Medal** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09898](#) Peter Chapman: Ythan Fiddlers Charitable Contribution** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-09897](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Lighthouse Community Projects** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-09896](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Peebles Cyclo-Cross National Champion** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst\*, Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09895](#) Michelle Ballantyne: East Lothian Firefighter Awarded for Two Decades of Service** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-09892](#) Neil Findlay: Ward Play Area Revamp** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst\*

**[S5M-09889](#) Jeremy Balfour: Leonard Cheshire Disability, Investors in People Platinum Award** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst\*, Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Liam Kerr\*

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**[S5M-09888.4 Murdo Fraser: Protecting Public Services](#)** (lodged on 16 January 2018)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*

**[S5M-09886 Neil Findlay: Protect Scotland's Devolution Settlement](#)** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Mark Griffin\*, Claudia Beamish\*, Claire Baker\*, Colin Smyth\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Alex Rowley\*, Johann Lamont\*, Pauline McNeill\*, Neil Bibby\*, Monica Lennon\*

**[S5M-09884 Liam Kerr: Eat Safe Award for Glenesk Retreat and Folk Museum](#)** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09883 Willie Coffey: Congratulations to Brownings the Bakers](#)** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth\*

**[S5M-09882 Neil Findlay: Adam Montgomery, a Life of Public Service](#)** (lodged on 15 January 2018)

New Support: Kezia Dugdale\*

**[S5M-09880 Ross Greer: Support for Political Prisoners in Turkey](#)** (lodged on 12 January 2018)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09879 Murdo Fraser: Reduction in Income Inequality](#)** (lodged on 12 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*

**[S5M-09878 Bill Bowman: Arbroath New Year Dook](#)** (lodged on 12 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09875 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Low Income Families Together \(LIFT\)](#)** (lodged on 12 January 2018)

New Support: Ben Macpherson\*

**[S5M-09874 Michelle Ballantyne: Borders Athletes Become Scottish Champions](#)** (lodged on 12 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09873 Michelle Ballantyne: Peebles High Collects Gold for Sport](#)** (lodged on 12 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09872 Jeremy Balfour: West Lothian Butchers Win Top Awards](#)** (lodged on 12 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09871 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Dr John Rae Expedition](#)** (lodged on 12 January 2018)

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New Support: Tom Mason\*, Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09870](#) Oliver Mundell: Leonard Cheshire Disability's Can Do Programme in Dumfries** (lodged on 12 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09869](#) Alexander Burnett: Sandra Cairns** (lodged on 12 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09864](#) Iain Gray: Celebrating Scotland's Wetlands** (lodged on 12 January 2018)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*, John Finnie\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*

**[S5M-09860](#) Maurice Golden: Inclusive Skating at Braehead** (lodged on 11 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09859](#) Maurice Golden: Ralston Playgroup Funding for Garden Development** (lodged on 11 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09858](#) Maurice Golden: African Centre for Community Advocacy and Integration in Glasgow** (lodged on 11 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09856](#) Tom Mason: Dunnottar Castle Attracts Record Numbers** (lodged on 11 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09854](#) Tom Mason: Clean Up Aberdeen** (lodged on 11 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09851](#) Murdo Fraser: A9 Dualling at Killiecrankie** (lodged on 11 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*

**[S5M-09850](#) Margaret Mitchell: NHS Lanarkshire's Advanced Nurse Practitioners** (lodged on 11 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09849](#) Alexander Stewart: Tributes to the Tullibody Community Servant, Donald Drysdale** (lodged on 11 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09848](#) Maurice Corry: Justice for the Families of Murdered Soliders** (lodged on 11 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09847](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa Rotarians Raise over £1,000 for Home-Start Clackmannanshire** (lodged on 11 January 2018)

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Motions   Gluasadan				

New Support: Alison Harris\*

**[S5M-09846](#) Alexander Stewart: Dr Stewart Arnold Appointed an OBE** (lodged on 11 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*

**[S5M-09845](#) Finlay Carson: Skiffieworlds 2019, Stranraer St Ayles Skiff Project** (lodged on 11 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09839.1](#) Graham Simpson: U-turn on North Lanarkshire School Transport** (lodged on 11 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09838](#) Christina McKelvie: Quick Credit Voucher, Tackling Fuel Poverty in Scotland** (lodged on 10 January 2018)

New Support: John Finnie\*

**[S5M-09836](#) Rona Mackay: Cancer Awareness for Young People** (lodged on 10 January 2018)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09834](#) Clare Haughey: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2018** (lodged on 10 January 2018)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09832](#) Jeremy Balfour: Diamond Award for Edinburgh Butcher Scotch Pies** (lodged on 10 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*

**[S5M-09831](#) Finlay Carson: Galloway Forest** (lodged on 10 January 2018)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09825](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa Man to Receive Commemoration for Outstanding Bravery During the First World War** (lodged on 10 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*

**[S5M-09818](#) Liam McArthur: The Peedie Orcadian** (lodged on 11 January 2018)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Alison Harris\*

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

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New Support: Alison Harris\*

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

New Support: Alison Harris\*

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

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Alison Harris\*

**[S5M-09786 Michelle Ballantyne: Peebles Torchlight Procession](#)** (lodged on 08 January 2018)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Alison Harris\*

**[S5M-09783 Tom Mason: Knighthood for The Very Reverend Professor Iain Torrance](#)** (lodged on 08 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09780 Alexander Stewart: Emma Jolly Raises Money for the Ectopic Pregnancy Trust](#)** (lodged on 08 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*

**[S5M-09779 Alexander Stewart: Rotary Club of Alloa Supports 10-year-old Lachlan Morris](#)** (lodged on 08 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09777 Gordon Lindhurst: Record Year for Royal Yacht Britannia](#)** (lodged on 08 January 2018)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09771 Michelle Ballantyne: Haddington Pipe Band Awards](#)** (lodged on 04 January 2018)

New Support: Alison Harris\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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**[S5M-09770](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Shelter Scotland Sale in Stockbridge** (lodged on 04 January 2018)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09760](#) Ben Macpherson: Ban the Sale and Use of Shock Collars and other Electronic “Training Aids” that Cause Pain or Distress to Dogs** (lodged on 22 December 2017)

New Support: John Finnie\*, Ross Greer\*, Patrick Harvie\*

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

New Support: Dean Lockhart\*, Claire Baker\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Alex Rowley\*

**[S5M-09744](#) Margaret Mitchell: Hand Hygiene Soap Opera** (lodged on 21 December 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09727](#) Tavish Scott: Good Nude Food at Scottish Edge** (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09726](#) Liam McArthur: Broons o’ Westray Expands its Markets** (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09711](#) Miles Briggs: Bowel Cancer UK and Beating Bowel Cancer Unite to Form New Charity** (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09701](#) Bill Bowman: Shaper Caper Limited** (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09700](#) Bill Bowman: Monikie Primary School Parent Teacher Partnership** (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09699](#) Bill Bowman: Charleston Village Hall** (lodged on 20 December 2017)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S5M-09573](#) Maurice Golden: Kustom Kruizers CIC, Bicycle Building Project in Renfrew** (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Peter Chapman\*, Edward Mountain\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Tom Mason\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Liz Smith\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Alison Harris\*, Richard Lyle\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S5M-09572](#) Maurice Golden: SmartSTEMs Funding Success** (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Tom Mason\*, Edward Mountain\*, Jamie Greene\*, Maurice Corry\*, Liz Smith\*, Peter Chapman\*, Colin Beattie\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Miles Briggs\*, Alison Harris\*, Richard Lyle\*, Bill Kidd\*

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**[S5M-09561](#) Brian Whittle: Girvan RNLI Station Welcomes New Lifeboat** (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09554](#) Adam Tomkins: Another Record Month for Glasgow Airport** (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09552](#) Finlay Carson: Galloway National Park Development** (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09551](#) Brian Whittle: Ayr Action for Mental Health** (lodged on 13 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09539](#) Alison Harris: Falkirk Herald Pub of the Year 2017** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09538](#) Bill Bowman: Fundraisers Keep it in the Family** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09537](#) Bill Bowman: School Nativity Show Raises Cash for Causes in Dundee and Abroad** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09535](#) Finlay Carson: Galloway Glens Funding Success** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09534](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Balerno Ramblers Climb 14,000 metres in the Last Year** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09533](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Currie Playgroup Awarded Third Green Flag** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09532](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Currie Kirk Guild Hands over Hats for Syria** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09531](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Tuesday's Tea and Tunes** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09530](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Barclays Branch Staff Raise Money for RNIB** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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**[S5M-09527](#) Donald Cameron: Ulva Ferry Housing Project Wins Prestigious Award** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09525](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Earlston RFC Raises Money for Doddie's MND Trust** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09523](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Harry and Eilidh Newton Recognised for Bravery** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09521](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Cash for Kids Gets a £500 Boost** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09518](#) Brian Whittle: Recognising the Importance of NHS Rehab Programmes** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09516](#) Dean Lockhart: University of Stirling Institute of Aquaculture Signs International Agreement** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09515](#) Dean Lockhart: Thistle Centre wins Major Environmental Awards** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09510](#) Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Girl set to be First Female Coppersmith Recruit in Scotland** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09509](#) Jackson Carlaw: Rouken Glen, Scotland's Best Park** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09505](#) Miles Briggs: CHAS's Intrapreneurship, Making a Difference** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09501](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Galashiels Film-makers Shortlisted for 2018 Margaret Tait Award** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09497](#) Alexander Burnett: New Technology Accelerator** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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**[S5M-09496](#) Liam Kerr: Glenesk Hotel Guinness World Record Success** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09494](#) Michelle Ballantyne: St Andrews Leckie Church Raises £6,747** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09493](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Sandra Brown Wins Volunteer of the Year** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09492](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Innerleithen Fundraisers Set Sights on Nepal** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09491](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Leslie Barrell Prepares for Running Challenge** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09490](#) Rachael Hamilton: A Great Year for Sammi** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09487](#) Jeremy Balfour: Rock Trust Nightstop to Cover West Lothian** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09486](#) Brian Whittle: HALO in Kilmarnock** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09484](#) Brian Whittle: Anna Manson Named Apprentice Ambassador of the Year** (lodged on 12 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09481](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Law Society of Scotland Launches Baublefest Charity Campaign** (lodged on 11 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09474](#) Jeremy Balfour: U16 Scottish Schools Rugby Cup Final** (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09472](#) Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Cheer** (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09463](#) Bill Bowman: Bowling for Charity** (lodged on 08 December 2017)

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New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09462](#) Bill Bowman: Dundee University Wins Recognition for Life Sciences** (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09452](#) Jeremy Balfour: Social Bite, Sleep in the Park** (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09451](#) Alexander Stewart: Dunfermline Women Launch the Dapper Drinks Company** (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09442](#) Alexander Burnett: Scottish Green Energy Awards** (lodged on 08 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09436](#) Kate Forbes: Sustainable Tourism Award for Cairngorms National Park** (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09435](#) Alexander Burnett: Photographer of the Year 2017** (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09432](#) Gordon Lindhurst: RSM Fundraising for the Community** (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09431](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Cramond Primary School Delivers Christmas Presents** (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09425](#) Miles Briggs: Linlithgow Heritage Trust Secures £240,000 Funding for New Museum for Royal Linlithgow Project** (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09423](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Carfraemill Raises £12,800 to Celebrate Anniversary** (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09420](#) Gordon Lindhurst: 25 Years of Leonard Cheshire Disability's Wardieburn Service** (lodged on 07 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09417](#) Annie Wells: Scottish Children's Lottery Donates to Glasgow Charities** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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**[S5M-09416](#) Dean Lockhart: Entrepreneurial Scotland Awards 2017** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09414](#) Annie Wells: 135th Anniversary of North Woodside Baths** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09413](#) Annie Wells: Sauchiehall Street £7.2 Million Upgrade Commences in January** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09405](#) Alexander Stewart: Tullibody Apprentice Is the First Forth Valley Student to Make the UK Worldskills Squad** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09400](#) Bill Bowman: Two Dundonians Win World Karate Championship** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09399](#) Bill Bowman: Dundee Support Centre Receives Lottery Grant** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09398](#) Bill Bowman: ADHD Support Group Wins Funding** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09397](#) Bill Bowman: Dundee Family Support Group Wins Funding** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09396](#) Bill Bowman: Law Firm of the Year** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09395](#) Alexander Stewart: 100 Dunfermline School Pupils to Sing in Christmas Concert** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09392](#) Oliver Mundell: Scotland's Rural College Awarded Queen's Anniversary Prize** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09391](#) Alexander Stewart: Dalgety Bay Woman Raises £30,000 for Motor Neurone Disease in Memory of her Husband** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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**[S5M-09387 Miles Briggs: University of Edinburgh Awarded Prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prize](#)** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09386 Jeremy Balfour: Fischy Music](#)** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09385 Jackson Carlaw: The Busby Hotel Triumph at Scottish VOWS Awards](#)** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09384 Liam Kerr: Increasing Awareness of the Work of Veteran Charities in Scotland](#)** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09375 Jeremy Balfour: RBS Branch Closures in Bonnyrigg and Linlithgow](#)** (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09370 Michelle Ballantyne: Volunteer-friendly Award for Peebles CAB](#)** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09368 Miles Briggs: Holyrood Magazine](#)** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09365 Miles Briggs: Transforming Care After Treatment Programme](#)** (lodged on 06 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09352 Peter Chapman: SRUC Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education](#)** (lodged on 05 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09338 Jeremy Balfour: Improving Employment Opportunities for Disabled People](#)** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09329 Peter Chapman: Chloe Allan Awarded Moffat Scholarship](#)** (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09325 Alexander Stewart: Anne Youngman Wins RSPB Lifetime Achievement Award](#)** (lodged on 04 December 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

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**[S5M-09320](#) Gordon Lindhurst: St Kentigern's Academy and the Skills Development Scotland's Cyber Skills Programme** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09319](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Riverside Cottage's Nursery Vegetarian Cookbook** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09312](#) Alexander Stewart: Tribute to Bill Cunningham** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09305](#) Liam Kerr: First Anniversary of the Northern Hotel Under New Ownership** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09298](#) Alexander Burnett: ScotRail Smashes MND Scotland Fundraising Target** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09291](#) Jackson Carlaw: Busby and Newton Mearns Benefits From Awards For All Scotland Grants** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09290](#) Michelle Ballantyne: MTB Awards Success for the Borders** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09289](#) Miles Briggs: Kathryn and Sarah Bryce Chosen for ICC Rookie Programme** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09273](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Mortality Rates** (lodged on 30 November 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09260](#) Miles Briggs: Linlithgow Bridge Primary School** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09242](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Cardrona Village Association** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09240](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Funding Boost for Lighthouse Community Projects** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

New Support: Maurice Golden\*

**[S5M-09235](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Funding Boost for Black Diamond FM** (lodged on 29 November 2017)

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New Support: Maurice Golden\*

[S5M-08211](#) **Rona Mackay: Condemns Unpaid Trial Shifts** (lodged on 11 October 2017)

New Support: Bob Doris\*

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Questions   Ceistean				

## Oral Questions

### Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 24 January 2018

#### Health and Sport

**1. Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to encourage the SFA and football clubs to follow the lead of the English FA in adopting the principles of the Rooney Rule for future coaching appointments. ([S50-01704](#))

**2. Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to provide care for children who experience ill health. ([S50-01705](#))

**3. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that sporting facilities at Ravenscraig in Motherwell, and others used by people in the South Scotland region, will be maintained in their present form. ([S50-01706](#))

**4. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding introducing a safe injection room for drug users in Glasgow. ([S50-01707](#))

**5. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support women's football and rugby. ([S50-01708](#))

**6. Jenny Gilruth:** To ask the Scottish Government what proposals it has to reduce waiting times in hospitals during next winter. ([S50-01709](#))

**7. Mike Rumbles:** To

ask the Scottish Government, what action it is taking to correct the £165.6 million discrepancy in NHS Grampian's funding, which the Scottish Parliament Information Centre has suggested has arisen because the board's NRAC funding targets have not been met since 2009. ([S50-01710](#))

**8. Peter Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made to add malignant melanoma to the Detect Cancer Early programme. ([S50-01711](#))

**9. Ivan McKee:** To ask the Scottish Government how it measures the performance of NHS boards to ensure that they deliver the highest quality services for the populations that they serve. ([S50-01712](#))

**10. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met NHS Fife and what issues were discussed. ([S50-01713](#))

**11. Andy Wightman:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to meet the health needs of homeless people, and whether the cabinet secretary considers that their health outcomes could be improved by adopting a "housing first" approach. ([S50-01714](#))

**12. Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken further to the commitment by the Minister for Public Health and Sport on 29 November 2017 to "continue to work with the Scottish Sports Association to explore the avenues for it to have a sustainable financial future". ([S50-01715](#))

**13. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it provides on the standard of comfort and dignity that patients transferring to and from hospital appointments can expect. ([S50-01716](#))

**14. Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the comment

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by the First Minister on ITV Border that she takes responsibility for recruitment problems in the NHS, what action is being taken to address staffing shortages in NHS Dumfries and Galloway. ([S5O-01717](#))

**15. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Health Improvement and Protection budget is decreasing in 2018-19. ([S5O-01718](#))

**16. Stewart Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors levels of blood stocks. ([S5O-01719](#))

**17. Mairi Gougeon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of its Mental Health Strategy. ([S5O-01720](#))

**18. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what contingencies have been put in place to manage hospital closures in the Highlands and Islands as a result of the current flu outbreak. ([S5O-01721](#))

**19. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what financial support it plans to provide to the Scottish Sports Association. ([S5O-01722](#))

**20. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government how prevention of and recovery from mental illnesses can be supported through access to culture and the arts. ([S5O-01723](#))

### General Questions selected for answer on 25 January 2018

**1. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address reports that rail travellers on the Fife Circle face poor journey experiences and that there are consistent failures of service. ([S5O-01694](#))

**2. Gail Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made towards Scotland becoming a good food nation. ([S5O-01695](#))

**3. Mary Fee:** To ask the Scottish Government how schools identify and support children with mental health problems. ([S5O-01696](#))

**4. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government how the proposals in its draft strategy to tackle loneliness and social isolation could help promote the third sector. ([S5O-01697](#))

**5. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the Erasmus+ scheme on the third sector, the further education sector and youth work in Scotland. ([S5O-01698](#))

**6. Adam Tomkins:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is giving to the Holocaust Educational Trust. ([S5O-01699](#))

**7. Sandra White:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met Scottish Water to discuss the company, Business Stream. ([S5O-01700](#))

**8. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress with the proposed Transport Bill. ([S5O-01701](#))

**9. Dean Lockhart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress with the proposed Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal. ([S5O-01702](#))

**10. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress in establishing local micro energy generation across Scotland. ([S5O-01703](#))

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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 17 January 2018

**S5W-13882 Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5T-00865 by Keith Brown on 16 January 2018 (*Official Report*, c. 3), what contracts (a) it, (b) its agencies and (c) the Scottish Futures Trust has or has had with Carillion, broken down by (i) the value of the contract, (ii) the date the contract was signed and (iii) the date the contract was or is expected to be completed.

**S5W-13896 Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5T-00865 by Keith Brown on 16 January 2018 (*Official Report*, c. 3), in light of the collapse of Carillion, what steps it is taking to assess the financial health of its other private contractors.

**S5W-13897 Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5T-00865 by Keith Brown on 16 January 2018 (*Official Report*, c. 3), in light of the collapse of Carillion, whether it will confirm what contingency plans it has to deal with the collapse of any of its other major private building contractors, and whether it now plans to revisit these.

**S5W-13898 Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5T-00865 by Keith Brown on 16 January 2018 (*Official Report*, c. 3), in light of the collapse of Carillion, how it monitors the debts of its private contractors, and what level of debt would constitute "a concern".

**S5W-13899 Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5T-00865 by Keith Brown on 16 January 2018 (*Official Report*, c. 3), in light of the collapse of Carillion, whether it will provide a list of all companies that it has live contracts with whose current balance sheet debt it considers to be "a concern".

**S5W-13900 Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5T-00865 by Keith Brown on 16 January 2018 (*Official Report*, c. 3), in light of the collapse of Carillion, what consideration it gives to the state of a private contractor's pension fund when considering awarding a contract.

**S5W-13901 Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government (a) which and (b) what percentage of its current private contractors have signed its Business Pledge.

**S5W-13905 Maurice Corry:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-13572 by Aileen Campbell on 11 January 2018, from which of the commitments in the cancer strategy the funding for the programme is being provided.

**S5W-13906 Elaine Smith:** To

ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-13628 by Aileen Campbell on 10 January 2018, what action it takes to ensure that officials dealing with chronic pain issues take account of the public interest when making decisions; what training the officials receive in this regard, and what its position is on these decisions being subject to external supervision.

**S5W-13908 Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what part the potential transfer of government-owned crofting estates to crofters might play in the land reform agenda.

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**[S5W-13909 Rhoda Grant](#):** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking as part of its land reform policies to make crofters aware of the possibility of seeking the transfer to them of ownership of government-owned crofting estates.

**[S5W-13910 Kezia Dugdale](#):** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it excluded care-experienced young people who were not looked-after for the full year from the Developing Young Workforce third annual report.

**[S5W-13911 Richard Lochhead](#):** To ask the Scottish Government what criteria are used to determine who the recipients will be for each phase of the roll-out of the increase in childcare provision in Moray, and what decisions are taken by (a) local authorities and (b) ministers in this regard.

**[S5W-13913 Bill Bowman](#):** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of NHS procurement is carried out (a) centrally and (b) by individual NHS boards, and what information it has on which items are procured (i) centrally and (ii) by individual NHS boards.

**[S5W-13914 Liz Smith](#):** To ask the Scottish Government what modifications have taken place in the last five years to upgrade central reservation barriers on motorways and dual carriageways to allow sections to be temporarily removed in bad weather to assist with clearing stranded vehicles.

**[S5W-13915 Peter Chapman](#):** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider phasing out helicopter-assisted deer culling by Scottish Natural Heritage.

**[S5W-13916 Mark Ruskell](#):** To ask the Scottish Government what impact the European Parliament vote to ban electric pulse fishing will have on the planned trial in Scotland of electrofishing for razor clams.

**[S5W-13931 Michelle Ballantyne](#):** To ask the Scottish Government how many nurses (a) joined and (b) left the NHS in 2016-17, and how many of the nurses who left were under 30.

**[S5W-13932 Michelle Ballantyne](#):** To ask the Scottish Government how many school leavers moved into full-time apprenticeships in (a) 2015-16 and (b) 2016-17.

**[S5W-13933 Oliver Mundell](#):** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to address the reported shortage of British Sign Language interpreters in rural areas such as Dumfries and Galloway.

## Amendments

### New amendments to Bills lodged on 17 January 2018

#### Social Security (Scotland) Bill

##### Section 1

##### Jeane Freeman

- 4 In section 1, page 1, leave out lines 12 and 13

##### Jeane Freeman

- 5 In section 1, page 1, line 17, after <which> insert <—  
( )>

##### Jeane Freeman

- 6 In section 1, page 1, line 17, after <first> insert <, and  
( ) promote the goals of equality and non-discrimination>

##### After section 1

##### Jeane Freeman

- 7 After section 1, insert—
- <Scottish Ministers' duty to promote take-up**
- The Scottish Ministers must—
- (a) keep under consideration what steps they could take to ensure that individuals are given what they are eligible to be given under the Scottish social security system, and
  - (b) if the Ministers consider it appropriate to do so, take any of the steps identified by that consideration.>

##### Jeane Freeman

- 8 After section 1, insert—
- <Recognition of importance of independent advice and advocacy**
- (1) In fulfilling their duty under section (*Scottish Ministers' duty to promote take-up*)(a), the Scottish Ministers must have regard to the role that—
    - (a) independent advice, and
    - (b) independent advocacy,

can play in ensuring that individuals are given what they are eligible to be given under the Scottish social security system.
  - (2) The steps taken by the Scottish Ministers under section (*Scottish Ministers' duty to promote take-up*)(b) must include steps in relation to providing, or ensuring the provision of, information about—
    - (a) independent advice, and

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- (b) independent advocacy,  
for individuals applying for, or receiving, assistance through the Scottish social security system.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, advice and advocacy are independent if they are provided by a person other than the Scottish Ministers.>

**Jeane Freeman**

9 After section 1, insert—

**<Right to advocacy**

- (1) Every individual with a mental disorder has a right of access to independent advocacy in connection with the determination of the individual’s entitlement to be given assistance under the Scottish social security system.
- (2) It is the duty of the Scottish Ministers to ensure that independent advocacy services are available to the extent necessary for that right to be exercised by the individuals who have it.
- (3) In this section—  
  - “advocacy services” means services of support and representation that are made available for the purpose of enabling an individual to whom they are provided to have as much control of, or capacity to influence, the decisions that determine the individual’s entitlement to be given assistance under the Scottish social security system as is, in the circumstances, appropriate,
  - “mental disorder” has the meaning given in section 328 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, advocacy services are independent if they are provided by a person other than the Scottish Ministers.>

**Jeane Freeman**

10 After section 1, insert—

*<Restriction of private-sector involvement*

**Restriction on private-sector involvement in assessments**

- (1) An individual may not be required, in order to be given assistance under the Scottish social security system, to undergo an assessment of physical condition or mental health that is carried out by another individual who is not acting in the course of employment by a public body.
- (2) In subsection (1), “public body” means any of the following—
  - (a) a Minister of the Crown,
  - (b) a person established by an enactment,
  - (c) a body comprised solely of persons described by this subsection,
  - (d) a body corporate that has no members other than (either or both)—
    - (i) persons described by this subsection,
    - (ii) persons acting on behalf of persons described by this subsection.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not preclude its being made a requirement for being given assistance under the Scottish social security system that an individual be—
  - (a) in receipt of, or

- (b) eligible or entitled to receive,  
other assistance, despite entitlement to that other assistance depending on the fulfilment of a requirement that subsection (1) would preclude from being imposed in relation to assistance under the Scottish social security system.
- (4) In subsection (3), “other assistance” means assistance other than assistance under the Scottish social security system.>

## Section 2

### Jeane Freeman

- 11 In section 2, page 2, line 1, leave out <their functions in the Scottish social security system> and insert <the functions conferred on them by this Part and Parts 2 and 3>

## Section 3

### Jeane Freeman

- 12 In section 3, page 2, line 23, at end insert—
- <( ) For the purpose of subsection (2), it is immaterial that anything done by way of consultation was done before the Bill for this Act was passed or after that but before this section comes into force.>

## Section 5

### Jeane Freeman

- 13 In section 5, page 2, line 32, leave out from <such> to end of line 33 and insert—
- <( ) the Scottish Commission on Social Security, and  
( ) any other persons they consider appropriate.>

## Before section 6

### Alison Johnstone

- 14 Before section 6, insert—
- <Assistance take-up targets**
- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations set targets for the take-up of each type of assistance described in Chapter 2 of Part 2.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must ensure that the targets are met.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may make provision about data collection.>

## After section 6

### Jeane Freeman

- 15 After section 6, insert—
- <Scottish Commission on Social Security**
- (1) The Scottish Commission on Social Security is established.
- (2) The Commission is a body corporate.

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- (3) Schedule (*Scottish Commission on Social Security*) makes further provision about the Commission.>

### Before schedule 1

#### Jeane Freeman

- 16 Before schedule 1, insert—

#### <SCHEDULE

(*introduced by section (Scottish Commission on Social Security)*)

#### SCOTTISH COMMISSION ON SOCIAL SECURITY

#### PART 1

#### OPERATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

#### CHAPTER 1

#### STATUS

#### *Independence*

- 1 (1) In performing its functions, the Scottish Commission on Social Security is not subject to the direction or control of any member of the Scottish Government.
- (2) This paragraph is subject to any contrary provision in this or any other enactment.

#### *Exclusion of Crown status*

- 2 The Commission—
- (a) is not a servant or agent of the Crown, and
- (b) does not enjoy any status, immunity or privilege of the Crown.

#### CHAPTER 2

#### POWERS

#### *General powers*

- 3 The Commission may do anything which appears to it—
- (a) to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of, or in connection with, the performance of its functions, or
- (b) to be otherwise conducive to the performance of its functions.

#### *Access to information*

- 4 (1) The Commission—
- (a) has a right of access at reasonable times to any relevant information that it may reasonably require for the purpose of performing its functions, and
- (b) may require any person who holds or is accountable for relevant information to provide at reasonable times any assistance or explanation that the Commission may reasonably require for the purpose of—
- (i) performing its functions, or
- (ii) exercising the right conferred by paragraph (a).

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- (2) In sub-paragraph (1), “relevant information” means information in the possession or under the control of—
  - (a) any member of the Scottish Government,
  - (b) a local authority,
  - (c) any person, or person of such description, as is specified by the Scottish Ministers in regulations.
- (3) Sub-paragraph (1) is subject to any enactment or rule of law that prohibits or restricts—
  - (a) the disclosure of any information, or
  - (b) the giving of any assistance or explanation.

### CHAPTER 3

#### PROCEDURE

##### *Committees*

- 5 (1) The Commission may establish committees and sub-committees.
- (2) The membership of the Commission’s committees and sub-committees may include (but may not consist entirely of) persons who are not members of the Commission but those persons are not entitled to vote at meetings.

##### *Regulation of procedure*

- 6 The Commission may regulate its own procedure (including quorum) and that of its committees and sub-committees.

##### *Authority to perform functions*

- 7 (1) The Commission may authorise—
  - (a) any of its members, or
  - (b) any of its committees or sub-committees,
to perform such of its functions (and to such extent) as it may determine.
- (2) The giving of authority under sub-paragraph (1) does not—
  - (a) affect the Commission’s responsibility for the performance of the function, or
  - (b) prevent the Commission from performing the function itself.

##### *Validity of things done*

- 8 The validity of anything done by the Commission, its committees or sub-committees is not affected by—
  - (a) a vacancy in its membership,
  - (b) a defect in the appointment of a member,
  - (c) the disqualification of a person as a member after appointment.

### CHAPTER 4

#### FINANCE

##### *Remuneration and expenses of members*

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- 9 (1) The Commission's members are entitled to be paid by the Scottish Ministers such—
- (a) remuneration, and
  - (b) sums in respect of expenses incurred in performing their functions as members of the Commission,
- as the Ministers determine.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1)—
- (a) the reference to the Commission's members includes a person who is not a member of the Commission but is a member of one of the Commission's committees or sub-committees, and
  - (b) the reference to performing functions as a member of the Commission, in the case of a person described in paragraph (a), is to be read as though it were a reference to performing the person's functions as a member of the committee or (as the case may be) sub-committee.

#### *Expenses of non-members*

- 10 (1) A person who attends a meeting of the Commission at its request is entitled to be paid by the Scottish Ministers such travelling and other allowances (including compensation for loss of time) as the Ministers determine.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1) the reference to the Commission includes any of its committees or sub-committees.

#### *Resources*

- 11 The Scottish Ministers are to provide the Commission with such staff and other resources as it requires to carry out its functions.

#### *Accounts and audit*

- 12 (1) The Commission must—
- (a) keep proper accounts and accounting records,
  - (b) prepare in respect of each financial year a statement of accounts, and
  - (c) send a copy of the statement to the Auditor General for Scotland for auditing.
- (2) The Commission must comply with any directions which the Scottish Ministers give it in relation to the matters mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(a) and (b).

## CHAPTER 5

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

#### *Number of members*

- 13 (1) The Commission is to consist of—
- (a) a member to chair the Commission, and
  - (b) at least 2 but no more than 4 other members.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations amend sub-paragraph (1)(b) by substituting a different number for any number for the time being specified there.

#### *Appointment of members*

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- 14 (1) The Scottish Ministers are to appoint the Commission's members.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may not appoint a person who is disqualified from being a member (see paragraph 17).
- (3) When appointing members the Scottish Ministers must have regard to the desirability of—
- (a) securing that the Commission (taken as a whole) has experience in or knowledge of—
    - (i) the formulation, implementation and evaluation of social security policies in Scotland and elsewhere in the United Kingdom,
    - (ii) research in connection with social security, and
    - (iii) the effect of disability, arising from a physical or mental impairment, on daily life,
  - (b) having a member with personal experience of having a disability arising from a physical or mental impairment, and
  - (c) having as members people who have not previously been members.

*Tenure and other terms and conditions*

- 15 (1) A person's membership of the Commission continues until the end of the period of appointment (subject to paragraph 16(1) and (2)).
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1), "the period of appointment" means the period specified by the Scottish Ministers on appointing the person as a member.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may not specify a period of appointment that is longer than 4 years, beginning with the day that the appointment takes effect.
- (4) Nothing in this paragraph prevents a person from being a member of the Commission for two or more consecutive periods of appointment.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may determine other terms and conditions of membership, in relation to matters not covered by this schedule.

*Early termination*

- 16 (1) A member of the Commission may resign by giving notice in writing to the Scottish Ministers.
- (2) A person's membership of the Commission ends if—
- (a) the person becomes disqualified from being a member (see paragraph 17), or
  - (b) the Scottish Ministers give the person written notice that the person is removed from the Commission.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may remove a member of the Commission by virtue of sub-paragraph (2)(b) only if they consider that the member is—
- (a) unfit to continue to be a member, or
  - (b) unable to perform the member's functions.

*Disqualification grounds*

- 17 (1) A person is disqualified from being a member of the Commission if sub-paragraph (2) or (3) applies to the person.
- (2) This sub-paragraph applies to a person who is—
- (a) a member of the—

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- (i) Scottish Parliament,
  - (ii) House of Commons,
  - (iii) National Assembly for Wales,
  - (iv) Northern Ireland Assembly, or
  - (v) European Parliament,
  - (b) a councillor of any local authority,
  - (c) a member of the Scottish Government,
  - (d) a Minister of the Crown,
  - (e) an office-holder of the Crown in right of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom,
  - (f) an office-holder in the Scottish Administration,
  - (g) a civil servant.
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies to a person (subject to sub-paragraph (4)) who is or has been—
- (a) disqualified as a company director under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986,
  - (b) disqualified as a charity trustee under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005,
  - (c) the subject of a disqualification under a disqualification provision analogous to either of those mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) anywhere in the world.
- (4) Sub-paragraph (3) does not apply to a person who is or has been disqualified as mentioned in that sub-paragraph only by—
- (a) section 11 of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 (undischarged bankrupts),
  - (b) section 69(2)(b) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (which disqualifies undischarged bankrupts from being charity trustees), or
  - (c) a provision analogous to either of those mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) anywhere in the world.

## PART 2

### APPLICATION OF LEGISLATION RELATING TO PUBLIC BODIES

#### *Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000*

18 In schedule 3 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, after the entry relating to the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration insert—

“The Scottish Commission on Social Security”.

#### *Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002*

19 In schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, after paragraph 80B insert—

“80C The Scottish Commission on Social Security.”.

#### *Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003*

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- 20 In schedule 2 of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003, under the heading “Other Public Bodies”, in the appropriate place alphabetically, insert—  
“Scottish Commission on Social Security”.

*Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010*

- 21 In schedule 5 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, after the entry relating to the Scottish Commission for Human Rights insert—  
“The Scottish Commission on Social Security”.>

### Jeane Freeman

- 17 After section 6, insert—

#### <Commission functions

- (1) The Scottish Commission on Social Security has the following functions—
  - (a) to scrutinise legislative proposals in accordance with section (*Further procedure for regulations about assistance*),
  - (b) to prepare and submit to the Scottish Ministers a report on any matter, relevant to social security, that the Ministers request the Commission to report on,
  - (c) to prepare and submit to the Scottish Parliament a report on any matter, relevant to social security, that the Commission is requested to report on by the Presiding Officer of the Parliament after the Parliament has resolved that the request should be made,
  - (d) to prepare and submit to the Ministers and the Parliament, from time to time, a report containing—
    - (i) an assessment of the extent to which any or all of the expectations set out in the Scottish social security charter are being fulfilled, and
    - (ii) recommendations for improvement where the assessment is that those expectations are not being fulfilled,
  - (e) any functions the Ministers confer on the Commission by regulations.
- (2) In performing any of the functions mentioned in subsection (1), the Commission may have regard to any relevant international human rights instruments (see also section (*Further procedure for regulations about assistance*)(4)).
- (3) The Commission must make publicly available by such means as it considers appropriate any report that it prepares in pursuance of a function mentioned in subsection (1).
- (4) The Commission must consider preparing a report under subsection (1)(d) if it receives evidence which suggests that expectations set out in the charter are frequently not being fulfilled.
- (5) In subsection (2), “international human rights instruments”—
  - (a) means any international convention, treaty or other international instrument ratified by the United Kingdom, subject to—
    - (i) any amendments in force in relation to the United Kingdom for the time being, and
    - (ii) any reservations, objections or interpretative declarations by the United Kingdom for the time being in force, and

- (b) includes, in particular, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 2200A (XXI) of 16 December 1966.>

**Jeane Freeman**

**18** After section 6, insert—

**<Charter-based complaints**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers are to make regulations conferring on a person the function described in subsection (2).
- (2) The function is investigating any complaint alleging a failure by the Scottish Ministers, in dealing with an individual's case, to meet the expectations of them set out in the Scottish social security charter.
- (3) Regulations under this section may modify any enactment (including this Act).>

**Section 9**

**Jeane Freeman**

**19** In section 9, page 4, line 15, at end insert <or

( ) by the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom—

- (i) in an appeal under section 40 of the Court of Session Act 1988 against a decision of the Court of Session, or
- (ii) on a reference made by the Court of Session under schedule 6 of the Scotland Act 1998.>

**Schedule 1**

**Jeane Freeman**

**20** In schedule 1, page 25, line 16, at end insert—

*<Restriction on giving assistance in a form other than money*

- (1) The regulations may allow carer's assistance to be given to an individual in a form other than money only if the individual (or a person acting on the individual's behalf) has agreed to the assistance being given in that form.
- (2) If the regulations include provision of the kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), they must allow an individual (or a person acting on the individual's behalf) to withdraw agreement to being given carer's assistance in a form other than money at any time.
- (3) Despite sub-paragraph (1), the regulations may provide for carer's assistance to be given (in whole or in part) by way of deduction, at a reasonable level, from any liability the individual has to the Scottish Ministers under section 36 if the individual has unreasonably refused to agree to the assistance being given in that form.
- (4) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (3), "reasonable level" means a level that is reasonable having regard to the financial circumstances of the individual.>

**Jeane Freeman**

**21** In schedule 1, page 25, line 22, at the beginning insert <paragraph 10 in>

## Schedule 2

### Jeane Freeman

22 In schedule 2, page 27, line 22, at end insert—

*<Restriction on giving assistance in a form other than money*

- (1) The regulations may allow cold-spell heating assistance to be given to an individual in a form other than money only if the individual (or a person acting on the individual's behalf) has agreed to the assistance being given in that form.
- (2) If the regulations include provision of the kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), they must allow an individual (or a person acting on the individual's behalf) to withdraw agreement to being given cold-spell heating assistance in a form other than money at any time.>

### Jeane Freeman

23 In schedule 2, page 27, line 28, at the beginning insert <paragraph 8 in>

## Schedule 3

### Jeane Freeman

24 In schedule 3, page 29, line 11, at end insert—

*<Restriction on giving assistance in a form other than money*

- 6A
- (1) The regulations may allow winter heating assistance to be given to an individual in a form other than money only if the individual (or a person acting on the individual's behalf) has agreed to the assistance being given in that form.
  - (2) If the regulations include provision of the kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), they must allow an individual (or a person acting on the individual's behalf) to withdraw agreement to being given winter heating assistance in a form other than money at any time.>

### Jeane Freeman

25 In schedule 3, page 29, line 15, after <schedule> insert <, apart from paragraph 6A,>

## Schedule 4

### Jeane Freeman

26 In schedule 4, page 31, line 26, at end insert—

*<Restriction on giving assistance in a form other than money*

- 11A(1)
- The regulations may allow disability assistance to be given to an individual in a form other than money only if the individual (or a person acting on the individual's behalf) has agreed to the assistance being given in that form.
  - (2) If the regulations include provision of the kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), they must allow an individual (or a person acting on the individual's behalf) to withdraw agreement to being given disability assistance in a form other than money at any time.
  - (3) Despite sub-paragraph (1), the regulations may provide for disability assistance to be given (in whole or in part) by way of deduction, at a reasonable level, from any liability the individual has to the Scottish Ministers under section 36 if the individual has unreasonably refused to agree to the assistance being given in that form.

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- (4) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (3), “reasonable level” means a level that is reasonable having regard to the financial circumstances of the individual.>

**Jeane Freeman**

- 27 In schedule 4, page 32, line 8, leave out <paragraph> and insert <paragraphs 11A and>

**Schedule 5**

**Jeane Freeman**

- 28 In schedule 5, page 33, line 24, at end insert—

**<PART**

ASSISTANCE TO BE GIVEN

*Restriction on giving assistance in a form other than money*

- (1) The regulations may allow early years assistance to be given to an individual in a form other than money only if the individual (or a person acting on the individual’s behalf) has agreed to the assistance being given in that form.
- (2) If the regulations include provision of the kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), they must allow an individual (or a person acting on the individual’s behalf) to withdraw agreement to being given early years assistance in a form other than money at any time.>

**Schedule 6**

**Jeane Freeman**

- 29 In schedule 6, page 36, line 9, at end insert—

*<Restriction on giving assistance in a form other than money*

- 12A(1) The regulations may allow employment-injury assistance to be given to an individual in a form other than money only if the individual (or a person acting on the individual’s behalf) has agreed to the assistance being given in that form.
- (2) If the regulations include provision of the kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), they must allow an individual (or a person acting on the individual’s behalf) to withdraw agreement to being given employment-injury assistance in a form other than money at any time.
  - (3) Despite sub-paragraph (1), the regulations may provide for employment-injury assistance to be given (in whole or in part) by way of deduction, at a reasonable level, from any liability the individual has to the Scottish Ministers under section 36 if the individual has unreasonably refused to agree to the assistance being given in that form.
  - (4) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (3), “reasonable level” means a level that is reasonable having regard to the financial circumstances of the individual.>

**Jeane Freeman**

- 30 In schedule 6, page 36, line 27, leave out <paragraph> and insert <paragraphs 12A and>

**Schedule 7**

**Jeane Freeman**

- 31 In schedule 7, page 38, line 25, at end insert—

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<Restriction on giving assistance in a form other than money

12A(1) The regulations may allow funeral expense assistance to be given to an individual in a form other than money only if the individual (or a person acting on the individual's behalf) has agreed to the assistance being given in that form.

(2) If the regulations include provision of the kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), they must allow an individual (or a person acting on the individual's behalf) to withdraw agreement to being given funeral expense assistance in a form other than money at any time.>

**Jeane Freeman**

32 In schedule 7, page 38, line 31, after <2> insert <(apart from paragraph 12A)>

### Section 23

**Jeane Freeman**

33 In section 23, page 8, line 30, leave out subsection (2) and insert—

<(2A) A request for a re-determination is valid only if the conditions set out in the following subsections are satisfied—

- (a) subsection (2B), and
- (b) subsection (2C).

(2B) The condition referred to in subsection (2A)(a) is satisfied if the request is made in such form as the Scottish Ministers require.

(2C) The condition referred to in subsection (2A)(b) is satisfied if—

- (a) the request is made before the end of the period prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in regulations, or
- (b) in a case where the request is made after that period has ended—
  - (i) the individual has a good reason for not requesting a re-determination sooner (see section (*Late request for re-determination*)), and
  - (ii) the request is made before the end of the day that falls one year after the day on which the individual is informed (in accordance with section 22) of the determination.>

**Jeane Freeman**

34 In section 23, page 8, line 34, leave out <(2)(a)> and insert <(2B)>

### After section 23

**Jeane Freeman**

35 After section 23, insert—

< **Late request for re-determination**

- (1) It is for—
  - (a) the Scottish Ministers, or
  - (b) on appeal under subsection (3), the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland,

to decide whether, for the purpose of section 23(2C)(b), an individual has a good reason for not requesting a re-determination sooner.

- (2) Having made a decision under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must inform the individual concerned—
  - (a) of the decision, and
  - (b) if the decision is that the individual has no good reason for not requesting a re-determination sooner, of—
    - (i) the reasons for the decision, and
    - (ii) the individual's right to appeal under subsection (3).
- (3) An individual may appeal to the First-tier Tribunal against a decision by the Scottish Ministers that the individual has no good reason for not requesting a re-determination sooner.
- (4) An appeal under subsection (3)—
  - (a) may be made without the First-tier Tribunal's permission within 31 days of the individual being informed (in accordance with subsection (2)) of the Scottish Ministers' decision,
  - (b) may be made more than 31 days after the individual is so informed only with the First-tier Tribunal's permission,
  - (c) may not be made after the end of the day that falls one year after the day on which the individual is so informed.
- (5) The First-tier Tribunal may give permission under subsection (4)(b) for an appeal to be made only if it is satisfied that there is a good reason for the appeal not having been made sooner.
- (6) A decision by the First-tier Tribunal about—
  - (a) the outcome of an appeal under subsection (3), or
  - (b) whether to give permission under subsection (4)(b) for an appeal to be made,
 is final.
- (7) Accordingly (and without prejudice to the generality of subsection (6)), any such decision by the First-tier Tribunal may be neither—
  - (a) reviewed under section 43 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014, nor
  - (b) appealed against under section 46 of that Act.>

## Section 24

### Jeane Freeman

**36** In section 24, page 9, line 14, at end insert—

<( ) The reference in subsection (1) to a request under section 23 is to a request that is valid according to subsection (2A) of that section.>

## Section 28

### Jeane Freeman

**37** In section 28, page 10, line 24, leave out subsection (4)

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### After section 29

**Jeane Freeman**

**38** After section 29, insert—

*<Presumption about when information is received*

#### **Presumption for purposes of sections 23, (*Late request for re-determination*) and 28**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies in relation to the references in sections 23, (*Late request for re-determination*) and 28 to someone being informed of something by the Scottish Ministers in accordance with a provision of this Act.
- (2) Where, in order to fulfil their duty to inform an individual of something, the Scottish Ministers send information—
  - (a) through the postal service to the last known address the Scottish Ministers have for the individual, or
  - (b) by email to the email address most recently provided to the Scottish Ministers by the individual for the purposes of this Act,

the individual is to be taken to have received the information 48 hours after it is sent by the Scottish Ministers unless the contrary is shown.>

### After section 32

**Jeane Freeman**

**39** After section 32, insert—

*<Support during discussions and assessments*

#### **Right to support**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must comply with an individual's wish to have another person (“a supporter”) present during any discussion or assessment relating to the individual's entitlement to a type of assistance described in Chapter 2, unless the wish is unreasonable.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers' duty under subsection (1) includes ensuring that any person acting on their behalf complies with such a wish, unless the wish is unreasonable.
- (3) The role of a supporter is to support the individual in question during the discussion or (as the case may be) assessment, and includes making representations on the individual's behalf.
- (4) Nothing in this section is to be read as requiring the Scottish Ministers to provide or pay for a supporter.>

### Section 36

**Jeane Freeman**

**40** In section 36, page 13, line 12, leave out <as a result of a mistaken decision under section 33(1)> and insert <due to an error in the performance of a function conferred by virtue of this Part (but see section (*Exclusion from overpayment liability*))>

**Jeane Freeman**

**41** In section 36, page 13, line 16, leave out from <decision> to end of line 17 and insert <error not been made.>

**Jeane Freeman**

**42** In section 36, page 13, line 20, leave out subsection (4) and insert—

<(4) In this section and section (*Exclusion from overpayment liability*)—

(a) references to an error include a decision under section 33(1) being made—

(i) wrongly, or

(ii) correctly but on the basis of—

(A) incorrect information, or

(B) an assumption which proves to be wrong,

(b) references to giving assistance in error include giving assistance as a result of an error of the kind described in paragraph (a).>

**After section 36**

**Jeane Freeman**

**43** After section 36, insert—

**<Exclusion from overpayment liability**

(1) An individual has no liability under section 36(1) in respect of assistance given in error if the error is neither—

(a) the individual's fault, nor

(b) the kind of error that an individual could reasonably be expected to notice.

(2) For the purpose of this section, an error is an individual's fault if it is caused or contributed to by the individual—

(a) providing false or misleading information,

(b) failing to notify the Scottish Ministers about a change in circumstances in breach of a duty to do so under section 31, or

(c) causing another person to do either of those things.

(3) In considering whether an error is of a kind that an individual could reasonably be expected to notice, the following are amongst the matters to which regard is to be had—

(a) the extent to which the value of the assistance given in error exceeds the value of the assistance that would have been given (if any) had the error not been made,

(b) whether any information given to the individual by the Scottish Ministers prior to, or immediately after, the assistance being given would have alerted a reasonable person to the fact that a decision had been, or was to be, made on the basis of incorrect information or a wrong assumption.

(4) In—

(a) subsection (2)(a), the reference to providing information includes making a statement,

(b) subsection (3)(b), the reference to information given to the individual by the Scottish Ministers does not include information explaining why the Ministers consider the assistance to have been given in error.>

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### After section 38

#### Jeane Freeman

44 After section 38, insert—

#### <Exclusion of other rights of recovery

- (1) An individual given assistance in error has no non-statutory obligation based on redress of unjustified enrichment to pay the value of that assistance to the Scottish Ministers.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
  - (a) “non-statutory obligation” means an obligation that arises from a rule of law rather than an enactment,
  - (b) the reference to assistance being given in error is to be construed in accordance with section 36(4).>

#### Jeane Freeman

45 After section 38, insert—

#### <Funeral expense assistance

#### Liability of deceased’s estate

- (1) The value of funeral expense assistance given in connection with an individual’s funeral is to be treated as a funeral expense that the individual’s estate is liable to pay the Scottish Ministers.
- (2) If the assistance was given in a form other than money, its value for the purposes of this section is what giving it cost the Scottish Ministers (excluding any administration costs).>

### Section 40

#### Jeane Freeman

46 In section 40, page 14, line 23, after <occurs,> insert—

<( ) the person does not have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so,>

### After section 44

#### Jeane Freeman

47 After section 44, insert—

#### <CHAPTER

#### UPRATING FOR INFLATION

#### Duty to consider effects of inflation

- (1) Before the end of each financial year, the Scottish Ministers must—
  - (a) calculate the inflation-adjusted level of each relevant figure,
  - (b) prepare a report that complies with subsection (2),
  - (c) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament, and
  - (d) make the report publicly available by such means as the Ministers consider appropriate.
- (2) A report prepared under subsection (1)(b) complies with this subsection if it—

- (a) states what the Scottish Ministers have most recently calculated to be the inflation-adjusted level of each relevant figure,
  - (b) explains how the Ministers calculated the inflation-adjusted levels, and
  - (c) states what (if anything) the Ministers have done, or intend to do, in light of their calculations and their reasons for that decision.
- (3) In this section, “relevant figure” means a figure prescribed in regulations under any section in Chapter 2 as the value, or part of the value, of the assistance that is to be given to an individual.
- (4) The inflation-adjusted level of a figure prescribed in regulations is to be calculated for the purposes of this Chapter as follows—

$$f \times 1 + i100$$

where—

*f* is the figure prescribed, and

*i* is the number of percentage points which the Scottish Ministers consider reflects the change in the general level of relevant prices since a copy of a report was last laid before the Scottish Parliament under subsection (1)(c).

- (5) It is for the Scottish Ministers to decide what prices are “relevant prices” in terms of subsection (4).
- (6) For the purposes of preparing the first report under subsection (1)(b), the reference in subsection (4) to the last time a copy of a report was laid before the Scottish Parliament is to be read as a reference to the date on which the figure in question was prescribed.>

### Jeane Freeman

48 After section 44, insert—

#### <Duty to uprate disability and employment-injury assistance

- (1) Before the end of each financial year, having calculated in accordance with section (*Duty to consider effects of inflation*) the inflation-adjusted level of each relevant figure prescribed in—
  - (a) the disability assistance regulations, and
  - (b) the employment-injury assistance regulations,

the Scottish Ministers must bring forward legislation to replace any relevant figure prescribed in those regulations which is, in their opinion, materially below its inflation-adjusted level with a figure of at least that level (subject to any rounding they think appropriate).
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1), bringing forward legislation means laying before the Scottish Parliament for approval by resolution a draft Scottish statutory instrument containing disability assistance regulations and employment-injury assistance regulations.
- (3) If the Scottish Parliament approves a draft instrument laid before it by the Scottish Ministers in fulfilment of their duty under subsection (1), the Ministers must make the regulations contained in the draft instrument.
- (4) In this section—
  - “disability assistance regulations” means regulations under section 14,
  - “employment-injury assistance regulations” means regulations under section 16,
  - “relevant figure” is to be construed in accordance with section (*Duty to consider effects of inflation*)(3).>

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## Section 55

### Jeane Freeman

- 49 In section 55, page 21, line 25, after <procedure:> insert <section (*Commission functions*)(1)(e),>

### Jeane Freeman

- 50 In section 55, page 21, line 25, after <procedure:> insert <section (*Charter-based complaints*),>

### Alison Johnstone

- 51 In section 55, page 21, line 25, after <procedure:> insert <section (*Assistance take-up targets*),>

### Jeane Freeman

- 52 In section 55, page 21, line 28, leave out <23(2)(b)> and insert <23(2C)(a)>

### Jeane Freeman

- 53 In section 55, page 21, line 28, after <24(5)> insert <and paragraphs 4(2)(c) and 13(2) of schedule (*Scottish Commission on Social Security*)>

### Jeane Freeman

- 54 In section 55, page 21, line 32, at end insert—

<( ) Regulations under section (*Commission functions*)(1)(e), which modify the functions of the Scottish Commission on Social Security, may not be made after the Commission is established unless the Scottish Ministers have consulted the Commission about the modification.>

## After section 55

### Jeane Freeman

- 55 After section 55, insert—

#### <Further procedure for regulations about assistance

- (1) This section applies (subject to subsection (9)) in relation to regulations under—
  - (a) any section in Chapter 2 of Part 2, and
  - (b) section 45.
- (2) Where the Scottish Ministers propose to make regulations to which this section applies, they must (before laying a draft Scottish statutory instrument containing such regulations before the Scottish Parliament for approval by resolution)—
  - (a) inform the Scottish Commission on Social Security of their proposals,
  - (b) notify the Scottish Parliament that they have done so, and
  - (c) make their proposals publicly available by such means as the Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) Having been informed of the Scottish Ministers' proposals, the Commission must prepare a report setting out its observations and recommendations in relation to the proposals.
- (4) In preparing its report, the Commission—
  - (a) must have regard to—

- (i) the Scottish social security principles, and
  - (ii) any relevant international human rights instruments (as defined in section (*Commission functions*)(5)), and
- (b) may consult any persons it considers appropriate.
- (5) If the Commission's members are unable to agree the terms of its report unanimously, the report must set out the matters over which members differ.
- (6) Having prepared its report, the Commission must—
  - (a) submit a copy of the report to—
    - (i) the Scottish Ministers, and
    - (ii) the Scottish Parliament, and
  - (b) make the report publicly available by such means as the Commission considers appropriate.
- (7) When laying a draft Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations to which this section applies before the Scottish Parliament for approval by resolution, the Scottish Ministers must also lay before the Parliament either—
  - (a) a response to the Commission's report on the proposals for the regulations, or
  - (b) a statement explaining why the Ministers consider it appropriate to lay the draft instrument before the Parliament before the Commission has submitted its report on the proposals for the regulations.
- (8) The response mentioned in subsection (7)(a) must, in particular, give details of—
  - (a) how (if at all) the regulations differ from the proposals,
  - (b) how the Scottish Ministers have sought to address the observations and recommendations contained in the Commission's report, and
  - (c) any observations or recommendations contained in the report that the Ministers disagree with and have not sought to address.
- (9) This section does not apply in relation to—
  - (a) regulations that consolidate earlier regulations, or
  - (b) regulations that give effect to proposals that fall within a description that the Commission has, by written notice to the Scottish Ministers and the Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament, stated that the Commission does not consider it necessary to be informed about under subsection (2).>

### Jeane Freeman

56 After section 55, insert—

**<Temporary disapplication of section (*Further procedure for regulations about assistance*)**

- (1) Section (*Further procedure for regulations about assistance*) does not apply in relation to regulations under section 15 or 17 that are brought forward before the date specified by the Scottish Commission on Social Security.
- (2) The Commission specifies a date under subsection (1) by giving written notice to—
  - (a) the Scottish Ministers, and
  - (b) the Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament,

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informing them of the date from which the Commission will be ready to perform its function of scrutinising legislative proposals in accordance with section (*Further procedure for regulations about assistance*).

- (3) In subsection (1), “brought forward” means contained in a draft Scottish statutory instrument that is laid before the Scottish Parliament for approval by resolution.
- (4) At any time after the date specified by the Commission under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers may by regulations repeal this section.>

## New Subordinate Legislation

### Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 17 January 2018 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983

## 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

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

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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.

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### **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 completed, 16 January 2018

*Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team*  
([LegislationTeam@parliament.scot](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))

### **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 1 February 2018

*Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 25 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team* ([LegislationTeam@parliament.scot](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))

### **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 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 30 January 2018

*Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Tuesday 23 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([LegislationTeam@parliament.scot](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))*

### **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)), 17 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 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 25 January 2018

*Lead committee - Justice*

### **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*

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*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:**

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

**European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-10**

Lodged on 12 September 2017

Debate, meeting of the Parliament, 23 January 2018

*Interim Report - Finance and Constitution Committee (1st Report, 2018)*

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

Lodged on 13 December 2017

Evidence, lead committee (Economy, Jobs and Fair Work), 16 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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**Lead committee to report by 1 March 2018**

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[Representation of the People \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (17 January 2018) (Local Government and Communities)

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

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[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)

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**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)

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**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)

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[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)

**Subject to annulment by 22 February 2018**

**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)

**Subject to annulment by 5 March 2018**

**Lead committee to report by 26 February 2018**

[Animal Feed \(Basic Safety Standards\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/15\)](#) (16 January 2018) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

## 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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The following report was published on 18 January 2018

Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2018 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 258)

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