

Wednesday 12 September 2018

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm Portfolio Questions
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
Rural Economy

followed by Ministerial Statement:
Transvaginal Mesh

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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10:00am Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

- 1. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Government what initiatives it plans to improve the environment in South Lanarkshire. ([S5O-02329](#))
- 2. Jenny Gilruth:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Scottish Coastal Rubbish Aerial Photography project. ([S5O-02330](#))
- 3. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the establishment of a deposit return scheme. ([S5O-02331](#))
- 4. Iain Gray:** To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors and shares data on chemicals of environmental concern, particularly chemicals that are closely related to those that are already restricted. ([S5O-02332](#))
- 5. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government by what date it will respond to the results of its consultation on improving the protection of wild mammals. ([S5O-02333](#)) **R**
- 6. John Finnie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to environmental protection concerns regarding proposals to mechanically harvest kelp by dredging. ([S5O-02334](#))
- 7. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress towards its 90% carbon reduction target, and how it will ensure that households change their energy usage behaviour to reduce domestic carbon emissions in order to meet this target. ([S5O-02335](#))
- 8. Mark Griffin:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-02336](#))
- 9. Adam Tomkins:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making with its policy to tackle climate change, and whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to expand the electric vehicle charging infrastructure as part of this. ([S5O-02337](#))
- 10. Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government how it expects its new Biodiversity Challenge Fund to support the protection of curlews. ([S5O-02338](#))

Rural Economy

- 1. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to encourage a new generation of farmers into the agricultural industry. ([S5O-02339](#))
- 2. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met the UK Government to discuss the impact of Brexit on farming and food production in Scotland. ([S5O-02340](#))
- 3. Linda Fabiani:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding maintaining Scotland's protected food names and geographical indications following Brexit. ([S5O-02341](#))
- 4. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to help small food retailers and convenience stores to provide healthy food options to local communities. ([S5O-02342](#))
- 5. Angus MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to help farmers and crofters cope with the impact of adverse weather. ([S5O-02343](#))

6. Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making with its ambitions for the food and drink sector. ([S5O-02344](#))

7. Gordon MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to develop the food and drink sector, including through the tourism industry. ([S5O-02345](#))

8. Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support the food and drinks industry. ([S5O-02346](#))

9. Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to pay out in full all claims for CAP Pillar 2 support for 2017-18. ([S5O-02347](#))

10. Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what support it plans to put in place to assist farmers from 2019 onwards. ([S5O-02348](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Transvaginal Mesh

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters

[S5M-13847](#) Clare Haughey: Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters—That the Parliament welcomes the Suicide Prevention Action Plan; extends its sympathy to all those bereaved by suicide; believes that every life matters and that no death by suicide is either acceptable or inevitable; acknowledges the dedication, expertise and hard work of all those who have contributed to a 20% reduction in the suicide rate since 2002; accepts that there is far more work to do; supports the determination for a step change in suicide prevention; accepts the vision for a Scotland where suicide is preventable, where help and support is available to anyone contemplating suicide and to those who have lost someone to suicide; calls on leaders at national, regional and local level to transform society's response and attitudes towards suicide; recognises the need for further collective action to prevent deaths by suicide; supports the additional £3 million investment, and the establishing of a National Suicide Prevention Leadership Group chaired by the former deputy chief constable, Rose Fitzpatrick; agrees with the target to further reduce the rate of suicide by 20% by 2022, and commends the partnership approach across sectors, organisations and society to better identify and support people in distress, to strengthen communities and to save lives.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-13847.1](#) Annie Wells: Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters—As an amendment to motion [S5M-13847](#) in the name of Clare Haughey (Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters), after "Rose Fitzpatrick;" insert "asks that the Scottish Government provides detail on the accountability of the leadership group and how and when the group will report to the Parliament on action delivery timescales and how funding will be allocated;"

[S5M-13847.3](#) Mary Fee: Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters—As an amendment to motion [S5M-13847](#) in the name of Clare Haughey (Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters), insert at end "; recognises the importance of early intervention for supporting good mental wellbeing; welcomes the recent Scottish Government announcement that it will invest in school-based counsellors; notes that this policy has had wide support for some time, given the pressure on youth mental health services, as evidenced in the most recent CAMHS publications, which detail a record low performance on waiting times; acknowledges that adult mental health services are also under pressure like never before; commends the tireless work of the staff of all of

Scotland's mental health services; recognises the importance of ensuring that all support services are given the resources that they need to provide care to deliver the reduction in suicide rates; notes the independent review of mental health services in Tayside and its national significance, and calls on the Scottish Government to draw lessons for the whole of Scotland where appropriate."

[S5M-13847.2](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters—As an amendment to motion S5M-13847 in the name of Clare Haughey (Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters), insert at end "; acknowledges the characteristics and factors known to contribute to raised suicide risk, and believes that work to identify actions to target risk groups is essential; understands that the Health and Sport Committee recently heard from people affected by suicide and that one of the consistent themes was the lack of access to talking therapies; notes the ISD Scotland statistics showing that one-in-four adults did not start treatment for psychological therapies within 18 weeks during the quarter ending June 2018; recognises that early access to services, support and treatment, and continuity of care can be important factors in preventing deaths by suicide, and urges the Scottish Government to secure substantial progress in these areas."

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-13863](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 September 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Bank Closures: Impact on Local Businesses, Consumers and the Scottish Economy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 September 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 September 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Violence Reduction in Scotland – Progress and Future Priorities

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 September 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 26 September 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 September 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 19 September, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”, and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on 20 September 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-13864](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Establishment of Private Bill Committee—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Hutchesons’ Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee.

Remit: To consider matters relating to the Hutchesons’ Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill.

Duration: Until the Bill is passed or rejected, falls or is withdrawn.

Number of members: 4.

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

Membership: Maurice Corry, Kezia Dugdale, Ruth Maguire and Stewart Stevenson.

[S5M-13865](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Registered Social Landlords (Repayment Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-13867](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Membership of the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Government's proposal to nominate, as a representative of the Parliament, Angela Constance MSP as a full member on the UK delegation to the regional chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe for the remainder of the parliamentary session to 2021.

[S5M-13880](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Sub-Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that Fulton MacGregor be appointed to replace Ben Macpherson as a member of the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing.

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-13701](#) Patrick Harvie: Social Enterprises Working to Tackle Child Poverty—That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow-based social enterprise, ApparelXchange, which aims to promote reuse and recycling of school uniforms to reduce costs to families and prevent the waste of resources; notes that the social enterprise worked with a number of schools to run a successful series of summer pop-up shops across Glasgow offering reused items of school uniform; recognises that many families struggle to meet the costs of school uniforms, which it understands

amount to an average of £130 per year; commends the team for diverting over 2,100 garments from disposal in landfill, which it understands made carbon savings equivalent to four return flights from Edinburgh to New York; considers that UK Government welfare policies have increased the number of children living in poverty; values the work done by the Child Poverty Action Group and others on the costs of the school day; considers that child poverty has a deeply damaging effect on young people's education and life chances, and recognises both the valuable contribution that social enterprises make to tackling child poverty and the need for all levels of government to act positively to eliminate it.

Committee Meetings

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

Finance and Constitution Committee 22nd Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Angela Constance MSP and George Adam MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (UK Parliament Legislation):** The Committee will take evidence from-

Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, Gerald Byrne, Team Leader, Constitutional Policy, and Mr Steven MacGregor, Head of Parliament Legislation Unit, Scottish Government.

4. **Scottish Fiscal Commission - Forecast Evaluation Report:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Dame Susan Rice, Chair, Professor Professor Alasdair Smith, Commissioner, and John Ireland, Chief Executive, Scottish Fiscal Commission.

5. **Contingent liability:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work, Will Quinn, Guarantee Schemes Manager, and Michael Walker, Finance Business Partner, Scottish Government.

6. **Contigent liability:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 5.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 22nd Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Maureen Watt will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Transport (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from— Tasha Geddie, Transport Scotland Bill Team, Stephen Thomson, Head of Environmental & Sustainability Policy, Peter Grant, Team Leader – Bus Policy, Gordon Hanning, Head of Integrated Ticketing Unit, George Henry, Policy Manager – Parking, Kat Quane, Policy Officer – Road Works, Joanne Gray, Policy Manager – Regional Transport Partnerships, Chris Wilcock, Head of Ports, Shipping, Freight and Canals, Kevin Gibson, Legal Department, Alison Martin, Legal Department, Anne Cairns, Legal Department, and Claire McGill, Legal Department, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument— The Scalpay Island, Isle of Skye, Scallops Several Fishery Order 2018 (SSI 2018/245)
4. **Salmon farming in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Local Government and Communities Committee 24th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Declaration of interests:** James Dornan and Annabelle Ewing will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee will choose a Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 8 and 9 in private.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Regulation of Social Housing (Influence of Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] from—
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning, Yvonne Gavan, Housing Services Policy Unit, and Kirsten Simonnet-Lefevre, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Kevin Stewart (Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning) to move—
S5M-13767—That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Regulation of Social Housing (Influence of Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.
6. **Planning (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).
7. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Letting Agent Registration (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/196).
8. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
9. **Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee 6th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider objections to amendment 9, taking evidence from—
Mr and Mrs K Watkins, Objectors;
Hugh Grierson, Commissioner, and Jonathan Guest, Commissioner, Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission;
Shirley Davidson, Solicitor, McCash & Hunter (Clerks to the Commission);
Jonny Willett, Surveyor, Savills;
Alastair McKie, Solicitor, Anderson Strathern (agents for the Commissioners);
and then from—
Mr Ian Macgregor, Objector;

Hugh Grierson, Commissioner, and Jonathan Guest, Commissioner, Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission;

Shirley Davidson, Solicitor, McCash & Hunter (Clerks to the Commission);

Jonny Willett, Surveyor, Savills;

Alastair McKie, Solicitor, Anderson Strathern (agents for the Commissioners).

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2. **Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence given at item 1.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 5 September 2018

Thursday 13 September 2018

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-13663 Linda Fabiani: East Kilbride Workers said "Nae Pasaran!"

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating Scotland's Food and Drink Success Story

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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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>

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

13 September 2018

19th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Angela Constance will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
3. **Scotland's colleges 2018:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Scotland's colleges 2018" from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Senior Manager, and Mark McCabe, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Scotland's colleges 2018:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Senior Manager, and Mark McCabe, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Social Security Committee

13 September 2018

17th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Alasdair Allan, Bob Doris and Shona Robison will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee will choose a Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
4. **Social Security and in-work poverty:** The Committee will take evidence from—

David Finch, Senior Research Fellow, Resolution Foundation;
Russell Gunson, Director, Institute for Public Policy Research Scotland;
Robert Joyce, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies;
and then from—

Deborah Hay, Scotland Policy Officer, Joseph Rowntree Foundation;
Polly Jones, Project Manager, A Menu for Change Project, Oxfam Scotland.

5. **Social security and in-work poverty:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting and the written submissions received.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 27 September, the Committee expects to continue to take evidence on its inquiry into social security and in-work poverty. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 0131 348 5182 or email SocialSecurityCommittee@parliament.scot.

Public Petitions Committee

13 September 2018

13th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** David Torrance will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE1694 by Ralph Riddiough on Free Instrumental Music Services, and will take evidence from—
Ralph Riddiough, Mick Cooke, Too Many Cookes Music Ltd., and Alison Reeves, Manager (Scotland), Making Music;
 - PE1696 by Jack Gallagher MA on behalf of Bothwell Historical Society on Preserving Scottish Battlefields;
 - PE1698 by Karen Murphy, Jane Rentoul, David Wilkie, Louisa Rogers and Jennifer Jane Lee on Medical Care in Rural Areas;
 - PE1699 by Amanda Digby on Release of murder victim bodies for funeral arrangements;
 - PE1700 by Martin James Keatings on behalf of Forward as One on Progression of process for Section 30 order to hold Scottish Referendum on Independence from the United Kingdom; and
 - PE1702 by Joanne Waddell on Counselling provision in all schools.
3. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE1463 by Sandra Whyte, Marian Dyer and Lorraine Cleaver on Effective thyroid and adrenal testing, diagnosis and treatment;
 - PE1600 by John Chapman on Speed Awareness Courses;
 - PE1642 by Norma Austin Hart on Sale and marketing of energy drinks to under sixteens;
 - PE1665 by Mark McCabe on Common law of blasphemy; and
 - PE1686 by Sean Clerkin on Homelessness crisis in Scotland.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 27 September, the Committee expects to consider new and continued petitions. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee

13 September 2018

22nd Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Ruth Maguire will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee will choose a Convener.
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2019-20 (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2019-20.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 20 September, the Committee will continue taking Stage 1 oral evidence on the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee by email at equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot or by ringing 0131 348 5223 or 0131 348 5227.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

13 September 2018

22nd Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Annabelle Ewing and Kenneth Gibson will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Transient Visitor Levy:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Councillor Gail Macgregor, Resources Spokesperson, COSLA;
Councillor Bill Lobban, Convener, Highland Council;
Councillor Adam McVey, Leader, City of Edinburgh Council;
Councillor Jenny Laing, Co-Leader, Aberdeen City Council.

3. **Transient Visitor Levy (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Herbert, on europe@parliament.scot or 0131 348 5234.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

13 September 2018

16th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Bill Kidd, Gil Paterson, Mark Ruskell and Maureen Watt will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee will choose a Convener.
3. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
4. **Cross-Party Groups:** The Committee will consider applications for recognition from four Cross-Party Groups, and take evidence from—
Rona Mackay, Member of the proposed CPG on Prevention and Healing of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs);
and then from—
James Dornan, Convener of the proposed CPG on Combatting Sectarianism in Scottish Society;

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and then from—

Mary Fee, Convener of the proposed CPG on Scottish Gypsy/Traveller Community;
and then from—

Mary Fee, Deputy-Convener of the proposed CPG on Women's Justice.

5. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Groups on Prevention and Healing of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs); Combatting Sectarianism in Scottish Society; Scottish Gypsy/Traveller Community; and Women's Justice.
6. **Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee will consider a revision to the Direction to the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 27 September, the Committee expects to consider further papers on the recommendations from the Commission on Parliamentary Reform.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

13 September 2018

9th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Sub-Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Police Scotland's proposed use of digital device triage systems:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence on the proposed use of digital device triage systems (cyber-kiosks) from—
David Freeland, Senior Policy Officer, Information Commissioner's Office;
Detective Chief Superintendent Gerry McLean, Head of Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism, and Peter Benson, Cybercrime Forensic Team Leader, Police Scotland;
Diego Quiroz, Policy Officer, Scottish Human Rights Commission.
3. **Pre- Budget Scrutiny 2019-20:** The Sub-Committee will consider its approach to the pre-budget scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2019-20.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 4 October, the Sub-Committee expects to take evidence on Police Scotland's ICT strategy as part of its pre-budget scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2019-20. For further information, contact Diane Barr, the Clerk to the Sub-Committee on 0131 348 5220 or by email diane.barr@parliament.scot

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Motions for Debate

***[S5M-13876](#) Fergus Ewing: Celebrating Scotland's Food and Drink Success Story**—That the Parliament welcomes Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight and its campaign this year to encourage more people to buy, eat and promote Scottish food and drink and to champion the role that young people play in the sector's success; notes that these aims are reflected in the vision of Scotland as a Good Food Nation; notes that legislation underpinning the Good Food Nation vision and ambition will be introduced in the current parliamentary session; acknowledges the importance and value of the Scottish food and drink sector to the Scottish economy and the people of Scotland, particularly through the growth in sales within the UK and overseas since 2007; notes that, in 2017, food and drink exports to the EU were worth £2.5 billion; is concerned that the prospect of a hard or no-deal Brexit increasingly puts this success at risk, not least because of the threat to the geographical indication status, which provides economic benefit to many important Scottish products, and urges the UK Government to ensure that Scottish produce can continue to benefit from geographical indication status in the UK, Europe and internationally.

Supported by: Mairi Gougeon*

[S5M-13847](#) Clare Haughey: Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters—That the Parliament welcomes the Suicide Prevention Action Plan; extends its sympathy to all those bereaved by suicide; believes that every life matters and that no death by suicide is either acceptable or inevitable; acknowledges the dedication, expertise and hard work of all those who have contributed to a 20% reduction in the suicide rate since 2002; accepts that there is far more work to do; supports the determination for a step change in suicide prevention; accepts the vision for a Scotland where suicide is preventable, where help and support is available to anyone contemplating suicide and to those who have lost someone to suicide; calls on leaders at national, regional and local level to transform society's response and attitudes towards suicide; recognises the need for further collective action to prevent deaths by suicide; supports the additional £3 million investment, and the establishing of a National Suicide Prevention Leadership Group chaired by the former deputy chief constable, Rose Fitzpatrick; agrees with the target to further reduce the rate of suicide by 20% by 2022, and commends the partnership approach across sectors, organisations and society to better identify and support people in distress, to strengthen communities and to save lives.

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Supported by: Jeane Freeman

***S5M-13847.3 Mary Fee: Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters—**As an amendment to motion S5M-13847 in the name of Clare Haughey (Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters), insert at end "; recognises the importance of early intervention for supporting good mental wellbeing; welcomes the recent Scottish Government announcement that it will invest in school-based counsellors; notes that this policy has had wide support for some time, given the pressure on youth mental health services, as evidenced in the most recent CAMHS publications, which detail a record low performance on waiting times; acknowledges that adult mental health services are also under pressure like never before; commends the tireless work of the staff of all of Scotland's mental health services; recognises the importance of ensuring that all support services are given the resources that they need to provide care to deliver the reduction in suicide rates; notes the independent review of mental health services in Tayside and its national significance, and calls on the Scottish Government to draw lessons for the whole of Scotland where appropriate."

***S5M-13847.2 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters—**As an amendment to motion S5M-13847 in the name of Clare Haughey (Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters), insert at end "; acknowledges the characteristics and factors known to contribute to raised suicide risk, and believes that work to identify actions to target risk groups is essential; understands that the Health and Sport Committee recently heard from people affected by suicide and that one of the consistent themes was the lack of access to talking therapies; notes the ISD Scotland statistics showing that one-in-four adults did not start treatment for psychological therapies within 18 weeks during the quarter ending June 2018; recognises that early access to services, support and treatment, and continuity of care can be important factors in preventing deaths by suicide, and urges the Scottish Government to secure substantial progress in these areas."

***S5M-13847.1 Annie Wells: Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters—**As an amendment to motion S5M-13847 in the name of Clare Haughey (Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters), after "Rose Fitzpatrick;" insert "asks that the Scottish Government provides detail on the accountability of the leadership group and how and when the group will report to the Parliament on action delivery timescales and how funding will be allocated;"

Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

***S5M-13860 Clare Adamson: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness—**That the Parliament notes that November marks Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, and that 15 November 2018 is World Pancreatic Cancer Day; congratulates all of the pancreatic cancer charities and their supporters on working tirelessly to raise awareness of the condition; understands that it is one of the least survivable cancers and the fifth most common cause of cancer death in Scotland; notes that, while there are currently no screenings or early detection tests, some are in development; recognises that early detection is vital to improving a person's chance of survival by ensuring early access to treatment; appreciates that this need for early diagnosis makes awareness and knowledge of the condition all the more important, and welcomes all efforts in this cause. **R**

Supported by: Sandra White*, Richard Lyle*, Joan McAlpine*, Stuart McMillan*, Edward Mountain*, David Torrance*, Liam McArthur*, Rona Mackay*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Alexander Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-13880 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Sub-Committee**

Membership—That the Parliament agrees that Fulton MacGregor be appointed to replace Ben Macpherson as a member of the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing.

***S5M-13875 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Benromach Distillery Recognised by**

VisitScotland—That the Parliament congratulates Benromach Distillery in Forres on being awarded five-star status by VisitScotland; understands that the distillery was closed in 1983 and lay dormant for 15 years before being re-opened in 1998; notes the significance of Scotch whisky and whisky tourism to Moray; acknowledges the record rise in visitors to distilleries in the county over the last year, contributing £128.9 million to the local economy, and wishes all employees and suppliers of Benromach Distillery continued success for the future.

Supported by: Michelle Ballantyne*, Alexander Stewart*, Tom Mason*, Bill Bowman*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Peter Chapman*, Annie Wells*, Bill Kidd*, Margaret Mitchell*, Emma Harper*

***S5M-13874 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Showcase of Orkney Food and Drink**—That the Parliament acknowledges the upcoming two-day showcase in Orkney of local food and drink; notes that delegates from across the UK have been invited to this exhibit, organised by Orkney Food and Drink and Creative Orkney; understands that the visitors to the islands will tour local sites of interest; highlights the importance of Orkney's food and drink industry to its local economy; recognises the quality of the variety of food and drink produce from Orkney, and wishes the organisers, delegates and local businesses success during the event. **R**

Supported by: Michelle Ballantyne*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Peter Chapman*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Liam McArthur*, Tom Mason*, Liz Smith*, Bill Bowman*, Murdo Fraser*, Margaret Mitchell*

***S5M-13873 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Congratulating Keith Golf Club**—That the Parliament congratulates Keith Golf Club in Moray on its recent fundraising efforts; recognises that over £1,000 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support as part of the Billy Johnston Memorial Trophy competition; understands that the funding will be used locally to provide help to people who have been affected by cancer, and offers its thanks to those who participated and gave generously.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Tom Mason*, Liz Smith*, Murdo Fraser*, Margaret Mitchell*

***S5M-13872 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Spirit of Speyside: Distilled 2018**—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers of the Spirit of Speyside: Distilled 2018 event, which took place in Elgin Town Hall on 31 August and 1 September 2018; recognises that the weekend event showcased food and drink from across Speyside and the wider region; notes in particular the excellent quality of local food and drink in Moray; understands that more than 40 local producers were involved, with attendance exceeding 1,000, and wishes the festival well for the future.

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***S5M-13870 Michelle Ballantyne: Gorebridge Success at Beautiful Scotland Awards**—That the Parliament recognises that Keep Gorebridge Beautiful was presented with the Silver Award in the Medium Town category at the Beautiful Scotland Awards 2018; understands that, as a new

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entrant to the awards, the group was commended on its success in driving forward a number of local initiatives, including the upgrading of Auld Gala Park and projects at Arniston Park; notes that Gorebridge Community Council was noted by the judges as acting as a catalyst for many of the local improvements and they recognised its work with partners to arrange local events, such as litter picks, and congratulates everyone involved on their success.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Liz Smith*, Tom Mason*, Annie Wells*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Edward Mountain*, Alexander Stewart*, Bill Bowman*, Murdo Fraser*, Margaret Mitchell*

***S5M-13869 Michelle Ballantyne: Borders Fun Run for People with MS—**That the Parliament recognises that around £5,000 was raised at a fun run on 8 September 2018 to support the Borders group of the MS Society; understands that around 300 runners set off from Priorwood House in Melrose to complete a three-mile course; notes that the money raised will go toward funding a range of therapies, including hydrotherapy, reflexology and remedial massage, and commends everyone involved on their efforts.

Supported by: Edward Mountain*, Liz Smith*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Tom Mason*, Annie Wells*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Alexander Stewart*, Bill Bowman*, Murdo Fraser*, Margaret Mitchell*

***S5M-13868 Michelle Ballantyne: Beautiful Scotland Awards for East Lothian—**That the Parliament recognises that Blooming Haddington won both the Gold Award and the Medium Town category at the annual Beautiful Scotland Awards on 6 September 2018; understands that Dunbar also had a successful event, winning a Silver Gilt award and the Young People's Award; further understands that North Berwick in Bloom struck gold in the Coastal Town category, and congratulates all the groups on their success.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Liz Smith*, Tom Mason*, Annie Wells*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Edward Mountain*, Alexander Stewart*, Bill Bowman*, Murdo Fraser*, Margaret Mitchell*

***S5M-13867 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Membership of the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe—**That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Government's proposal to nominate, as a representative of the Parliament, Angela Constance MSP as a full member on the UK delegation to the regional chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe for the remainder of the parliamentary session to 2021.

***S5M-13866 Michelle Ballantyne: Lauder in Bloom Winners at the Beautiful Scotland Awards—**That the Parliament recognises that Lauder in Bloom was named winner in the large village category of the 2018 Beautiful Scotland Awards, which it won for the first time last year in its first year of entry; understands that the awards were organised by the environmental charity, Keep Scotland Beautiful; notes that the team, which was formed four years ago was praised for its efforts in community involvement and promoting environmental responsibility, as well as its commitment to creating its own compost with waste donated from the town's businesses, and congratulates the group on its success.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Peter Chapman*, Annie Wells*, Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Tom Mason*, Bill Bowman*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Edward Mountain*, Murdo Fraser*

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*[S5M-13865](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Registered Social Landlords (Repayment Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

*[S5M-13864](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Establishment of Private Bill Committee**—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:
Name of Committee: Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee.
Remit: To consider matters relating to the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill.

Duration: Until the Bill is passed or rejected, falls or is withdrawn.

Number of members: 4.

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

Membership: Maurice Corry, Kezia Dugdale, Ruth Maguire and Stewart Stevenson.

*[S5M-13863](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 September 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Bank Closures: Impact on Local Businesses, Consumers and the Scottish Economy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 September 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 September 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

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12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Violence Reduction in Scotland – Progress and Future Priorities

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 September 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 26 September 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 September 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

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2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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5.00 pm Decision Time

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(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 19 September, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”, and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on 20 September 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”.

***S5M-13862 David Stewart: Inverness Airport**—That the Parliament congratulates management and staff at Inverness Airport on its continued growth; understands that it generates £33.3 million each year for the Highland and Morayshire economies and directly supports 748 full-time jobs; notes that a recent report highlighted that inbound passengers spend a total of £89 million in the region; believes that the airport provides connections to world business hubs at which Highlands and Islands' businesses are showcased; understands that the airport's management team is ambitious and wants to grow the business further to enable even better connectivity and more inward and outward investment to help drive economic growth in the north, and wishes all involved the very best with these plans.

Supported by: Edward Mountain*, Kenneth Gibson*

***S5M-13859 Pauline McNeill: Congratulations to St Roch's Musicians**—That the Parliament congratulates St Roch’s under-12 musicians from the Irish Minstrels branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, based in the Garngad in Glasgow, on their significant achievement in winning the Grupa Cheoil competition at the Fleadh Cheoil na Éireann in Drogheda in Ireland; notes that this prestigious competition invites competitors from all over the world; welcomes the fact that the group, representing Glasgow and Scotland, has achieved this level of excellence when the nation celebrates the 2018 Year of Young People; commends the work of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann in Scotland for sharing Irish traditional music and culture within Scotland’s multi-generational Irish community and others in the broader community who embrace the close links between Scotland and Ireland; congratulates all those who won All-Ireland medals in their individual or group disciplines, and acknowledges that they have represented Glasgow and Scotland with distinction at an international level.

***S5M-13858 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Congratulating Forres in Bloom**—That the Parliament congratulates the Moray community group, Forres in Bloom, on being recognised at the 2018 Beautiful Scotland Awards held on 6 September; understands that the team of volunteers was awarded gold in the medium town category, and received the community involvement award; notes that Forres in Bloom has been in existence for 28 years; commends the important work that local residents in Forres undertake to keep residential areas a clean and attractive environment, and wishes all who are involved in the organisation the very best for the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Bill Bowman*, Tom Mason*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Liz Smith*, Margaret Mitchell*, Peter Chapman*, Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Maurice Corry*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Edward Mountain*, Murdo Fraser*

***S5M-13857 Jeremy Balfour: Keltra Crafts**—That the Parliament congratulates Tracy Dunn of Keltra Crafts in Bathgate, West Lothian, on being shortlisted for the Best Local Independent Shop in Scotland for a second consecutive year by the International Craft Awards 2018, as voted for by readers of *Crafts Beautiful* and *PaperCrafter*; understands that only five shops in Scotland were shortlisted; notes that the shop began five and a half years ago as a fabric shop and has now expanded into a hub for the local community to attend sewing and crocheting classes, with this being the second year that Keltra Crafts' students and customers have nominated the shop;

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further notes that Keltra Crafts runs 16 workshops most weeks, with up to 90 students a week attending; understands that the shop is now also a wool stockist and sells local artists work, as well as handmade products and giftware; wishes Tracy and everyone at Keltra Crafts success in the future, and notes that voting opens on 13 September.

Supported by: Michelle Ballantyne*, Liz Smith*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Annie Wells*, Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Alexander Stewart*, Peter Chapman*, Tom Mason*, Bill Bowman*, Margaret Mitchell*, Bill Kidd*

***S5M-13855 Jeremy Balfour: Launch of Independent Living Show at SECC in Glasgow**—That the Parliament congratulates everyone involved on the launch of the Independent Living Show at the SECC in Glasgow on 26 September 2018; notes that it is Scotland's largest disability, lifestyle and independent living event; welcomes its two show ambassadors, Rhona Martin MBE and Angela Malone MBE; believes that all disabled people in Scotland should have the same freedom, choice, dignity and control as other citizens at home, work and in the community, and wishes QD Events and everyone involved with the Independent Living Show every success.

Supported by: Margaret Mitchell*, Miles Briggs*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Peter Chapman*, Tom Mason*, Liz Smith*, Bill Bowman*, Alison Harris*, Bill Kidd*, Sandra White*, Murdo Fraser*, Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Gordon Lindhurst*

***S5M-13854 Bill Bowman: Dundonians Walk for People with Dementia**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Baxter Park was awash with fundraisers as people did their bit to support Alzheimer Scotland; understands that dozens of families from across Dundee took part in the charity's local Memory Walk event and raised almost £600 on the day to help the charity in its efforts to ensure that no one faces dementia alone, and thanks all those who took part for their fundraising efforts.

Supported by: Michelle Ballantyne*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Miles Briggs*, Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Liz Smith*, Margaret Mitchell*, Annie Wells*, Tom Mason*, Peter Chapman*, Bill Kidd*, Alison Harris*, Alexander Stewart*, Gordon Lindhurst*

***S5M-13853 Margaret Mitchell: Brighter Bothwell Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Brighter Bothwell on its recent success at the Beautiful Scotland awards, which were presented in Haddington; applauds it on winning the Gold medal and trophy in the Best Small Town category; welcomes the hard work of the group, which organises litter picks, provides floral displays, cares for plants, carries out weeding and pruning and generally strives to keep Bothwell beautiful; notes that it also promotes biodiversity and a "Bee Friendly Bothwell"; recognises that, in addition to this success, the group also won the Haddington 700 Award for the work of the Bothwell Horticultural Society, which is now celebrating 176 years since its inauguration; appreciates the excellent work that Brighter Bothwell does for the community, and wishes it continued success.

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***S5M-13852 Gail Ross: Big Day Out in Sutherland**—That the Parliament congratulates the Sutherland Community Planning Partnership on the organisation and successful operation of the Big Day Out in Sutherland; notes that the day brought together high school pupils from across the county of Sutherland who mainly live in remote and rural locations and have little opportunities to socialise and celebrate together; understands that the day involves live music, careers and education advice and creative opportunities for young people; welcomes the involvement that

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young people had in the organisation and development of the day, which is part of the year-long celebration of the Year of Young People in Scotland, and hopes that all involved enjoyed a worthwhile and enjoyable day.

Supported by: Jamie Halcro Johnston*, James Dornan*, Stuart McMillan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stewart Stevenson*, Sandra White*, Joan McAlpine*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, David Torrance*, Richard Lyle*, Jenny Gilruth*

***S5M-13851 Brian Whittle: South Corton Farm is British Farming Awards Finalist**—That the Parliament congratulates the Kerr family, which owns and operates South Corton Farm in South Ayrshire, on being named a finalist for Family Farming Business of the Year in the British Farming Awards 2018; understands that, as part of efforts to secure the long-term future of their dairy farm, the owners, William and Alison Kerr, together with their two children, built the Coo Shed, a 70-seat coffee shop, in 2017 and this year have introduced a milk vending machine allowing customers to purchase milk directly from the farm in reusable glass bottles; notes that these ventures run alongside a plant nursery, Corton Plants, established 14 years ago, and the family's dairy herd; further notes that the Coo Shed is also a finalist for the Ayrshire Food & Drink Award; commends the Kerr family for its efforts in building these successful businesses in South Ayrshire; welcomes its commitment to promoting locally-sourced produce direct from farmers, and wishes the family every success in the British Farming Awards.

Supported by: Maurice Corry*, Jamie Greene*, Jamie Halcro Johnston* **R**, Liz Smith*, Bill Bowman*, Miles Briggs*, Margaret Mitchell*, Annie Wells*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Tom Mason*, Alison Harris*, Alexander Stewart*, Maureen Watt*, Gordon Lindhurst*

***S5M-13850 Tavish Scott: Shetland College Graduations**—That the Parliament congratulates everyone who graduated from Shetland College on 7 September 2018; recognises the hard work of the nearly 250 students who completed courses in subjects as diverse as education, heritage and computing; applauds Rhea Kay, who graduated with a BA (Hons) in contemporary textiles, on being named the Higher Education Student of the Year in recognition of her "exceptional academic achievement, professional attitude and creativity", and Tegan Patterson, who completed an NC in Early Education Childcare and acted as a class representative at the Highland and Islands Student Association, on being presented with the Further Education Student of the Year award, and wishes all of the graduates continued success.

Supported by: Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Liam McArthur*, Bill Kidd*

***S5M-13849 Alexander Stewart: Suicide Prevention Week Launched in Clackmannanshire**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Suicide Prevention Week was launched in Clackmannanshire on World Suicide Prevention Day, which was held on 10 September 2018; acknowledges that a number of representatives from Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, charities and groups, as well as interested individuals, attended the launch to hear how national prevention plans are being implemented locally; notes that Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership explained how the thought of suicide, even if for just a moment, may occur naturally when people are facing a difficult time in their life, and that, in a small but significant number of cases, suicide seems to be the only resolution; recognises that the *Alloa & Hillfoots Advertiser* has previously campaigned to encourage more people, especially young men in Clackmannanshire, to talk about their own mental health, and has launched a column, asking members of the public to share their experiences, and is enthused that the event is also an opportunity to launch a Suicide Prevention Crisis Card across Clackmannanshire and Stirling, which includes details of a range of services and local and national numbers to call.

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***S5M-13811 Lewis Macdonald: Jean Morrison, Scarf Ambassador**—That the Parliament congratulates Jean Morrison on being named the first ambassador for Scarf, which is an Aberdeen-based social enterprise that aims to help eradicate fuel poverty and supports householders and businesses across Scotland with improving their energy efficiency; understands that Jean was the first chief executive of the organisation when it was launched as an urban aid project in 1985, holding that position for 27 years before being elected to Aberdeen City Council; notes that she was appointed a MBE in 2002 for services to energy efficiency and became a member of the board of Scarf in 2012; recognises that she has also had an employee award named after her, which, in 2018, was presented to Emma Paterson, who is the project coordinator for Energy Champions; acknowledges Jean's work in her various roles at Scarf, and commends her on this well-deserved recognition.

S5M-13779 Sandra White: Scottish Animal Week 2018—That the Parliament celebrates Scottish Animal Week, which runs from 3 to 9 September 2018 to raise awareness of the work of the Scottish SPCA; notes that this year's theme is local community support; acknowledges that one of the key aspects of the work carried out by the Scottish SPCA is the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of animals, as well as its Prevention Through Education programme, which has reached almost 300,000 primary school children; understands that the Scottish SPCA has welcomed the measures taken by the Scottish Government, such as increasing the maximum sentencing for animal cruelty, licensing of animal sanctuaries and tackling the illegal puppy trade, and commends the commitment of the Scottish SPCA and volunteers who support animal welfare.

Supported by: James Dornan, Emma Harper, Stuart McMillan, Pauline McNeill, Joan McAlpine, John Mason, Richard Lyle, Bill Kidd, Kenneth Gibson, Gillian Martin, Christine Grahame, David Torrance, Fulton MacGregor, Shona Robison, Jenny Gilruth, Monica Lennon, Gail Ross

***S5M-13779.1 Claudia Beamish: Scottish Animal Week 2018**—As an amendment to motion S5M-13779 in the name of Sandra White (Scottish Animal Week 2018), insert at end “, and believes that the Scottish Government should go further to improve animal welfare by bringing forward a full ban on hunting wild animals with hounds, reversing the decision to re-introduce tail-docking, consulting on a ban on the use of snares and ending the live export of animals.”

Supported by: Elaine Smith*, Pauline McNeill*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-13848 Alexander Stewart: Cycle Leader Training for Clackmannan Development Trust (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason*, Annie Wells*, Bill Bowman*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Alison Harris*, Edward Mountain*

S5M-13846 Alexander Stewart: The Cat's Whiskers Alva (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason*, Annie Wells*, Bill Bowman*, Alison Harris*, Gordon Lindhurst*

S5M-13845 Bruce Crawford: Callander, Scotland's First Social Enterprise Place (lodged on 10 September 2018)

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New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Rona Mackay*, James Dornan*, Sandra White*, Stuart McMillan*, Joan McAlpine*, David Torrance*, Jenny Gilruth*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, Dean Lockhart*

[S5M-13844](#) Alexander Stewart: Revised First Bus Services in Clackmannanshire (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason*, Annie Wells*, Bill Bowman*, Alison Harris*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Edward Mountain*

[S5M-13843](#) David Torrance: Coaltown of Wemyss Wins Gold Medal at Beautiful Fife Awards 2018 (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13842](#) David Torrance: Burntisland Wins Gold Medal at Beautiful Fife Awards 2018 (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13841](#) David Torrance: Buckhaven Wins Gold Medal at Beautiful Fife Awards 2018 (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13840](#) David Torrance: Burntisland Allotments Wins Project Award at Beautiful Fife Awards 2018 (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13839](#) David Torrance: Allan Court Burntisland Wins Community Involvement Award at Beautiful Fife Awards 2018 (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13838](#) David Torrance: The Wemyss Improvement Group Recognised at Beautiful Fife Awards 2018 (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13837](#) Angela Constance: Congratulating Leanne Fraser on Kiltwalk for Bliss Scotland (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Sandra White*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*, Edward Mountain*

[S5M-13836](#) Angela Constance: Congratulations to Six-year-old Thomas Shaw from Livingston on Third Munro Climb for Good Causes (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13835](#) Angela Constance: Congratulations to Livingston Great Scottish Runner for Sands Lothian (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Rona Mackay*, Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*

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[S5M-13834](#) Angela Constance: Livingston British Legion Commemorates End of the First World War (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason*, Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-13833](#) Angela Constance: Train the Trainer Mentoring Women in STEM Opportunities for West Lothian College (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason*, Rona Mackay*, Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13832](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa Firm Joins Blair Drummond in Improving Waste Recycling (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason*, Annie Wells*, Alison Harris*

[S5M-13831](#) Angela Constance: Congratulations to Elaine Brown West Lothian College PA of the Year Nominee (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Rona Mackay*, Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13830](#) Bill Bowman: Rotarians Collect Money to Help Communities in Disaster Zones (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Alison Harris*

[S5M-13829](#) Ross Greer: Stephen Shaw Report on Welfare of Vulnerable Persons in Detention (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Rona Mackay*, Sandra White*

[S5M-13828](#) Bill Kidd: California Nuclear Prohibition (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Claudia Beamish*, Rona Mackay*, Neil Findlay*, Bruce Crawford*, Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13827](#) Maurice Corry: US Open Triumph for Helensburgh's Gordon Reid and Alfie Hewett (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Jackie Baillie*

[S5M-13826](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney International Science Festival (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Stewart Stevenson*, Iain Gray*, Edward Mountain*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Pauline McNeill*, Kenneth Gibson*, Donald Cameron*, John Finnie*, Bruce Crawford*, Maureen Watt*

[S5M-13825](#) Rona Mackay: Congratulations Annie, 100 Years Young (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason*, Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*, Bob Doris*, Edward Mountain*

[S5M-13823](#) Gordon MacDonald: Movement for Memories (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason*, Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13822](#) Gil Paterson: Centre 81 Growing Space Project (lodged on 10 September 2018)

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New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Rona Mackay*, Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*

[S5M-13821](#) Gordon MacDonald: Can Do Sport Programme for Young Disabled People (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Rona Mackay*, Sandra White*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13818](#) Neil Findlay: Jean Cameron Celebrates 100th Birthday (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason*

[S5M-13817](#) Neil Findlay: Owen Shaw Memorial Tournament (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason*

[S5M-13815](#) Liam McArthur: Scotland's Marine Energy Industry has Potential to Grow (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Rhoda Grant*, Claudia Beamish*

[S5M-13814](#) Iain Gray: P1 Assessments (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Rhoda Grant*, Tom Mason*, Mary Fee*, Margaret Mitchell*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Lewis Macdonald*, Kezia Dugdale*

[S5M-13812](#) Gordon MacDonald: Heriot-Watt Reaches Amazon Alexa Prize Final for the Second Year (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13810](#) David Torrance: Growing Kirkcaldy Wins Multiple Awards (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13809](#) Iain Gray: 2018 Beautiful Scotland Awards (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S5M-13808](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Jamie and Russell Take on Three Peaks for Injured Teammate (lodged on 07 September 2018)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

[S5M-13806](#) Sandra White: Mackintosh Lives on at the Willow (lodged on 07 September 2018)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13804](#) Fulton MacGregor: Dora Burns Celebrating her 100th Birthday (lodged on 07 September 2018)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13803](#) Angela Constance: Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of Livingston Rugby Football Club (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Tom Mason*, Sandra White*, Jenny Gilruth*

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[S5M-13796](#) Kenneth Gibson: Celebrating the Life of Margaret Georgina Todd (lodged on 07 September 2018)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13793](#) Jackson Carlaw: Former Eastwood School Pupil, Andy Robertson, Named Scotland Captain (lodged on 07 September 2018)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

[S5M-13792](#) Annie Wells: Who Cares? Scotland Receives £9,000 (lodged on 07 September 2018)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Neil Findlay*, Margaret Mitchell*, Miles Briggs*, Liz Smith*, James Dornan*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Liam McArthur*, Bill Bowman*, Peter Chapman*, Tom Mason*, Jamie Greene*, Maurice Corry*, Pauline McNeill*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-13790](#) John Scott: Scottish International Airshow 2018 (lodged on 06 September 2018)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

[S5M-13788](#) David Torrance: Valente's Fish and Chip Bar, Runner-up for Best Fish and Chips Establishment in Central Scotland (lodged on 07 September 2018)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13785.1](#) Emma Harper: Ban on the Export of Live Animals for Slaughter and Fattening (lodged on 10 September 2018)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*, David Torrance*

[S5M-13785](#) Colin Smyth: Ban on the Export of Live Animals for Slaughter and Fattening (lodged on 06 September 2018)

New Support: John Finnie*, Alex Rowley*, Claudia Beamish*, Johann Lamont*, Mark Griffin*, Iain Gray*, Jackie Baillie*, Elaine Smith*

[S5M-13778](#) Liam McArthur: Great British Beach Clean (lodged on 06 September 2018)

New Support: Claudia Beamish*

[S5M-13777](#) Clare Adamson: Gas Safety Week 2018 (lodged on 06 September 2018)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13776](#) Kenneth Gibson: 90th Anniversary of the Discovery of Penicillin (lodged on 06 September 2018)

New Support: Jenny Gilruth*

[S5M-13770](#) Mary Fee: UNESCO International Literacy Day (lodged on 05 September 2018)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston*

[S5M-13763](#) Lewis Macdonald: Dolphinwatch Launches Aberdeen School Sessions (lodged on 05 September 2018)

New Support: Claudia Beamish*, Liam Kerr*

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[S5M-13742](#) Donald Cameron: Celebrating 10 Years of BBC ALBA (lodged on 04 September 2018)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S5M-13663](#) Linda Fabiani: East Kilbride Workers said "Nae Pasaran!" (lodged on 29 August 2018)

New Support: Pauline McNeill*

[S5M-13629](#) Annie Wells: Musical Play Around Cerebral Palsy Picks Up Two Awards at the Fringe (lodged on 28 August 2018)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S5M-13553](#) Stuart McMillan: Eye Health Week 2018 (lodged on 16 August 2018)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S5M-13346](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Inpatient CAMHS Facility for Learning Disability and Autism (lodged on 30 July 2018)

New Support: Alex Neil*

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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 11 September 2018

S5W-18677 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on complainers of the postponement of trials, particularly in cases of domestic violence and stalking.

S5W-18678 John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government how the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) ensures that the reasons given by accused people for the postponement of trials are legitimate.

S5W-18688 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-17946 by Humza Yousaf on 29 August 2018, (a) for how many days and (b) over what time period the independent consultant will be engaged, and how much this will cost in total for the consultant's services.

S5W-18689 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-17946 by Humza Yousaf on 29 August 2018, whether it will provide a plain English description of what "Programme Management Support" and "specialist integration Due Diligence analysis" mean.

S5W-18690 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-17946 by Humza Yousaf on 29 August 2018, whether it will provide a breakdown of the work produced by Ernst & Young in relation to (a) "Programme Management Support" and (b) "specialist integration Due Diligence analysis".

S5W-18691 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-17946 by Humza Yousaf on 29 August 2018, who the independent consultant engaged through Harvey Nash Recruitment is, and what work they (a) have done and (b) will do.

S5W-18692 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on making all work produced by consultants in relation to the merger of British Transport Police and Police Scotland publicly available, and when it plans to do so.

S5W-18693 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-17946 by Humza Yousaf on 29 August 2018, by what procurement or other process it identified and recruited Ernst & Young as the best organisation to provide "Programme Management Support" and "specialist integration Due Diligence analysis".

S5W-18694 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-17946 by Humza Yousaf on 29 August 2018, by what procurement or other process it identified and recruited the independent consultant as the best person to provide work in relation to the merger of British Transport Police and Police Scotland.

S5W-18695 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-17946 by Humza Yousaf on 29 August 2018, (a) for how many days and (b) over what time period Ernst & Young will be engaged, and how many staff/contractors/personnel it is providing for this work.

S5W-18698 Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how much revenue has accrued to the Treasury from Scotch Whisky, at today's prices, over the last 10 years for which figures are available.

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[S5W-18699](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to recent data that shows that the number of NHS consultant positions vacant for more than six months has risen.

[S5W-18700](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Orkney regarding proposals to offer shift patterns to medical staff that involve two weeks on, two weeks off, and what assessment it has made of the potential impact of such an approach.

[S5W-18701](#) Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has been consulted by the Treasury regarding proposals to increase employers' national insurance contributions, and what impact the implementation of these proposals would have on Scotland's (a) budget and (b) public services.

[S5W-18702](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what types of cancer (a) are and (b) are not tracked as part of the cancer detection and treatment rate statistics.

[S5W-18703](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review the list of types of cancer being tracked for statistical purposes.

[S5W-18704](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what criteria it uses when deciding what types of cancer should be tracked for statistical purposes.

[S5W-18705](#) Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it takes to ensure that new afforestation proposals do not adversely affect curlews.

[S5W-18706](#) Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that all curlew breeding sites of international importance are classified as special protection areas.

[S5W-18707](#) Christine Grahame: To ask the Scottish Government what funding is provided to local authorities to resettle and provide translation/interpreter services to Syrian refugees; how this is calculated; whether this is ring-fenced, and how much has been allocated to Scottish Borders Council in each year that funding has been provided.

[S5W-18712](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government how the most recent guidance on human rights reputational risk management for its agencies and other associated bodies was developed; which stakeholders were consulted ahead of or during its development, and whether it will publish the guidance.

[S5W-18713](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-17796 by Roseanna Cunningham on 14 August 2018, what impact the Circular Economy Investment Fund (CEIF) has had in attracting (a) private and (b) institutional investment, and how many jobs have been created under the contracts. **R**

[S5W-18714](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what metrics it uses to assess the (a) environmental and (b) economic impact of activities and projects funded through Community Resources Network Scotland. **R**

[S5W-18715](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-17795 by Roseanna Cunningham on 14 August 2018, whether it will provide the information that was requested regarding the (a) lifetime identified carbon savings, (b) decreases in waste arisings and (c) total cost savings for the businesses supported. **R**

[S5W-18716](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-17794 by Roseanna Cunningham on 14 August 2018, what the spend profile for the Circular Economy Investment Fund (CEIF) will be in 2018-19. **R**

[S5W-18720](#) Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Audit Scotland report, *Transport Scotland's ferry services*, which was published in October 2017, and its

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recommendation in relation to considering the value for money of providing financial support for the Gourrock-Dunoon route, what consideration it has undertaken to ensure that the tender specification will represent value for money for the taxpayer.

S5W-18721 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what the budget is for Universal Credit (Scottish choices), and how much has been spent, broken down by (a) staffing costs, (b) communications, (c) payments to the DWP for (i) the flexibilities take up, (ii) training and (iii) implementation, and (d) other costs.

S5W-18725 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that one-to-one assistance was required by many P1s who were assessed under the Scottish National Standardised Assessments.

S5W-18727 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the comment at paragraph 29 of the report, *Scottish National Standardised Assessments User Review Year 1 – Session 2017/18*, that “Some teachers reported that children found the assessments upsetting. In contrast, other teachers commented that the children found them an engaging and positive experience”, whether it will confirm how many teachers reported either position.

S5W-18731 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government how many of the changes set out from paragraph 64 to paragraph 77 of the report, *Scottish National Standardised Assessments User Review Year 1 – Session 2017/18*, were under consideration prior to the receipt of teacher feedback.

S5W-18732 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it decided to conduct the Scottish National Standardised Assessments digitally, and what consideration it gave to the impact that unequal resources might have had on these.

S5W-18733 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is regarding whether the Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA) add to teacher knowledge, in light of feedback that stated “As a practitioner who loves nothing more than analysing data and identifying next steps in learning, the SNSA is the most useless pieces of assessment data I have ever come across”.

S5W-18734 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reported concerns that the assessment were administered using varying equipment and with different levels of classroom support, whether it plans to use the data gathered by the Scottish National Standardised Assessments to compare schools.

S5W-18736 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the comment at paragraph 31 of the report, *Scottish National Standardised Assessments User Review Year 1 – Session 2017/18*, that “almost all [teachers] said they had been very pleased with the reports generated and with the diagnostic information provided”, whether it will confirm how many teachers (a) reported this and (b) gave a contrary position.

S5W-18737 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish its evidence to support the claim at paragraph 36 of the report, *Scottish National Standardised Assessments User Review Year 1 – Session 2017/18*, that “feedback is clear that the SNSA are an improvement on the existing standardised assessments for children with additional support needs and the accessibility features are really valued by the teachers and children”.

S5W-18738 Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the comments at paragraph 47 of the report, *Scottish National Standardised Assessments User Review Year 1 – Session 2017/18*, that “A number of teachers commented positively on the ease of access to the platform” and “Other user feedback suggested that the IT infrastructure, the type of devices available and

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the children's IT skills had a negative impact on the experience of the assessments", whether it will confirm how many teachers gave the (a) positive and (b) negative feedback.

[S5W-18739](#) Tavish Scott: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to survey P1s following the Scottish National Standardised Assessments.

[S5W-18743](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the use of mesh implants for hernia repairs, similar to that of vaginal mesh implants.

[S5W-18744](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware of any instances where mesh implants for hernia have resulted in long-term health issues for the recipient.

[S5W-18745](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to consider a restriction of the use of mesh implants for hernia repairs.

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 11 September 2018

Planning (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2

Section 10

Kevin Stewart

- 293** In section 10, page 17, line 27, leave out <land> and insert <a place>

After section 14

John Finnie

- 294** After section 14, insert—

<Determination of applications: demolition>

Determination of applications: demolition

- (1) The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 37 (determination of applications: general considerations), after subsection (1), insert—
 - “(1A) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), where an application is made to a planning authority for planning permission for a development that involves the demolition of a building, the planning authority must not grant planning permission where the building proposed to be demolished—
 - (a) is the subject of a repairing standard enforcement order (within the meaning given in section 24(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006), and
 - (b) the work required by that order has not been completed.”.>

Scottish Crown Estate Bill – Stage 2

Section 7

Mark Ruskell

Supported by: Claudia Beamish

- 40** In section 7, page 5, line 11, leave out <may> and insert <must>

Mark Ruskell

- 41** In section 7, page 5, leave out lines 13 to 16

After section 8

Mark Ruskell

- 42** After section 8, insert—

<Restriction on power to act as owner in relation to the harvesting of wild kelp>

In exercising the power to act as an owner under section 8, the manager of a Scottish Crown Estate asset must not grant a right to carry out the harvesting of wild kelp, specifically—

- (a) *Laminaria hyperborean*,
- (b) *Laminaria digitate*,
- (c) *Saccharina latissimi*,
- (d) *Saccorhiza polyschides*,
- (e) *Alaria esculenta*,

from any area of the seabed under their management where such harvesting would inhibit the regrowth of the individual plant.>

After section 13

Liam McArthur

43 After section 13, insert—

<Community benefit requests

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision for a community benefit requests scheme in relation to such Scottish Crown Estate assets within the area mentioned in subsection (2)(b).
- (2) A scheme under subsection (1) is to set out—
 - (a) a definition of community benefit,
 - (b) a process by which a local authority whose area falls within the definition of article 8 of the Scottish Marine Regions Order 2015 (“a relevant local authority”) may request to be allowed to generate community benefit from marine development occurring within its relevant Scottish Marine Region from Mean High Water Springs out to 12 nautical miles as defined by article 8 of the Scottish Marine Regions Order 2015,
 - (c) a process by which the Scottish Ministers are to determine what action they intend to take in response to such a request,
 - (d) a process by which the Scottish Ministers are to publish a statement setting out how and when such action is to be taken,
 - (e) a process by which a relevant local authority may request a review of the Scottish Ministers’ determination.
- (3) A scheme under subsection (1) must provide that—
 - (a) a relevant local authority must demonstrate reasonable cause for making a request,
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers must not unreasonably refuse to grant the request.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must lay regulations under subsection (1) before the Parliament before the end of the period of one year beginning with the day of Royal Assent.>

Section 40

Liam McArthur

44 In section 40, page 18, line 15, after <12(4)> insert <and (*Community benefit requests*)>

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New Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 11 September 2018 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft]
laid under section 96 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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

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

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

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

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

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (evidence, Equalities and Human Rights)), 6 September 2018

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

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

Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 6 September 2018

Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)), 26 June 2018

Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 14 June 2018

Lead committee - Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 26 June 2018

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Lead committee - Local Government and Communities

Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (evidence, Health and Sport Committee)), 11 September 2018

Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health and Sport Committee)), 26 June 2018

Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill (P)

Introduced, 25 June 2018

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 26 June 2018

Planning (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Local Government and Communities Committee), 12 September 2018

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Local Government and Communities Committee), 19 September 2018

Amendments to the end of section 14 of the Bill should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 12 September with the Clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

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

Consideration Stage (evidence, Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee), 12 September 2018

Prescription (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 25 September 2018

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 19 September with the Clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Scottish Crown Estate Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee), 18 September 2018

Transport (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (evidence, Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 12 September 2018

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

Passed, 21 March 2018

The Bill has been referred to the Supreme Court under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland.

Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice Committee)), 26 June 2018

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Motion agreed by the Parliament, 8 May 2018

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Parking (Code of Practice) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-13

Lodged on 5 March 2018

Motion agreed by the Parliament, 5 June 2018

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

Lodged on 20 December 2017

Evidence, Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 11 September 2018

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Affirmative instruments

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[Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Amendment of Specified Authorities\) Order 2018 \[draft\]](#) (12 June 2018) (Health and Sport)

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[Regulation of Social Housing \(Influence of Local Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (20 August 2018) (Local Government and Communities)

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[Early Years Assistance \(Best Start Grants\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) (11 September 2018) (Social Security)

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[Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Solicitors in the Court of Session, Sheriff Appeal Court and Sheriff Court\) \(Amendment\) 2018 \(SSI 2018/186\)](#) (8 June 2018) (Justice)

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[Legal Aid \(Employment of Solicitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/193\)](#) (14 June 2018) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 27 September 2018

Lead committee to report by 24 September 2018

[Letting Agent Registration \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/196\)](#) (15 June 2018) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 4 October 2018

Lead committee to report by 1 October 2018

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Subject to annulment by 26 October 2018

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Subject to annulment by 27 October 2018

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[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/215\)](#) (29 June 2018) (Justice)

[Firemen's Pension Scheme \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/216\)](#) (29 June 2018) (Justice)

[Regulation of Investigatory Powers \(Prescription of Offices, etc. and Specification of Public Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/218\)](#) (29 June 2018) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 28 October 2018

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[Scottish Administration \(Offices\) Order 2018 \(SI 2018/781\)](#) (4 July 2018) (Justice)

[CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme \(Revocation and Savings\) Order 2018 \(SI 2018/841\)](#) (18 July 2018) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Scalpay Island, Isle of Skye, Scallops Several Fishery Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/245\)](#) (1 August 2018) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Licensing \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/256\)](#) (27 August 2018) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 1 November 2018

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[Licensing Register \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/267\)](#) (7 September 2018) (Justice)

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[Land Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \[draft\] – Proposed Draft Regulations \(SG/2018/103\)](#) (20 June 2018) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Land Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \[draft\] – Proposed Explanatory Document \(SG/2018/104\)](#) (20 June 2018) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 11 September 2018 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure-

The Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2017/18 SG/2018/154 laid under Section 11(8) of the Fisheries Act 1981

Scotland: The Hydro Nation Annual Report 2018 SG/2018/151 laid under Section 4 of the Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

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