

Monday 5 March 2018

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

### Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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There are no meetings today.

## Committee Meetings

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## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 28 February 2018

### Tuesday 6 March 2018

**1:15 pm** Time for Reflection: Commissioner Keith Banks (The Salvation Army), Chaplain, Glasgow Airport.

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Members' Business: Colin Smyth: Atrial Fibrillation in Scotland

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

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Widening Access to Higher Education

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2018 [Draft]

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland Bill)

**followed by** Financial Resolution: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business: Mairi Gougeon: LEADER Programme

### Wednesday 7 March 2018

**1:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**1:30 pm** Portfolio Questions  
Education and Skills

**followed by** Stage 3 Debate: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Financial Resolution: Financial Resolution: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

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**followed by** Members' Business: Stewart Stevenson: Electronic and Internet Voting

### Thursday 8 March 2018

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

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

**12:45 pm** Members' Business: Graham Simpson: Save the Greenbelt

**2:15 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:15 pm** Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### **Tuesday 13 March 2018**

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### **Wednesday 14 March 2018**

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### **Thursday 15 March 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

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

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**5:00 pm** Decision Time

## Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm>

### Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee

6 March 2018

8th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Scotland's Economic Performance:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland;  
Sandy Finlayson, Chair, Converge Challenge;  
Professor Ferdinand von Prondzynski, Principal, Robert Gordon University.

3. **Scotland's Economic Performance:** The Committee will consider evidence heard at today's meeting.

### Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 13 March, the Committee expects to consider the oral evidence on its Scotland's Economic Performance inquiry.

For further information, contact Alison Walker the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are [economyjobsandfairwork@parliament.scot](mailto:economyjobsandfairwork@parliament.scot) on extension 85403.

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

6 March 2018

7th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
2. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the delegated powers in the Bill from—  
Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe;  
Gerald Byrne, Team Leader, Constitution and UK Relations Division;  
Graham Fisher, Head of Branch 1, Constitutional and Civil Law Division, Scottish Government Legal Directorate;  
Luke McBratney, Policy Officer, Constitution and UK Relations Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/87\)](#).
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

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[National Health Service \(General Medical Services Contracts\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/66\);](#)

[National Health Service \(Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/67\);](#)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levy\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/74\);](#)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(New and Improved Properties\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/75\);](#)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/76\);](#)

[Non-Domestic Rating \(Unoccupied Property\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/77\).](#)

5. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[United Nations \(International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals\) Order 2018 \(SI 2018/187\);](#)

[Lobbying \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/73 \(C.7\)\).](#)

6. **Prescription (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

7. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Proposed future business**

The Committee will next meet on Tuesday 13 March. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at [dplr.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:dplr.committee@parliament.scot) or on 0131 348 5212.

## **Health and Sport Committee**

**6 March 2018**

**8th Meeting, 2018**

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
The National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/41)  
The National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/43)  
The Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/47)
- Impact of leaving the European Union on health and social care in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Mark Dayan, Policy Analyst, Nuffield Trust;

Dr Syed Ahmed, Clinical Director, Health Protection Scotland;

John Watson, Deputy Chief Executive, ASH Scotland;

and then from—

Dr Donald Macaskill, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Care;

Joanna Macdonald, Director of Adult Social Care, NHS Highland;

Dr Peter Bennie, Chair, BMA Scotland;



Paul Buckley, Director of Strategy and Policy, General Medical Council.

3. **Impact of leaving the European Union on health and social care in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the session.
4. **Preventative Agenda (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft letter on substance misuse.
5. **Preventative Agenda (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter on detect cancer early.
6. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact David Cullum, the Clerk to the Committee on 0131 348 5210 or by email [david.cullum@parliament.scot](mailto:david.cullum@parliament.scot)

### **Justice Committee**

**6 March 2018**

**8th Meeting, 2018**

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).
3. **Alternative dispute resolution:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Nicos Scholarios, Secretary, CALM Scotland;

Isabella Ennis, Chair, Family Law Arbitration Group Scotland;

Rosanne Cubitt, Head of Practice Mediation, Relationships Scotland;

Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive, Scottish Women's Aid.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument— Premises Licence (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/49).
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 13 March, the Committee expects to continue taking evidence on remand. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath, on 0131 348 5195 or by email [peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot](mailto:peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot)

### **Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee**

**6 March 2018**

**8th Meeting, 2018**

The Committee will meet at 10:30 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.

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2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument:  
The Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/40)
3. **Scotland's Marine Environment:** The Committee will consider its approach to this work.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will review its work programme, including considering draft correspondence to the Equalities and Human Rights Committee and its approach to its 2017-18 Annual Report.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 13 March, the Committee will take evidence on Stage 1 of the Scottish Crown Estate Bill from various stakeholders. The Committee will also consider the Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/370).

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lynn Tullis, on 0131 348 5240 or [ecclr.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:ecclr.committee@parliament.scot)

## **Local Government and Communities Committee**

**7 March 2018**

**8th Meeting, 2018**

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

1. **Planning (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Tammy Swift-Adams, Director of Planning, Homes for Scotland;  
Jenny Hogan, Deputy Chief Executive, Scottish Renewables;  
Gordon Nelson, Director, Federation of Master Builders Scotland;  
Sarah Boyack, Head of Public Affairs, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations;  
Jonathan Fair, Regional Managing Director - Scotland, McCarthy and Stone;  
and then from—  
Kate Houghton, Policy and Practice Officer, RTPI Scotland;  
Malcolm Fraser, Consultant Architect;  
Professor Cliff Hague, Emeritus Professor of Planning and Spatial Development, Heriot-Watt University;  
Stuart Tait, Manager, and Dorothy McDonald, Assistant Manager, Clydeplan.
2. **Planning (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 14 March, the Committee will take further evidence at Stage 1 of the Planning (Scotland) Bill.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jane Williams on 0131-348-5232 or [LocalGovernmentandCommunities@parliament.scot](mailto:LocalGovernmentandCommunities@parliament.scot).

## **Finance and Constitution Committee**

**7 March 2018**

**8th Meeting, 2018**

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

1. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Michael Clancy, Director of Law Reform, Law Society of Scotland;  
Dr Kirsty Hughes, Director, Scottish Centre on European Relations;  
Professor Aileen McHarg, University of Strathclyde;  
Professor Alan Page, Professor of Public Law, University of Dundee;  
and then from—  
Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe, Scottish Government.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee.

## **Education and Skills Committee**

**7 March 2018**

**8th Meeting, 2018**

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

1. **Decision to take agenda item in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda item 3 in private.
2. **Ask the Minister:** The Committee will hear evidence, primarily on widening access, from—  
Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science, Dr Paul Smart, Head of Colleges, Young Workforce & SFC Sponsorship Division, and Dr Roddy Macdonald, Head of Higher Education and Science Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 14th March 2018, the Committee expects to consider oral evidence from the Minister for Employability and Training and from the Chair of the Independent Care Review. For further information please contact Roz Thomson, the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are [roz.thomson@parliament.scot](mailto:roz.thomson@parliament.scot) on extension 85222.

## **Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee**

**7 March 2018**

**2nd Meeting, 2018**

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

1. **Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a written submission from the promoters of the Bill.

### **Proposed future business**

The Committee is likely to next meet on Wednesday 18 April 2018 at 10am, when it will consider the new land plans and explanatory report from the promoters. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Nick Hawthorne, on 0131 348 5417 or [nick.hawthorne@parliament.scot](mailto:nick.hawthorne@parliament.scot).

## **Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee**

**7 March 2018**

**7th Meeting, 2018**

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft] from—  
Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, Tom Davy, Head of Bus and Local Transport Policy Unit, Transport Scotland, and Gordon Hanning, Head of Concessionary Travel and Integrated Ticketing Unit, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Minister for Transport and the Islands) to move—S5M-10336—That the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft] be approved.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/44)  
The Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/50)
4. **Salmon Farming in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor Paul Tett, Reader in Coastal Ecosystems, The Scottish Association for Marine Science;  
Professor James Bron, Professor in Aquaculture, and Professor Herve Migaud, Professor of Aquatic Breeding and Physiology, University of Stirling's Institute of Aquaculture;  
Steve Westbrook, Economist.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 14 March, the Committee expects to consider subordinate legislation and take evidence on its inquiry into Salmon Farming in Scotland.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at [rec.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:rec.committee@parliament.scot) or 0131 348 5211.

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## Motions

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

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

- \* before the number indicates publication for the first time
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- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

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

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

## Motions for Debate

**\*[S5M-10784](#) Derek Mackay: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

- (a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and
- (b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

## Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S5M-10788](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Stobo Castle Extends Stay for Guests**—That the Parliament recognises that Stobo Castle in Peeblesshire invited all guests, due to depart on Wednesday 28 February 2018, to stay at least one more night at the hotel to prevent them from having to travel in heavy snow and freezing temperatures; understands that the hotel encouraged guests to stay at the hotel free of charge, including meals, stating that guests, safety must come first, and commends the staff at the luxury hotel for this initiative.

**\*[S5M-10787](#) Jenny Gilruth: Life in Limbo Campaign**—That the Parliament considers that too many homeless people are spending lengthy periods in unsuitable temporary accommodation, such as unsupported lodging hostels, lodging houses and bed and breakfast accommodation; recognises that many local authorities, including Fife Council, have eliminated the use of such unsuitable temporary accommodation while other local authorities are increasing its use to meet their statutory duties; believes that long periods of time in unsuitable temporary accommodation can be damaging for individuals; welcomes the Crisis campaign, Life in Limbo, which draws attention to the reality of living in unsuitable temporary accommodation, such as B&Bs, where individuals it considers often have no access to kitchen or laundry facilities, can be subject to restrictive curfew and where visits from non-dependent children, family or friends are often not permitted; believes that the cost of such accommodation is expensive both for the public purse and for individuals; notes that the Scottish Government has limited the time that families and

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pregnant women spend in unsuitable temporary accommodation to seven days; welcomes the establishment of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group, which will review the current use of temporary accommodation; welcomes the recommendations in the recent homelessness report from the Local Government and Communities Committee to extend that time limit to care leavers and young people; notes calls for consideration to be given to further extend the time limit to seven days for all single homeless people to ensure that there is no longer a two tier system on unsuitable temporary accommodation.

Supported by: Richard Lyle\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Clare Haughey\*

**\*S5M-10786 Gillian Martin: Karenza Williams Receives Funding to Tour with Aberdeenshire Youth Orchestra**—That the Parliament congratulates 15-year-old Karenza Williams from Newmachar on receiving funding from the Nurturing Talent Fund to cover the cost of her upcoming trip to Belgium to play as part of the Aberdeenshire Youth Orchestra; recognises that the fund was set up by Creative Scotland and Young Scot to help young people reach their artistic ambitions; acknowledges that the funding is administered by young people for young people by the National Youth Arts Advisory Group for Scotland; understands that the Aberdeenshire Youth Orchestra will perform in a range of renowned venues as part of the tour, and wishes it and Karenza well.

Supported by: Graeme Dey\*, James Dornan\*, Richard Lyle\*, Bill Kidd\*, Ruth Maguire\*

**\*S5M-10785 Gordon Lindhurst: Lothian Buses Keep Edinburgh and Lothian Moving**—That the Parliament commends all staff at Lothian Buses for their work in keeping people moving across Edinburgh and Lothian since the heavy snow began impacting on the area; recognises that full services continued up to four hours after the red weather warning began on Wednesday 28 February 2018, ensuring that travellers got home safely even as the worst of the weather had already started to hit; notes that, from then, reduced services continued, including the tram service and the 100 bus taking people through the heart of Edinburgh; understands that further limited services are running again following the removal of the amber weather warning at 10 am on Friday 2 March, despite there being extremely challenging conditions on roads, and thanks staff at Lothian Buses for their commitment to keeping Edinburgh moving during the extreme weather.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Peter Chapman\*, Liz Smith\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Ben Macpherson\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Richard Lyle\*, Andy Wightman\*, Ruth Maguire\*

**\*S5M-10783 Peter Chapman: ARCHIE's Foundation Beards for Bairns Fundraising Campaign**—That the Parliament commends the fundraising efforts of the father and son duo, Duncan and Travis Gordon, for raising £1,000 for the ARCHIE's Foundation Beards for Bairns fundraising campaign; recognises that the foundation supports sick children and families by buying specialist equipment, enhancing staff training, buying toys and by funding research; further recognises that the campaign encourages men to grow out their facial hair in January in exchange for donations; notes that the duo initially set a target of £250 but that, between Christmas Day 2017 and Burns Night 2018, they had already raised £950; congratulates Duncan and Travis on being listed in the top 10 fundraisers from more than 300 participants, and welcomes the truly positive contribution that it considers they have made towards supporting children across the north east.

Supported by: Michelle Ballantyne\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Liz Smith\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*S5M-10782 Peter Chapman: Fundraiser to Support Children's Hospices Across Scotland**—That the Parliament commends the charitable efforts of Ellon and District Farmers, which organised a fundraiser dance at the Station Hotel in Ellon to support the charity, Children's



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Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) Ellon Branch; notes that CHAS offers full family support service for babies, children and young people with life-shortening conditions; recognises that around £2,800 was raised for CHAS through a variety of raffles, an auction and games by the 135 people in attendance, and welcomes the positive impact that this donation will have towards supporting the local community.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Tom Mason\*, Liz Smith\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, James Dornan\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*S5M-10781 Ross Greer: Working Conditions During Severe Weather—**That the Parliament expresses concern that workers in Scotland have, it understands, been pressured into working in unsafe conditions during the recent red and amber severe weather warnings; notes that the purpose of these weather warnings is to emphasise the hazardous and dangerous conditions with the potential to cause damage, widespread disruption and danger to life; highlights that Police Scotland, Transport Scotland and others have advised that travel during severe weather warnings should be avoided, and expresses disappointment at those employers and businesses that have pressured workers to continue non-essential work during such hazardous and dangerous conditions, particularly those in the so-called gig-economy, including it believes, Deliveroo, which, it understands, incentivised workers to travel in amber warning weather conditions, contrary to official advice and warnings.

Supported by: Andy Wightman\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Monica Lennon\*, Elaine Smith\*

**\*S5M-10780 Peter Chapman: Donations to Maggie's Aberdeen Charity—**That the Parliament commends the Louise Macdonald School of Highland Dancing for supporting the Maggie's Aberdeen charity by donating £555; notes that Maggie's offers free practical and emotional support for all those affected by cancer and their families in the north east; recognises that Maggie's relies on donations from the community to keep its doors open; understands that just £30 could pay for a family to receive an hour's emotional support from a psychologist, and £100 could pay for a managing stress session for 10 people, and welcomes the positive contribution that the Ellon-based dance school has made in supporting Maggie's charity and the people that it works with.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Tom Mason\*, Liz Smith\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, James Dornan\*, Bill Kidd\*

**\*S5M-10779 Peter Chapman: National Autistic Society Fundraising—**That the Parliament congratulates the National Autistic Society (NAS) on raising £3,696 through a silent auction and raffle night at the Station Hotel in Ellon in February 2018; notes that NAS supports over 150 families across Aberdeen city and shire, providing emotional support, parent training, family fun days, weekly social skills sessions and general information; commends NAS for raising over £30,000 in the last 10 years and applauds its commitment and dedication to providing support to individuals and their families affected by autism, and welcomes the positive impact that these contributions will have in assisting NAS with its projects.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Tom Mason\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Liz Smith\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, James Dornan\*

**\*S5M-10778 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Eating Disorders Awareness in Scotland—**That the Parliament commends the work of campaigners for Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2018, which took place, between 26 February and 4 March 2018; notes that it is estimated that 1.25 million people across the UK have an eating disorder; recognises that eating disorders affect all ages and genders; understands that there is no systematic means of recording or identifying data

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trends around eating disorders in Scotland; pays tribute to all NHS staff and private counsellors who assist people in their recovery from any eating disorder; considers that childhood mental health services are met with very high levels of demand, and thanks campaigners, including the charities, BEAT and SEDIG, for raising awareness of eating disorders.

**\*S5M-10777 Neil Findlay: New Rector Elected at Edinburgh University—**That the Parliament congratulates Ann Henderson on her election as the 53rd rector of the University of Edinburgh; understands that Ann won 75% of votes from students and that she has been unequivocal in her support of university lecturers in defence of their pensions; considers that her lifelong commitment to social justice and trade unionism make her an excellent choice of rector, and wishes her well in her role.

Supported by: Elaine Smith\*, Andy Wightman\*, Iain Gray\*, Richard Leonard\*, Monica Lennon\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*

**\*S5M-10776 Maurice Corry: Ryanair to Close Glasgow Base—**That the Parliament notes with disappointment the decision of Ryanair to close its Glasgow Airport base, which it understands could result in up to 300 jobs being lost; considers that the airline's decision will not only be damaging to Glasgow's connectivity but also to Scotland's, and notes the comments of a Glasgow Airport spokesperson that the airport has been left in "no doubt" that the decision is, in part, due to the "Scottish Government's inability to introduce its proposed 50% cut in Air Departure Tax".

Supported by: Tom Mason\*, Alexander Stewart\*, John Mason\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Peter Chapman\*, Liz Smith\*

**\*S5M-10775 Claudia Beamish: Healthy Valleys Nomination for Community Impact—**That the Parliament congratulates Healthy Valleys on its nomination at the Lanarkshire Business Excellence Awards under the category, Community Impact; notes that the awards celebrate and recognise the achievements of the Lanarkshire business community; thanks Healthy Valleys worthy nominees for their work to promote positive health and wellbeing across the local community; acknowledges the support that families receive through initiatives such as Grassroots, Go2Play and Parents Supporting Parents, along with Community Food Matters and Community Health Matters, and notes that older people in the community are helped through Reconnect, which tackles loneliness, and the Lanarkshire Domestic Abuse Response, which assists the most vulnerable people in the community.

Supported by: Ruth Maguire\*, James Dornan\*

**\*S5M-10774 Brian Whittle: Unforgotten Forces—**That the Parliament recognises the work of Unforgotten Forces, a collaboration of 15 organisations, led by Poppyscotland, which have joined forces to improve the support available for veterans in Scotland over the age of 65, and their families; notes that the groups involved include Action on Hearing Loss Scotland, Age Scotland, the Armed Services Advice Project, Defence Medical Welfare Service, Erskine, Fares4Free, ILM Highland, Legion Scotland, Luminare, Music in Hospitals & Care Scotland, Poppyscotland, the Scottish Older People's Assembly, Scottish War Blinded, SSAFA and the University of the West of Scotland; welcomes these organisations' commitment to partnership working as a means of delivering much needed high quality advice and support to older veterans and their families; commends all those involved in Unforgotten Forces for their efforts, and wishes the project continued success.

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**\*[S5M-10773](#) Brian Whittle: Poppyscotland Welfare Centre, Kilmarnock**—That the Parliament acknowledges the work undertaken by Poppyscotland's Welfare Centre in Kilmarnock; understands that this new centre, one of only two in Scotland, aims to provide support and advice to veterans and their families living across Ayrshire on a range of issues, including providing employment advice, respite and breaks, helping with housing issues and providing support in dealing with mental health issues; notes that the centre has been established with funding from The MacRobert Trust and funds obtained from LIBOR fines; recognises that the centre houses a number of organisations in addition to Poppyscotland, including the Defence Medical Welfare Service, the Regular Forces Employment Association, Veterans First Point Ayrshire, Combat Stress and the Unforgotten Forces project; considers that there are significant benefits to offering support from a range of organisations under one roof, and commends Poppyscotland and the organisations working with them for their commitment to partnership working and their work supporting members of the armed forces, veterans and their families.

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**\*[S5M-10772](#) Jenny Gilruth: Fundraising Efforts by Specsavers, Glenrothes**—That the Parliament congratulates staff at Specsavers in Glenrothes who raised £265 for the British Tinnitus Association; recognises the efforts by individual staff members who took turns on a stationary bike to cycle more than 120 miles; understands that, in addition to the cycle challenge, audiology experts offered advice to staff on how to manage tinnitus and offer tips to customers who have the condition, and wishes Specsavers in Glenrothes every success in its future fundraising efforts

Supported by: Ash Denham\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Richard Lyle\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Bill Kidd\*

**\*[S5M-10771](#) Annie Wells: Gin71 Partnership with House of Fraser**—That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow-based company, Gin71 on opening its second location in the House of Fraser store on Buchanan Street in the city on 9 March 2018; notes that Gin71 is a brand that was established in Glasgow four years ago to complement its sister operation, Cup Tea Rooms; understands that this partnership with House of Fraser will see the company save the jobs of eight people who were going to be made redundant and employ up to another 10 in its business, and notes with appreciation that Gin71 is committed to developing young people in its business and has a very successful apprentice and graduate programme.

**\*[S5M-10766](#) Brian Whittle: East Ayrshire Young Carers Achieve Food Hygiene Qualification**—That the Parliament congratulates Sarah Balmer, Cain Drynan, Brad Stebbings, Scott Morrison, Emily Paterson, Amy Barr, Carrie Kiltie and Lyle Wares, who are young carers from East Ayrshire on achieving their REHIS Food Hygiene Level 2 qualification; commends East Ayrshire Carers Centre staff, particularly staff member, Nicole Thomson, for supporting them through the process; believes that opportunities to learn new skills and gain qualifications should be as accessible to young carers as possible; acknowledges the efforts the young people, and wishes them every success.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Liz Smith\*, James Dornan\*

**\*[S5M-10765](#) Brian Whittle: Alpha Venture Employability Project**—That the Parliament congratulates the Alpha Venture Employability Project on being named as a finalist in the Youthlink Scotland Awards 2018; understands that the employability project, which is run by East Ayrshire Carers Centre, works across East Ayrshire in partnership with East Ayrshire Works and Inspiring Scotland to enable young people to access education, training and employment

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opportunities, including work experience and opportunities to gain qualifications in a variety of subjects; commends those involved in the project on their hard work, and wishes it continued success.

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**\*S5M-10762 Brian Whittle: Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire**—That the Parliament congratulates Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire on being awarded £138,266 by the Big Lottery Fund to run an initiative that aims to increase the community involvement of older, socially-isolated residents living in the Shortlees area of Kilmarnock by providing a range of volunteering and social opportunities, including film and book clubs, community outings and befriending; commends the efforts of those involved in securing this grant, and wishes the project every success.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Miles Briggs\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Liz Smith\*, James Dornan\*

**\*S5M-10761 Brian Whittle: Straiton Village Co-operative**—That the Parliament congratulates the Straiton Village Co-operative on being awarded £257,500 by the Scottish Land Fund to purchase the village store and its adjacent house; understands that this will allow the group to extend the range of products and services that it offers and derive a rental income from the house; commends the group on its efforts in getting this funding, and wishes the project every success.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Liz Smith\*, James Dornan\*

**\*S5M-10760 Brian Whittle: ParalympicsGB Athletes**—That the Parliament commends the ParalympicsGB athletes who have been selected to compete at the 2018 Winter Paralympics in PyeongChang; notes that the team includes Scott Meenagh, who is a former paratrooper from Cumbernauld, who, with support from Help for Heroes, is taking part in the para Nordic skiing, the first time that the team has taken part in this since 1998; acknowledges the years of training and hard work of Scott and his teammates; applauds Help for Heroes and the other charities that support the Paralympians, and wishes all at ParalympicsGB the best of luck in PyeongChang.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour\*, Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Liz Smith\*

### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**S5M-10769 Willie Coffey: Young Person of the Year Award, Rory McKinna** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Richard Lyle\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Rona Mackay\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Graeme Dey\*, Bill Kidd\*

**S5M-10768 Emma Harper: Carluke Development Trust** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**S5M-10767 Gordon Lindhurst: Heart of Midlothian FC Takes Part in There But Not There Campaign** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Liz Smith\*

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**[S5M-10759](#) Brian Whittle: Team GB Success at Pyeongchang Olympic Games** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10758](#) Stuart McMillan: Generous Amazon Staff in Gourock Donate to Calum's Cabin** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: James Dornan\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S5M-10757](#) Jenny Gilruth: MeganM Fit, Fife's Best** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Ash Denham\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S5M-10756](#) Jenny Gilruth: The Lemon Tree Café, Fife's Best** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Ash Denham\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S5M-10754](#) Ben Macpherson: Film Industry Attracted to Scotland** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S5M-10753](#) Joan McAlpine: Here's to a Good Year on the Nith** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S5M-10750](#) Liam Kerr: The Factory Skatepark** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Alexander Stewart\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Richard Lyle\*, Miles Briggs\*, Tom Mason\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Peter Chapman\*, Liz Smith\*, James Dornan\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S5M-10749](#) Liam Kerr: McManus 168** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Alexander Stewart\*, Michelle Ballantyne\*, Richard Lyle\*, Miles Briggs\*, Tom Mason\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Ruth Maguire\*, Peter Chapman\*, Liz Smith\*

**[S5M-10748](#) Liam Kerr: Funding Success for Angus Activity Programme for People with a Long-Term Condition** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Liz Smith\*, Tom Mason\*

**[S5M-10747](#) Jackson Carlaw: Glasgow Hutchesons Aloysians RFC** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason\*

**[S5M-10744](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Gratitude to the Public Sector Workforce in Adverse Weather Conditions** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Ash Denham\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10741](#) Maurice Corry: Scott Fanning and Hugh Little Complete the Monte Carlo Rally** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Liz Smith\*

**[S5M-10740](#) Maurice Corry: Helensburgh Oxfam Shop Hosts Jumble Sale Charity Event** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*, Tom Mason\*

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**[S5M-10739](#) Maurice Corry: Gavinburn Primary School Fundraises for Cancer Charities**  
(lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason\*

**[S5M-10738](#) Maurice Corry: Golden Friendship and John McMonagle Donate to Blue Triangle**  
(lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason\*

**[S5M-10737](#) Maurice Corry: Helensburgh Man Elected to the National Academy of Engineering** (lodged on 28 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10736](#) Maurice Corry: Under-15 Girls Reach National Relay Final** (lodged on 01 March 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*, Tom Mason\*

**[S5M-10728](#) Clare Adamson: Big Lottery Funding for Friends in Retirement in Wishaw**  
(lodged on 27 February 2018)

New Support: James Dornan\*

**[S5M-10727](#) Clare Adamson: Big Lottery Funding for Thornhill Residents Group** (lodged on 27 February 2018)

New Support: James Dornan\*

**[S5M-10710](#) David Torrance: Age Scotland's 75th Birthday** (lodged on 27 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10632](#) Neil Findlay: FBU and SFRS Reach Agreement** (lodged on 23 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*, Lewis Macdonald\*

**[S5M-10627](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Regulation of Electricians as a Profession** (lodged on 23 February 2018)

New Support: Willie Rennie\*

**[S5M-10625](#) Iain Gray: Scotswoman of the Year Special Award for Grace Warnock** (lodged on 23 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10620](#) Brian Whittle: Asda Fight Hunger Create Change Campaign** (lodged on 22 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10610](#) Alex Rowley: Fife Council Education Budget Cuts** (lodged on 22 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10604](#) Christine Grahame: Radio Borders Takes the Time** (lodged on 22 February 2018)

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New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10586](#) Neil Findlay: Fire Brigades Union Vote of No Confidence in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service** (lodged on 21 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10573](#) Stuart McMillan: Commonwealth Day 2018** (lodged on 21 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10572](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2018** (lodged on 20 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10570](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Sue Vipond Recognised for 25 Years of Volunteering for Cancer Research** (lodged on 20 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10561](#) Graeme Dey: Earth Hour 2018** (lodged on 20 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10550](#) Rhoda Grant: Campaign for Focus Ultrasound Device** (lodged on 20 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10547](#) Neil Findlay: Scottish Drugs Deaths** (lodged on 20 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10545](#) Neil Findlay: Restart University Pension Negotiations** (lodged on 20 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10533](#) Anas Sarwar: Glasgow Photography Children's War Museum Exhibition** (lodged on 19 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10527](#) Anas Sarwar: Supporting Scotland's Carers** (lodged on 19 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10515](#) Sandra White: Glasgow Satellite Firm Wins Successful Spacecraft Launch Contract** (lodged on 19 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10510](#) Elaine Smith: Food 365** (lodged on 16 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10504](#) Kezia Dugdale: Co-op Bright Future Scheme Supports Victims of Trafficking and Modern Slavery** (lodged on 16 February 2018)

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New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10495](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow's Helping Heroes Relaunch** (lodged on 16 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10491](#) Pauline McNeill: Free Power Banks for Rough Sleepers** (lodged on 16 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10489](#) Lewis Macdonald: Oil and Gas Technology Centre's First Anniversary** (lodged on 15 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10463](#) Joan McAlpine: Victim Support Scotland Event Regarding Hate Crime Against LGBTI People** (lodged on 14 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10462](#) Jeremy Balfour: My Scar My Story Exhibition to Raise Funds for Heart Research** (lodged on 14 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10422](#) Neil Bibby: Renfrewshire Council Calls for the Health Secretary to Reverse RAH Kids Ward Closure Decision** (lodged on 09 February 2018)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S5M-10106](#) Tavish Scott: The 2013 Sumburgh Helicopter Crash** (lodged on 25 January 2018)

New Support: Lewis Macdonald\*



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## Oral Questions

### Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 07 March 2018

#### Education and Skills

- 1. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of its national Play Strategy. ([S5O-01854](#))
- 2. Richard Lochhead:** To ask the Scottish Government to what extent the proposed further integration of Moray, Inverness, Lews Castle and North Highland colleges will impact on the autonomy of each college. ([S5O-01855](#))
- 3. Peter Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage young people into STEM apprenticeships. ([S5O-01856](#))
- 4. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what the average school clothing grant payment was in 2017. ([S5O-01857](#))
- 5. Gail Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports school staff who provide guidance and counselling to vulnerable young people. ([S5O-01858](#))
- 6. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what it sees as the key roles of student associations in representing the interests of students at colleges and universities. ([S5O-01859](#))
- 7. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government what evaluation it has carried out of how the Scottish Studies strand of the curriculum is operating. ([S5O-01860](#))
- 8. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact its most recent teacher recruitment campaign has had. ([S5O-01861](#))
- 9. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is giving to registered childminders. ([S5O-01862](#))
- 10. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it gives to the provision of teaching life skills as part of the school curriculum. ([S5O-01863](#))
- 11. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government how schools support children and young people who are affected by alcohol harm. ([S5O-01864](#))
- 12. Jenny Gilruth:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will next meet Fife Council to discuss education matters. ([S5O-01865](#))
- 13. Iain Gray:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will comment on the trends in spending on schools since 2010-11. ([S5O-01866](#))
- 14. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with trade unions regarding the merger of UHI colleges. ([S5O-01867](#))
- 15. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what change it forecasts in the number of support for learning staff in schools in the next year. ([S5O-01868](#))
- 16. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is monitoring the use of the Pupil Equity Fund in schools in the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency. ([S5O-01869](#))
- 17. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the industrial action by the University and College Union regarding staff pensions. ([S5O-01870](#))
- 18. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding the number of Scottish-domiciled students applying to study medicine in Scotland. ([S5O-01871](#))

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**19. Kate Forbes:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it has given to improving school buildings in the Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch constituency since May 2016. ([S50-01872](#))

**20. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to remove the barriers to learning faced by children with dyslexia. ([S50-01873](#)) R

### General Questions selected for answer on 08 March 2018

**1. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what importance it places on the role of local authority licensing boards in tackling alcohol issues. ([S50-01844](#))

**2. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its engagement with the 2 Sisters Food Group regarding the company's consultation on closing its factory in Cambuslang. ([S50-01845](#))

**3. Anas Sarwar:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it takes to ensure that people with a violent or threatening past do not work directly with vulnerable patients in health and social care settings. ([S50-01846](#))

**4. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the action it is taking to tackle waiting times issues in NHS Grampian and their impact on other NHS boards with which it holds service-level agreements. ([S50-01847](#))

**5. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reported problems at Raigmore Hospital, how many operating theatres in Scotland have wooden doors and plaster walls. ([S50-01848](#))

**6. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it will give to the recommendations of the Scottish Poverty and Inequality Commission as it develops its plan for tackling child poverty. ([S50-01849](#))

**7. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that homeless people spend as little time as possible in temporary accommodation. ([S50-01850](#))

**8. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve the passenger experience on ScotRail. ([S50-01851](#))

**9. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government how out-of-hours GP cover is being delivered across Dumfries and Galloway. ([S50-01852](#))

**10. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration is being given to protecting green belt areas as part of the Planning (Scotland) Bill. ([S50-01853](#))

### SPCB Oral Questions selected for answer on 08 March 2018

**1. Mary Fee:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what information it collects on the use of the Parliament crèche, and whether there has been any analysis of its use. ([S50-01874](#))

**2. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it plans to make sanitary products freely available in the Parliament for staff and visitors. ([S50-01875](#))

**3. John Finnie:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what discussions it has had with the fund trustees regarding updating the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme's investment strategy and statement of investment principles, and how it will ensure that the scheme's members are consulted about this. ([S50-01876](#))



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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 02 March 2018

**[S5W-14970](#) Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the statement by the Lord Advocate on 28 February 2018 (*Official Report*, c.19), whether it considers that any precedent has been set by its decision to pursue an EU continuity bill without a competency certificate from the Presiding Officer.

**[S5W-14971](#) Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it would proceed with a bill for a second independence referendum without it receiving a competency certificate from the Presiding Officer.

**[S5W-15019](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government how many cubic metres of gas are required on average to power the country for a (a) day and (b) week.

**[S5W-15020](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government how many cubic metres of gas are required on average to power the country for a (a) day and (b) week during challenging winter weather.

**[S5W-15021](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any concerns regarding the security of gas supply and, if so, whether it has raised these with the UK Government.

**[S5W-15022](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware of any industry shutdowns to ensure that residential homes continue to receive gas supplies.

**[S5W-15023](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any concerns regarding gas and electricity price volatility as a result of security of supply and, if so, whether it has discussed these with the UK Government.

**[S5W-15024](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what level of gas storage is available to mitigate exposure to international gas markets and energy price volatility.

**[S5W-15025](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what investment it is making in securing new gas storage.

**[S5W-15026](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government how much coal has been used to generate electricity in each year since 2010, and how much of this is imported coal.

**[S5W-15027](#) Tavish Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the availability of emergency interdicts for women who need protection from an abusing partner.

**[S5W-15028](#) Tavish Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the availability of domestic abuse interdicts with a power of arrest condition attached.

**[S5W-15029](#) Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-14650 by Humza Yousaf on 28 February 2018, when the audit will be completed and when the information from it will be released.

**[S5W-15030](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to installing average speed cameras on the A77 between the Holmston and Whitletts roundabouts, in light of a recent fatal car crash and reports of regular car racing on this section of road.

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## Progress of Legislation

### Bills

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill (G)**

Passed, 21 February 2018

#### **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 2 (Day 2) (Justice Committee), 6 March 2018

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

Passed, 1 February 2018

#### **Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 13 December 2017

Rescheduled Stage 3 to be confirmed

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

Passed, 30 January 2018

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### **Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 1 March 2018

### **Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government and Communities)), 24 January 2018

### **Islands (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee), 21 March 2018

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Finance and Constitution)), 21 February 2018

### **Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Introduced, 22 February 2018

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

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 15 March 2018

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### **Planning (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Communities)), 7 March 2018

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

Consideration Stage (Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee), 7 March 2018

### **Prescription (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 6 March 2018

### **Scottish Crown Estate Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)), 20 February 2018

### **Social Security (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 1 March 2018

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### **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill**

Evidence, Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 6 March 2018

Evidence, Finance and Constitution Committee, 7 March 2018

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 7 March 2018

## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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**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

Meeting of the Parliament, 22 February 2018

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

Lodged on 20 December 2017

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

**Affirmative instruments**

**Lead committee to report by 11 March 2018**

[Continuing Care \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (22 January 2018) (Education and Skills)

**Lead committee to report by 14 March 2018**

[Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 \(Searches under Part 5: Constables in Scotland: Code of Practice\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (25 January 2018) (Justice)

[Courts Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Consequential and Supplemental Provisions\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (25 January 2018) (Justice)

**Lead committee to report by 15 March 2018**

[National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (26 January 2018) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Equality Act 2010 \(Authorities subject to the Socio-economic Inequality Duty\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (26 January 2018) (Equalities and Human Rights)

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (26 January 2018) (Health and Sport)

**Lead committee to report by 27 March 2018**

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/87\)](#) (28 February 2018) (Finance and Constitution)

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**Lead committee to report by 28 March 2018**

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2017 Amendment Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (8 February 2018) (Finance and Constitution)

**Lead committee to report by 30 March 2018**

[Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Adult Carers and Young Carers: Identification of Outcomes and Needs for Support\) Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (15 February 2018) (Health and Sport)

**Lead committee to report by 16 April 2018**

[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (20 February 2018) (Parliament)

**Lead committee to report by 25 April 2018**

[Alcohol \(Minimum Price per Unit\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (1 March 2018) (Health and Sport)

**Negative instruments**

**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)

**Subject to annulment by 7 March 2018**

**Lead committee to report by 5 March 2018**

[Community Care \(Provision of Residential Accommodation Outwith Scotland\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/16\)](#) (18 January 2018) (Health and Sport)

**Subject to annulment by 14 March 2018**

**Lead committee to report by 12 March 2018**

[Plant Health \(Import Inspection Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/22\)](#) (25 January 2018) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

**Subject to annulment by 18 March 2018**

**Lead committee to report by 12 March 2018**

[Functions of Health Boards and Special Health Boards \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/27\)](#) (29 January 2018) (Health and Sport)

**Subject to annulment by 21 March 2018**

**Lead committee to report by 19 March 2018**

[Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(Prescribed Services\) \(Protected Adults\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/28\)](#) (1 February 2018) (Education and Skills)

**Subject to annulment by 22 March 2018**

**Lead committee to report by 19 March 2018**

[Self-directed Support \(Direct Payments\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/29\)](#) (2 February 2018) (Health and Sport)

[Carers \(Waiving of Charges for Support\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/31\)](#) (2 February 2018) (Health and Sport)

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[Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Review of Adult Carer Support Plan and Young Carer Statement\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/33\)](#) (2 February 2018) (Health and Sport)

[Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/34\)](#) (2 February 2018) (Health and Sport)

**Subject to annulment by 28 March 2018**

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

[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/37\)](#) (8 February 2018) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/38\)](#) (8 February 2018) (Local Government and Communities)

[Council Tax \(Discounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/39\)](#) (8 February 2018) (Local Government and Communities)

[Carbon Accounting Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/40\)](#) (8 February 2018) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/41\)](#) (8 February 2018) (Health and Sport)

[Community Care \(Provision of Residential Accommodation Outwith Scotland\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/42\)](#) (8 February 2018) (Health and Sport)

[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/43\)](#) (8 February 2018) (Health and Sport)

[Disabled Persons \(Badges for Motor Vehicles\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/44\)](#) (8 February 2018) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

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[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/46\)](#) (8 February 2018) (Local Government and Communities)

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/47\)](#) (8 February 2018) (Health and Sport)

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[Premises Licence \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/49\)](#) (9 February 2018) (Justice)



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[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/50\)](#) (9 February 2018) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

**Subject to annulment by 30 March 2018**

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[Duty of Candour Procedure \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/57\)](#) (12 February 2018) (Health and Sport)

[Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(Midlothian Council\) Designation Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/60\)](#) (16 February 2018) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

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[National Health Service \(General Medical Services Contracts\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/66\)](#) (19 February 2018) (Health and Sport)

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[National Health Service \(Pharmaceutical Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/68\)](#) (19 February 2018) (Health and Sport)

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/69\)](#) (19 February 2018) (Social Security)

**Subject to annulment by 19 April 2018**

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[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/74\)](#) (23 February 2018) (Local Government and Communities)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(New and Improved Properties\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/75\)](#) (23 February 2018) (Local Government and Communities)

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[Sheriff Court Fees Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/81\)](#) (27 February 2018) (Justice)

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[Adults with Incapacity \(Public Guardian's Fees\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/86\)](#) (27 February 2018) (Justice)

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