

Tuesday 3 December 2019

Business Bulletin

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Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Ms Emma Jackson, National Director Scotland, Christians Against Poverty

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Auditor General Report into Prisons

followed by Members' Business — S5M-18826 Jenny Gilruth: Making Glenrothes a Living Wage Town

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-18901 Jeremy Balfour: #PurpleLightUp, a Global Movement for Change

Committee Meetings

9:00am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

9:45am Health and Sport Committee

10:00am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

1. Angus MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it is providing to the multi-agency approach to the major gas outage affecting over 8,000 households in Falkirk district. ([S5T-01907](#))

2. Christine Grahame: To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it can give to Scottish Borders Council and the staff and pupils of Peebles High School should it remain closed beyond Christmas, including pupils preparing for their exams. ([S5T-01903](#))

3. Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the targets set out in the Queensferry Crossing Public Transport Strategy, what its response is to reports that, in the last year, over one million extra vehicle journeys have been made over the crossing. ([S5T-01904](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Auditor General for Scotland's 2018/19 Audit of the Scottish Prison Service

followed by Members' Business — S5M-18826 Jenny Gilruth: Making Glenrothes a Living Wage Town

S5M-18826 Jenny Gilruth: Making Glenrothes a Living Wage Town—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the “Making Glenrothes a Living Wage Town” campaign; understands that Glenrothes is the first UK town to be recognised for its living wage ambitions; acknowledges that the campaign comes as part of Living Wage Scotland's "Making Living Wage Places" scheme where local businesses and employers are encouraged to pay employees the real living wage and become accredited as Living Wage Employers; commends the 64 Fife employers that have already voluntarily committed to ensuring that all of their staff earn a real living wage; considers that the enactment of a guaranteed living wage across Glenrothes would make unprecedented positive impacts on the local community, and wishes all towns across Scotland the best of luck in becoming Living Wage Towns in the future.

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland

S5M-20103 Graeme Dey: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland—That the Parliament recognises the importance of the Armed Forces and veterans community and values the contribution that they continue to make to Scotland; supports the jointly developed Strategy for our Veterans, which has a clear vision to ensure the best possible outcomes for veterans and their families; notes that the Scottish Government will soon publish the response to its strategy consultation, setting out how it will take that vision

forward in Scotland, and agrees that everyone should continue to work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors to ensure that the Armed Forces community receives the best possible support and access to services across Scotland.

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followed by Members' Business — S5M-18901 Jeremy Balfour: #PurpleLightUp, a Global Movement for Change

[S5M-18901](#) Jeremy Balfour: #PurpleLightUp, a Global Movement for Change—That the Parliament commends the work of the Purple Light Up campaign, which celebrates the economic power of disabled people all over the world; notes that #PurpleLightUp aims to link the colour with disabled employee networks and resource groups and the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which takes place every 3 December; understands that the campaign is led by disabled employees and challenges organisations and businesses to consider what it would take to join up disability networks in order to build a movement that drives cultural change from the inside out and enables business leaders to learn from their own people and to celebrate the economic contribution of disabled people, and notes the calls encouraging disabled employees to shout out about their talents and for businesses, disabled organisations and governments to listen, act and innovate in order to improve opportunities for disabled people.

Committee Meetings

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

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 33rd Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Mike Radford, Reader, University of Aberdeen;
Gillian Mawdsley, Secretary, Criminal Law Committee, Law Society of Scotland;
Scott Blair, Advocate, Centre for Animal Law;
and then from—
Libby Anderson, Policy Advisor, OneKind;
Runa Hanaghan, Deputy Veterinary Director, Dogs Trust;
Howard Bridges, Chief Executive Officer, Edinburgh Cat and Dog Home;
Robbie Marsland, Director, Scotland, League Against Cruel Sports;
Melissa Donald, Scottish Branch Senior Vice President, British Veterinary Society;
Penny Middleton, Policy Manager for Animal Health and Welfare, NFUS.
2. **Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
3. **Proposed Deposit and Return Scheme (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Health and Sport Committee 29th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—
The Food and Feed Hygiene and Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019.
2. **Scrutiny of Special Health Boards - The State Hospitals Board for Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Terry Currie, Chair, Gary Jenkins, Chief Executive Officer, Lindsay Thomson, Medical Director, Mark Richards, Director of Nursing and Allied Health Professionals, Robin McNaught, Finance and Performance Management Director, and David Walker, Director of Security, Estates and Facilities, The State Hospitals Board for Scotland.
3. **Social prescribing of physical activity and sport (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

4. **Scrutiny of Special Health Boards - The State Hospitals Board for Scotland and NHS Tayside (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting on the State Hospitals Board for Scotland and NHS Tayside on the 26 November.
5. **Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Finance and Constitution Committee.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 34th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Renewable Heat Target (in private):** The Committee will consider its response to the Scottish Government on the renewable heat target.
2. **Consumer Scotland Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.

Justice Committee 30th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Support for Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2019 [draft] from—
Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety, Lucy Lawson, Senior Policy Officer, and Katie McGarvey, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Ash Denham (Minister for Community Safety) to move—
S5M-19844—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Support for Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.
4. **HMICS Thematic Inspection of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Gill Imery QPM, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/357);
Firefighters' Pension Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 (SSI 2019/358);
Police Pensions Amendment (Increased Pension Entitlement) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/380);
Firefighters' Pension Scheme Amendment (Increased Pension Entitlement) (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/381);
Firefighters' Pension and Compensation Schemes (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/382).
6. **HMICS Thematic Inspection of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

7. **Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 27 November 2019

Wednesday 4 December 2019

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

Rural Economy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Achieving a Fairer Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-20029 Gail Ross: Unfair Delivery Charges

Thursday 5 December 2019

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-19957 Claire Baker: SCAN Art in Action Campaign

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Disability Sport and Participation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 December 2019

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 December 2019

1:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions

3:05 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Local Government and Communities Committee

4 December 2019

31st Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2019 [draft] from—
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning, and Jean Waddie, Planning Reform Co-ordinator, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning, Scottish Government to move—
S5M-19958—That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.
3. **Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/393)

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 18 December, the Committee will take evidence on the Period Products Bill and consider its work programme. **For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, on 0131 348 5232 or LocalGovernmentandCommunities@parliament.scot**

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

4 December 2019

34th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Pete Ritchie, Executive Director, Nourish Scotland, and Vicki Swales, Head of Land Use Policy, RSPB Scotland, on behalf of Scottish Environment LINK;
Nigel Miller, Co-Chair, Farming for 1.5 Degrees;
Professor Michael Keating, Fellow, Royal Society of Edinburgh;
Rachel Hunter, Director of Service Delivery, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;
and then from—
Martin Morgan, Executive Manager, Scottish Association of Meat Wholesalers;
David Michie, Deputy Director, Soil Association Scotland;
Sarah Millar, Head of Industry Development, Quality Meat Scotland.

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- Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard at today's meeting.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 18 December, the Committee expects to take evidence on the Agriculture (EU Retained Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at rec.committee@parliament.scot.

Education and Skills Committee

4 December 2019

33rd Meeting, 2019

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

- Disclosure (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 18 December, the Committee expects to consider a stage 1 draft report on the Disclosure (Scotland) Bill.

For further information, contact Roz Thomson the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are roz.thomson@parliament.scot or 0131 348 5222

Finance and Constitution Committee

4 December 2019

28th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

- Referendums (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

Proposed future business

For further information contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jim Johnston at Finance.Constitution@parliament.scot

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

5 December 2019

30th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

- Arts Funding Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact Stephen Herbert, Clerk to the Committee: europe@parliament.scot or 0131 348 6226.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

5 December 2019

28th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Post-legislative Scrutiny - The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Daren Fitzhenry, Scottish Information Commissioner;
Lorraine Currie, Freedom of Information Officer (Policy and Information), Scottish Information Commissioner.

3. **Section 23 report - Scottish Public Pensions Agency: Update on management of PS project:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Leslie Evans, Permanent Secretary, Alyson Stafford, Director-General, Scottish Exchequer, Gordon Wales, Chief Financial Officer, and Colin Cook, Director Digital, Scottish Government.

4. **Section 23 report - Scottish Public Pensions Agency: Update on management of PS project:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Stephen Boyle, Audit Director, Audit Services, Audit Scotland.
5. **Post-legislative Scrutiny - The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lucy Scharbert at papls.committee@parliament.scot

Public Petitions Committee

5 December 2019

21st Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE1760 on Clear Pricing for Train Fares;
PE1762 on End the killing of wildlife on grouse moors and elsewhere in Scotland;
PE1763 on Make the Scottish Police Federation comply with FOI legislation;
PE1764 on Include evolutionary studies within the primary school curriculum; and
PE1765 on Make those in Scottish public office accountable.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
PE1545 on Residential care provision for the severely learning disabled;
PE1637 on ship to ship oil transfers and trust port accountability;
PE1682 on Access to specialist support for hidradenitis suppurativa sufferers in Scotland;
PE1689 on Hepatitis C Treatment Targets in Scotland;
PE1693 on Independent Water Ombudsman;
PE1712 on Soul and conscience letters;
PE1720 on Natural Flood Alleviation Strategy for Scotland; and

PE1721 on National tourism strategy for Scotland and the role of the National Trust for Scotland.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lynn Russell, on 0131 348 5254 or petitions@parliament.scot

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

5 December 2019

23rd Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Dr James Gilmour;
and then from—
Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans;
Alison Fraser, Legal Directorate, Iain Hockenull, Elections Team, and Maria McCann, Elections Team, Scottish Government.
3. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence it has received.
4. **Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 19 December, the Committee expects to consider an annual update on Cross-Party Groups' compliance with the Code of Conduct.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katy Orr, on 0131 348 6924 or at SPPACcommittee@parliament.scot.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

5 December 2019

11th Meeting, 2019

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 items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Facial recognition: how policing in Scotland makes use of this technology:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Ken Macdonald, Head of ICO Regions, Information Commissioner's Office;
Griff Ferris, Legal and Policy Officer, Big Brother Watch;
Matthew Rice, Scotland Director, Open Rights Group;
Tatora Mukushi, Legal Officer, Scottish Human Rights Commission.
3. **Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA):** The Sub-Committee will discuss issues relating to the former SCDEA.
4. **Facial recognition: how policing in Scotland makes use of this technology:** The Sub-Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Work programme:** The Sub-Committee will consider its forward work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Sub-Committee by emailing justicecommittee@parliament.scot or on 0131 348 6040.

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Motions

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

Motions for Debate

***S5M-20110 Aileen Campbell: Achieving a Fairer Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the *Fairer Scotland Action Plan, Shifting the Curve and the Life Chances of Young People in Scotland, Progress Report 2019*; notes the steps being taken towards achieving a fairer and more prosperous Scotland, including the commitment to introduce the Scottish Child Payment, which is a brand new benefit to tackle child poverty head on; further notes the 2018 annual report on Welfare Reform's estimate that UK Government social security spending will reduce by up to £3.7 billion in Scotland by 2020-21, and acknowledges the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights 2019 report, which stated that the UK Government's austerity cuts and welfare reforms are a key driver of serious hardship, increased food bank use and homelessness.

Supported by: Shirley-Anne Somerville*, Christina McKelvie*, Kevin Stewart*

***S5M-20103 Graeme Dey: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland**—That the Parliament recognises the importance of the Armed Forces and veterans community and values the contribution that they continue to make to Scotland; supports the jointly developed Strategy for our Veterans, which has a clear vision to ensure the best possible outcomes for veterans and their families; notes that the Scottish Government will soon publish the response to its strategy consultation, setting out how it will take that vision forward in Scotland, and agrees that everyone should continue to work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors to ensure that the Armed Forces community receives the best possible support and access to services across Scotland.

Supported by: Michael Russell*

***S5M-20103.1 Mark Griffin: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S5M-20103 in the name of Graeme Dey (Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland), insert at end ", and welcomes the recent announcement that a UK Labour administration would provide financial compensation for nuclear test veterans living in Scotland."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

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***[S5M-20108](#) Ross Greer: TSB Branch Closures in the West of Scotland**—That the Parliament notes with concern the decision of TSB to close its branches in Barrhead, Bishopbriggs, Clarkston, Dumbarton and Milngavie as part of a programme of 17 planned closures across Scotland and 82 across the UK; understands that losing these branches will leave TSB customers having a round trip of between three and seven miles to the next nearest branch; believes that bank branches are a vital part of the fabric of many communities, especially for those with limited mobility or no internet access, and that it is important they are recognised as an essential service and are protected; invites TSB to reconsider its decision to close these and the other affected branches and to engage with trade unions on any potential redundancies and changes to staff conditions, and expresses solidarity with those whose jobs are under threat due to these plans.

Supported by: Elaine Smith*

***[S5M-20107](#) Stuart McMillan: Vanda Nicholls of the Greenock Air Cadets Recognised for Long Service**—That the Parliament congratulates Vanda Nicholls, who is the Commanding Officer (CO) of the Greenock Air Cadets, on being awarded a Commandant Air Cadets Certificate in recognition of her 22 years as a member of staff; notes that Vanda joined the combined cadet force when she was an S6 pupil and that, after joining her local branch, she was subsequently invited to move to 49F Greenock Squadron, where, just over a year later, she took over as CO; acknowledges that the "F" after its number indicates that Greenock is one of the founder 50 squadrons that were formed in 1941; believes that the Greenock group helps young people gain new skills and boosts their confidence, and thanks Vanda and all other volunteers in the Inverclyde area who willingly give up their time to support young people in the community.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*, Richard Lyle*

***[S5M-20106](#) Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde HSCP's Awards Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Inverclyde HSCP Advice Service on winning a top category at the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Local Staff Awards for its outstanding provision of money advice, benefits advice and welfare rights representation; understands that its welfare team was named as the overall winner in the Staff Awards for Excellence category, which recognises outstanding work ongoing across the whole NHS board area; believes that, by providing an effective one-stop holistic advice service, the team makes a huge difference to people's lives; commends the staff's knowledge, which it considers is invaluable, and thanks them for all of their hard work.

Supported by: Gil Paterson*, Stewart Stevenson*, Richard Lyle*, Fulton MacGregor*

***[S5M-20105](#) Stuart McMillan: Kathleen Orr Recognised at the St Andrew's First Aid Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Kathleen Orr, who is the founder of Jayden's Rainbow, on receiving the Douglas Bremner Special Commendation Award at St Andrew's First Aid Awards 2019; notes that this award recognises people for outstanding achievements in first aid; acknowledges that, through Jayden's Rainbow, which she set up in memory of her son, Kathleen and her family have ensured that every primary and secondary school in Inverclyde has a public access defibrillator, with St Andrew's First Aid provided a further 30 to be installed across the community; considers that Kathleen's campaign to raise awareness of the importance of having defibrillators registered and placed in accessible locations will ultimately lead to lives being saved; believes that Kathleen is an inspiration to all and that her dedication is admirable, and wishes her well with her continued efforts to get more public access defibrillators installed and registered.

Supported by: Stewart Stevenson*, Bill Kidd*, Richard Lyle*, Emma Harper*, Fulton MacGregor*, Gil Paterson*

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***[S5M-20102](#) Neil Findlay: Call for a Parliamentary Inquiry into the Appointment of the SNIB Chair**—That the Parliament notes that the new Scottish National Investment Bank (SNIB) will be responsible for investing significant sums of public money, estimated to be around £2 billion over 10 years, with the aim of “boosting Scotland's economic performance and realising the Scottish Government's ambitions for the economy by providing patient capital to finance growth”; is concerned at reports that the bank, despite being covered by the public sector equality duty, will not be covered by the Scottish Government's pay and pensions policy and that its senior executives will be able to access performance bonuses, which, it believes, could replicate some of the discredited practices that have been witnessed in the investment banking sector; understands that Mr Willie Watt has been appointed to chair the bank and give strategic direction to its board; is concerned that Mr Watt was at the helm of a company, Martin Currie Ltd, which is an investment trust that, it believes, was previously registered in Edinburgh but changed its address to the tax haven of Bermuda; further believes that, in 2012, this company was fined a then record £8.6 million by regulators for a conflict of interest case; is alarmed that Mr Watt has been appointed without, it believes, any parliamentary or public scrutiny, and calls on the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee to hold an inquiry into this very important appointment.

Supported by: Iain Gray*, Rhoda Grant*

***[S5M-20101](#) Richard Lyle: Taiwan's Professional, Pragmatic and Constructive Participation in the UNFCCC**—That the Parliament understands that Taiwan has passed the Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Management Act, which sets out a target to lower greenhouse gas emissions to 50% of 2005 levels by 2050, and also sets a goal of having 20% of its energy mix coming from renewable sources by 2025, including solar and wind power; considers that Taiwan has shared good environmental governance experience, introduced early warning systems, green technology and energy efficiency projects, and exported green finance and technological innovation products to many other countries; believes that both the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Paris Agreement highlight that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible participation of all countries in order to achieve an effective and appropriate response, and that Taiwan's participation in the UNFCCC by extending invitations via the very limited quota of NGO participants permitted to attend Conference of the Parties sessions is insufficient; supports the idea that Taiwan should be afforded the opportunity to participate in global mechanisms, negotiations and activities that promote the implementation of the Paris Agreement in the same way as other countries, and believes that it should continue to be invited to participate in the 25th session of the Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC. **R**

Supported by: James Dornan* **R**, Emma Harper*, Gil Paterson*

***[S5M-20100](#) Richard Lyle: Taiwan Overseas Youth Engagement in Public, Social and Political Affairs**—That the Parliament acknowledges that a new youth group, Taiwan Public Affairs and Social Engagement Association (TW-PASE), has been founded in Edinburgh and held its first meeting in October 2019; understands that TW-PASE was set up with the aims of raising awareness, encouraging social proactivity and fostering discussion regarding Taiwan's public affairs through seminars, deliberative forums, reading clubs and cultural workshops; believes that young people are the hope for tomorrow and it is important for them to get actively involved in public affairs in order to sustain shared values and belief such as democracy, freedom of speech and human rights, and hopes that the group can continue working successfully and keep engaging with young people across Scotland. **R**

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Sandra White*, James Dornan* **R**, Bill Kidd*, Margaret Mitchell*, Gil Paterson*

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***S5M-20099 Stuart McMillan: Channel 4**—That the Parliament congratulates Channel 4 on its ice sculpture replacements for Boris Johnson and Nigel Farage on 28 November 2019 during its televised climate change debate programme; considers that the programme was an opportunity for all party leaders to highlight their climate change credentials but understands that Boris Johnson and Nigel Farage chose not to take part in engaging with one of the most important global issues; condemns the reported threats from the Conservative Party regarding the consequences for Channel 4 should it win the General Election; considers that, during an election period, broadcasters have an important role to play in highlighting the policies of all political parties, and believes that candidates seeking to be the Prime Minister should participate in such programmes and not hide from the electorate.

***S5M-20098 Liam McArthur: Orkney Success at Scottish Young Farmers' Regional Competitions**—That the Parliament congratulates the Sandwick A junior debating team and the Orkney junior district quiz team on qualifying for the national finals of the Scottish Young Farmers National Junior Speechmaking and Quiz competitions following their success at the North Regional finals in Nairn; acknowledges that the debating team of Cody Chalmers, Joe Sinclair and Amy Neil won the speechmaking event, with their topic, "On opposite sides of the road", scoring 78.2 out of 100, and that the quiz team, which also featured Cody, along with Robbie Hewison and Campbell Ridland, was runner-up to Udney JAC from East Aberdeenshire; understands that Chloe Wood, who is also from Orkney, was named the "Best chairman outwith the winning team" during the speechmaking event; notes that the judges were impressed at the exceptionally high standard of all of the participants; congratulates everyone on their efforts; believes that these competitions do an excellent job in bringing together young people in rural areas and offering them valuable personal development opportunities and help to underline what it sees as the great benefits of the young farmers movement across Scotland, and sends its best wishes to all of the teams that have progressed to the national finals, which will take place in Edinburgh on 7 December 2019, including those representing the North Region.

***S5M-20094 Sandra White: University of Strathclyde, University of the Year 2019**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of Strathclyde on being named the Times Higher Education Awards University of the Year; notes that it is now the first university in the UK to have won the award twice; understands that the judges were impressed with the University's focus on useful learning and its leadership in supporting Scotland's industrial sector and wider society; commends it on also winning the Widening Participation or Outreach Initiative of the Year award for its initiative, Breaking Barriers, which provides education and work experience opportunities to disabled people; recognises what it sees as the University's unique social mission and contribution to life in Scotland and its continued international leadership in the fields of business, science, engineering, public policy, and humanities, and wishes its staff, students and alumni continued success.

Supported by: Stewart Stevenson*, Iain Gray*, Emma Harper*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Gil Paterson*

***S5M-20093 Patrick Harvie: Gender-balanced Line-ups at Scotland's Music Festivals**—That the Parliament notes that only two of the 13 acts announced so far for the 2020 TRNSMT music festival are women and that, at the 2019 edition of the event, there were only three women artists out of a total of 23 on the main stage; expresses concerns at the promoter's reported comments that it "will be a while" until there are gender-balanced line-ups "because there's far, far less female artists"; rejects this claim; believes that this lack of gender diversity is at odds with Glasgow's aims as a UNESCO City of Music to become more representative of all musicians;

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considers that improving the gender balance of festival line-ups will create more opportunities for women artists to build their profile; understands that over 250 music organisations have signed up to the PRS Keychange initiative, which calls for equal numbers of male and female performers at major festivals and music events by 2022; believes that Primavera Sound, which was held in Barcelona in May 2019, was the first major music festival to achieve a 50/50 gender balance, and calls on all festival organisers in Scotland to do more to deliver gender balanced line-ups, including among their headline acts, and to support wider action on gender equality, such as taking action on gender pay gaps and what it sees as the under-representation of women in leadership roles.

Supported by: John Finnie*

***S5M-20092 Gordon MacDonald: Edinburgh College's Award Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Edinburgh College on its recent wins at the SQA Star and College Development Network (CDN) Awards, recognises that one of its students, Dean Clark, was named college candidate of the year by the SQA and the student of the year by the CDN; acknowledges that Dean played a crucial role in creating the college's first student-led retail space, which has also given work experience opportunities to unemployed people, and notes that the College's Marketing team won the CDN Marketing and Communication Award for its 2018 Exam Results Day recruitment campaign.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Stewart Stevenson*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Richard Lyle*, Iain Gray*, Gil Paterson*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-20091 Bill Bowman: University of Dundee Rowing Success (lodged on 28 November 2019)

New Support: Peter Chapman*, Bill Kidd*, Gil Paterson*

S5M-20090 Bill Bowman: The Meze Grill, Broughty Ferry (lodged on 28 November 2019)

New Support: Peter Chapman*, Bill Kidd*, Gil Paterson*

S5M-20089 Peter Chapman: Ellon Ice Skater Invited to International Competition in Budapest (lodged on 28 November 2019)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Gil Paterson*

S5M-20088 Angela Constance: Town Centre Funding for Knightsridge Community Centre (lodged on 28 November 2019)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Fulton MacGregor*, Gil Paterson*

S5M-20087 Angela Constance: Town Centre Fund for Almond Valley Heritage Trust (lodged on 28 November 2019)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Fulton MacGregor*, Gil Paterson*

S5M-20086 Angela Constance: Grant for Kirknewton Community Development Trust (lodged on 28 November 2019)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Fulton MacGregor*, Gil Paterson*

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[S5M-20085](#) Angela Constance: St Margaret's Wins British Council Award (lodged on 28 November 2019)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Fulton MacGregor*, Gil Paterson*

[S5M-20084](#) Gail Ross: Year of Coasts and Waters 2020 (lodged on 28 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Gil Paterson*

[S5M-20081](#) Neil Findlay: Mirham Smith Wins Local Hero Award (lodged on 28 November 2019)

New Support: Gil Paterson*

[S5M-20079](#) Alasdair Allan: Gaelic Added to Duolingo (lodged on 28 November 2019)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Fulton MacGregor*, Maureen Watt*, Gil Paterson*

[S5M-20078](#) Annabelle Ewing: Sheila Stewart and Isabel Murray, Dalgety Bay's Black Belt Grannies (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20077](#) Annabelle Ewing: John Irvine's 150k in 30 Days Challenge to Tackle Marfan Syndrome (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20076](#) David Torrance: Success for Fife College at CDN Awards (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20075](#) Gil Paterson: Clydebank Dental Practice Teams Up with Local Firefighters to Raise Funds for Charity (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20074](#) Gil Paterson: Sports Development's Event for Primary Pupils from Clydebank (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20073](#) Gil Paterson: FireCloud at Holy Redeemer Church House (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20071](#) Gil Paterson: Awards for West College Scotland (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20067](#) Stewart Stevenson: Successful Renovation of Barclay Park Community Pavilion in Peterhead (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20066](#) Stuart McMillan: Care Inspectorate Praises Inverclyde Nursery and Early Learning Services (lodged on 27 November 2019)

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New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-20065](#) Stuart McMillan: Whinhill Primary School's Success at the Royal National Mod (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20064](#) Angela Constance: St Margaret's Academy Celebrates 25th Anniversary (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20061](#) Alison Johnstone: Deductions from Universal Credit (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: John Finnie*

[S5M-20059](#) Linda Fabiani: Duncanrig Secondary School Achieves Silver LGBT Charter Mark (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20058](#) Gil Paterson: Laura Gray School of Dance Fundraising for Children's Cancer Ward (lodged on 26 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20055](#) Gil Paterson: The Cochno Stone and the Social Value of Scotland's Prehistoric Rock Art (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-20048](#) Jenny Gilruth: Glenrothes & Area Heritage Centre Awarded Visitor Attraction Status (lodged on 26 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20046](#) Bruce Crawford: Congratulations to City Fibre's Project of the Year Shortlisting (lodged on 26 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20045](#) Gil Paterson: 25th Anniversary of Hill View Care Home, Clydebank (lodged on 26 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20041](#) Gillian Martin: Katie Low, Award-winning Film Maker (lodged on 26 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-20029](#) Gail Ross: Unfair Delivery Charges (lodged on 25 November 2019)

New Support: John Mason*, Lewis Macdonald*

[S5M-19986](#) Stewart Stevenson: AbilityNet Increases Technology Accessibility (lodged on 20 November 2019)

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New Support: John Mason*

[S5M-19957](#) **Claire Baker: SCAN Art in Action Campaign** (lodged on 19 November 2019)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Lewis Macdonald*

[S5M-18901](#) **Jeremy Balfour: #PurpleLightUp, a Global Movement for Change** (lodged on 16 September 2019)

New Support: Lewis Macdonald*

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Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 03 December 2019

- 1. Angus MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it is providing to the multi-agency approach to the major gas outage affecting over 8,000 households in Falkirk district. ([S5T-01907](#))
- 2. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it can give to Scottish Borders Council and the staff and pupils of Peebles High School should it remain closed beyond Christmas, including pupils preparing for their exams. ([S5T-01903](#))
- 3. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the targets set out in the Queensferry Crossing Public Transport Strategy, what its response is to reports that, in the last year, over one million extra vehicle journeys have been made over the crossing. ([S5T-01904](#))

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 05 December 2019

- 1. Jackson Carlaw:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03757](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03758](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03759](#))
- 4. Willie Rennie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03760](#))
- 5. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government is doing to reduce the disability employment gap. ([S5F-03763](#))
- 6. Jamie Greene:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to Macmillan Cancer Support's study, which suggests that there has been a 15% increase in cancer diagnoses since 2015. ([S5F-03770](#))
- 7. Colin Smyth:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that ScotRail fares will increase by an average of 2.4% in January. ([S5F-03764](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 11 December 2019

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 04 December 2019. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 05 December 2019.

Justice and the Law Officers

1. Rachael Hamilton
2. Richard Lyle
3. Jeremy Balfour
4. Alison Harris
5. Peter Chapman
6. Willie Coffey

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7. Clare Adamson
8. Claire Baker

Government Business and Constitutional Relations

1. Angus MacDonald
2. Murdo Fraser
3. Bill Kidd
4. Rona Mackay
5. Keith Brown
6. Brian Whittle
7. Joan McAlpine
8. Alexander Stewart

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

1. Colin Beattie
2. Miles Briggs
3. Linda Fabiani
4. Monica Lennon
5. Shona Robison
6. Patrick Harvie
7. Tom Mason
8. Pauline McNeill

Members selected for General Questions on 11 December 2019

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 04 December 2019. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 05 December 2019.

1. James Dornan
2. Fulton MacGregor
3. Gordon MacDonald
4. Michelle Ballantyne
5. Ruth Maguire
6. Gil Paterson
7. Donald Cameron
8. Emma Harper
9. Ross Greer
10. Gordon Lindhurst

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Written Questions

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

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

Government initiated questions lodged on 02 December 2019

[S5W-26575](#) Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government whether the review of the Advance Payment Scheme for victims of historical childhood abuse in care in Scotland has concluded, and when the findings will be published.

Written questions lodged on 02 December 2019

[S5W-26582](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government how many GP practices there are.

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New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 2 December 2019

Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the law of defamation; replace the common law delicts of verbal injury with delicts of malicious publication; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Humza Yousaf MSP

Supported by: Ash Denham MSP

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 61-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 61-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 61-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 60-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

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Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid on 2 December 2019 and is subject to negative parliamentary procedure—

Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Revocation Order 2019 (SSI 2019/408)

Laid under section 14(8) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001

No Procedure Instruments

The following instruments were laid on 2 December 2019 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules 1999 Amendment) (Proceeds of Crime) (No.2) 2019 (SSI 2019/405)

Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Case Management of Certain Personal Injuries Actions) 2019 (SSI 2019/404)

Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

Members' Bills Proposals

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Proposals for Members' Bills

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

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

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/12419.aspx>

Final Proposals for Member's Bills

Claire Baker: Proposed Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to amend the law of culpable homicide to ensure that where loss of life is caused by the recklessness or gross negligence of individuals, companies or organisations that, where proved, the wrongdoer can be convicted of the offence that reflects the appropriate seriousness and moral opprobrium of what occurred.

(lodged 12 November 2019)

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

Supported by: **Jenny Marra, Richard Leonard, Neil Findlay, Rhoda Grant, Daniel Johnson, Johann Lamont, Colin Smyth, Alex Rowley, Iain Gray, John Finnie, Mark Ruskell, Jackie Baillie, Claudia Beamish, Lewis Macdonald, Bill Kidd, Monica Lennon, Pauline McNeill, Sarah Boyack, James Kelly, Mark MacDonald, Alison Johnstone**

Margaret Mitchell: Proposed Mediation (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to increase the use and consistency of mediation services for certain civil cases by establishing a new standardised process for mediation in Scottish courts which includes provision of a mandatory information process (lodged 12 November 2019)

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

Supported by:

Pauline McNeill MSP: Proposed Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to protect private sector tenants by introducing measures to limit rent increases and to increase the availability of information about rent levels (lodged 14 November 2019).

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<p>Members' Bills Proposals Molaidhean airson Bilean Buill</p>				

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

Supported by: Jackie Baillie, Iain Gray, Monica Lennon, *Claire Baker

Progress of Legislation

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

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/576.aspx>

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

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

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

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

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

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

Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 4 December 2019

Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)), 3 December 2019

Children (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (briefing, lead committee (Justice)), 26 November 2019

Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 31 October 2019

Consumer Scotland Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee)), 26 November 2019

Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 2 December 2019

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Disclosure (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education and Skills Committee)), 20 November 2019

Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 14 November 2019

Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Health and Sport Committee), 3 December 2019

Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Local Government and Communities Committee), 4 December 2019

Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government and Communities)), 20 November 2019

Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 10 October 2019

Lead committee – Economy, Energy and Fair Work

Referendums (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Finance and Constitution Committee), 4 December 2019

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice Committee)), 26 November 2019

Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 28 November 2019

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

[*\(LegislationTeam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Communities Committee)), 21 November 2019

Scottish National Investment Bank Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 19 November 2019

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

[*\(LegislationTeam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill (P)

Preliminary Stage (Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee), 26 November 2019

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 28 November 2019

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

[*\(LegislationTeam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

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

Passed, 21 March 2018

Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

Legislative Consent Memorandums

The UK Parliament dissolved on 6 November 2019. There are currently no Legislative Consent Memorandums being considered by the Scottish Parliament.

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/31313.aspx>

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

Affirmative instruments

Lead Committee report due by 06 December 2019

[Official Statistics \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#)
(25 October 2019) (Economy, Energy and Fair Work)

Lead Committee report due by 06 December 2019

[Public Services Reform \(The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman\) \(Healthcare Whistleblowing\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#) (28 October 2019) (Health and Sport)

Lead Committee report due by 09 December 2019

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#) (31 October 2019) (Social Security)

Lead Committee report due by 10 December 2019

[Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Support for Vulnerable Persons\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#) (01 November 2019) (Justice)

Lead Committee report due by 10 December 2019

[Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Ancillary Provision\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#)

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(08 November 2019) (Local Government and Communities)

[Environment \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#)
(08 November 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Lead Committee report due by 20 January 2019

[Social Security Assistance \(Investigation of Offences\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#) (26 November 2019) (Social Security Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 05 December 2019
Lead committee to report by 02 December 2019

[Conservation \(Natural Habitats, &c.\) Amendment \(No. 2\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/320\)](#)
(11 October 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Environmental Impact Assessment \(Transport\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/322\)](#)
(11 October 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/325\)](#)
(11 October 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Subject to annulment by 06 December 2019
Lead committee to report by 02 December 2019

[National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/333\)](#)
(23 October 2019) (Health and Sport)

[Public Health Scotland Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/336\)](#)
(25 October 2019) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 06 December 2019
Lead committee to report by 02 December 2019

[Fishing Boats Designation \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/345\)](#)
(28 October 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

Subject to annulment by 08 December 2019
Lead committee to report by 02 December 2019

[Scottish Dental Practice Board Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/346\)](#) (30 October 2019)
(Health and Sport)

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[Agriculture Market Measures \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/347\)](#) (30 October 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

[Waste \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/356\)](#) (30 October 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Subject to annulment by 08 December 2019
Lead committee to report by 02 December 2019

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/357\)](#) (31 October 2019) (Justice)

[Firefighters' Pension Schemes \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/358\)](#) (31 October 2019) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 10 December 2019
Lead committee to report by 09 December 2019

[Robert Gordon University \(Scotland\) Order of Council 2019 \(SSI 2019/375\)](#) (05 November 2019) (Education and Skills)

Subject to annulment by 17 January 2020
Lead committee to report by 13 January 2020

[Police Pensions Amendment \(Increased Pension Entitlement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/380\)](#) (11 November 2019) (Justice)

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme Amendment \(Increased Pension Entitlement\) \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/381\)](#) (11 November 2019) (Justice)

[Firefighters' Pension and Compensation Schemes \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/382\)](#) (11 November 2019) (Justice)

[Scottish Tribunals \(Eligibility for Appointment\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/384\)](#) (14 November 2019) (Social Security)

Subject to annulment by 17 January 2020
Lead committee to report by 13 January 2020

[Charities Accounts \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/393\)](#) (18 November 2019) (Local Government and Communities)

Subject to annulment by 22 January 2020
Lead committee to report by 20 January 2020

[Official Feed and Food Controls \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/407\)](#) (28 November 2019) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 26 January 2020

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Lead committee to report by 20 January 2020

[Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial \(Scotland\) Revocation Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/408\)](#) (02 December 2019) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Instruments/documents laid for consultation

Lead committee report due 06 February 2020

The following instruments/documents were laid before the Parliament on 15 November 2019 for approval—

Proposed Draft Order – The Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 (SG/2019/248) (15 November 2019) (Finance and Constitution)

Proposed Explanatory Document – The Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 ((S/2019/249) (15 November 2019) (Finance and Constitution)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report is being published on 3 December 2019—

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 16th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Code of Conduct for MSPs – proposed revisions to implement the recommendations contained in the Joint Working Group's Report on Sexual Harassment and Sexist Behaviour (SP Paper 637)

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Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 2 December 2019 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Revocation Order 2019: Statement under section 14(4) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001 SG/2019/258 laid under section 14(4) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001

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