

Thursday 5 December 2019

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
**11:40 am** General Questions  
**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions  
**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  
**followed by** Scottish Government Debate:  
Disability Sport and Participation  
**followed by** Business Motions  
**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Committee Meetings

**8:30am** Culture, Tourism, Europe and  
External Affairs Committee  
**9:00am** Public Audit and Post-legislative  
Scrutiny Committee  
**9:15am** Public Petitions Committee  
**9:30am** Standards, Procedures and Public  
Appointments Committee  
**1:00pm** Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Maureen Watt:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to concerns regarding the number of hoax calls to the emergency services in Aberdeen. ([S5O-03873](#))
- 2. Gail Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports exports of renewable energy technology. ([S5O-03874](#))
- 3. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making in developing the draft statutory code of practice for funeral directors. ([S5O-03875](#))
- 4. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the amount of time that the police spend assisting people with mental health issues on matters that should not require their presence. ([S5O-03876](#))
- 5. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to concerns that the out-of-hours services at the Vale of Leven, Inverclyde Royal and Royal Alexandra hospitals are not functioning effectively. ([S5O-03877](#))
- 6. Alison Harris:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met NHS Forth Valley to discuss the board's performance. ([S5O-03878](#))
- 7. Mark McDonald:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-03879](#))
- 8. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to alleviate underage drinking. ([S5O-03880](#))
- 9. Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support businesses in the Mull of Kintyre. ([S5O-03881](#))
- 10. Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that public funding does not support the manufacture of munitions. ([S5O-03882](#))

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

- 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](#))

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

**[S5M-19957](#) Claire Baker: SCAN Art in Action Campaign**—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Contemporary Art Network's Art in Action campaign, which took place over the summer of 2019 and involved artists from the Mid Scotland and Fife region and across Scotland meeting with MSPs to champion the role of visual art in communities; recognises the importance and contribution of art and artists to Scotland's society, culture and economy; notes that the SCAN Visual Arts Manifesto calls on policy makers to place culture at the heart of representative policy and decision-making and for longer-term public investment to support the creative and professional development of artists, workers and organisations, and recognises that the forthcoming Budget and the Culture Strategy offer an opportunity for debate about the nature of arts and cultural funding.

## 2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

#### Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

- Bruce Crawford:** To ask the Scottish Government how it can help improve safety on the trunk road network. ([S5O-03865](#))
- Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish guidance on the provision of bus services by local authorities. ([S5O-03866](#))
- Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the proposed upgrades at Motherwell railway station. ([S5O-03867](#))
- Peter Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to announce the preferred bidder to deliver the R100 scheme in the North area. ([S5O-03868](#))
- Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what action ScotRail is taking to prepare for the festive season. ([S5O-03869](#))
- James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to consult on penalty charge levels as part of parking enforcements set out in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019. ([S5O-03870](#))
- Shona Robison:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to improve cycle provision in Dundee. ([S5O-03871](#))
- Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to develop a transport infrastructure suitable for a net-zero economy. ([S5O-03872](#))

## followed by Scottish Government Debate: Disability Sport and Participation

## followed by Business Motions

## followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

## 5:00 pm Decision Time

## Committee Meetings

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

### **Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee 30th Meeting, 2019**

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

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

### **Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 28th Meeting, 2019**

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** John Mason will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
3. **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.

4. **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.

5. **Section 23 report - Scottish Public Pensions Agency: Update on management of PS project:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 4 and take further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Stephen Boyle, Audit Director, Audit Services, Audit Scotland.

6. **Post-legislative Scrutiny - The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3.

### **Public Petitions Committee 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.

### **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 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 Hockenhull, 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.

### **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing 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.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 4 December 2019

### Tuesday 10 December 2019

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Queen Elizabeth University Hospital

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Performance in Scottish education – the PISA 2018 Results and Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Level 2018/19 Statistics

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Reaffirming Scotland's Support for Human Rights Defenders

**followed by** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Changes to the Code of Conduct

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-17959 James Dornan: Easing the Burden and Pain of Miscarriage

### 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

### Tuesday 17 December 2019

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

**Wednesday 18 December 2019**

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

**Thursday 19 December 2019**

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

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

**1:45 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**1:45 pm** Stage 3 Proceedings: Referendums (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

## Future Committee Meetings

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

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## Motions

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

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- \* before the number indicates publication for the first time
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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-20144](#) Bill Kidd: Code of Conduct for Members**—That the Parliament agrees to amend the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament by making the revisions set out in Annexe A of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 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) with effect from 7 January 2020.

## Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S5M-20157](#) Alexander Burnett: 25th Anniversary Ordination of Women to the Priesthood of the Scottish Episcopal Church**—That the Parliament acknowledges the 25th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and notes that there will be a provincial celebration to mark this anniversary, which will be held on 14 December 2019 at St Ninian's Cathedral.

Supported by: Peter Chapman\*, Monica Lennon\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Richard Lyle\*, Alexander Stewart\*

**\*[S5M-20156](#) Maureen Watt: Becca's Care Packages Reaches 500 People**—That the Parliament congratulates 19-year-old Rebecca Hammell from Aberdeen on the success of her care package initiative, Becca's Care Packages; recognises that, since starting the project, Becca's Care Packages has reached over 500 people with mental and/or physical ill health, with some packages going overseas as far as the United States and Australia; understands that the care packages are made up of everyday items to help promote self-care and include toiletries, puzzle books, toys, clothing and positive quote cards; acknowledges what it sees as the positive impact that these care packages will have on the mental and physical wellbeing of those who receive them; understands that many have been sent in bulk to food banks, churches, homeless charities and hospital wards across the country, including the Royal Cornhill Hospital and Birmingham Children's Hospital; commends Rebecca for her valued efforts and creativity to date, and wishes the project every success for the future.

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**\*[S5M-20155](#) Gil Paterson: Roma St Andrew's Day Celebrations in Clydebank—**That the Parliament commends the Clydebank Roma group, Romane Cierhenia, on the vibrant and colourful event it staged at Clydebank Community Sports Hub to celebrate St Andrew's Day; notes the event featured Roma cuisine and Gypsy music and dance, as well as face painting for children; recognises the importance of events such as this in stimulating and advancing social cohesion while respecting diverse cultural identities, and wishes Romane Cierhenia success in all its future cultural endeavours.

Supported by: Richard Lyle\*, Rona Mackay\*, Sandra White\*

**\*[S5M-20154](#) David Stewart: Target for OUTREACH4CLAN Campaign More than Doubled—**That the Parliament congratulates *The Orcadian* newspaper on joining forces with CLAN Cancer Support in Kirkwall to raise funds for a planned expansion of its cancer support services in Orkney; commends the newspaper for donating the £500 cash prize that it received on being awarded Newspaper of the Year 2018 at the Highlands and Islands Media Awards to the support service; congratulates the three paid members of staff and the 60-plus volunteers who have worked tirelessly for over 11 years supporting people affected by their own or someone else's cancer; appreciates that the geographical challenges and a lack of resources makes reaching all areas of the Orkney Islands difficult for the service; notes that the OUTREACH4CLAN campaign, which was launched in August 2019, has more than doubled the £10,000 that it set out to raise to enable training for additional support volunteers, provide more therapies and classes/group work, and to develop CLAN's outreach programme across mainland Orkney and to the islands; congratulates *The Orcadian* and the people of Orkney on achieving 228% of its target amount for the campaign, which closed on 2 December, after raising £22,786, and wishes staff and volunteers all the best in using the money raised to increase support for local people affected by cancer in any way.

Supported by: Rhoda Grant\*

**\*[S5M-20153](#) Brian Whittle: Kieran McMaster is Sportscotland Young Coach of the Year—**That the Parliament congratulates Kieran McMaster who has been recognised as the sportscotland Young Coach of the Year; understands that Kieran, an accomplished boxer who is a sports mentor for East Ayrshire Council and a coach at the North West Amateur Boxing Club, has worked with young people of all ages and abilities, including some of the most vulnerable young people in East Ayrshire, using boxing as a way to build bonds and have conversations about subjects such as mental health, drugs and alcohol; notes that Kieran's mentoring has not only allowed these young people to become accomplished in the boxing ring, but has also led to them attending school more regularly; commends Kieran for his contribution to boxing and for his commitment to improving the lives of young people through sport; applauds his efforts, and wishes him continued success.

**\*[S5M-20152](#) Alexander Stewart: The Bottle Genies and O-I Glass, Reducing Clackmannanshire's Carbon Footprint—**That the Parliament commends Scott and Anne Andrew, who are from Tillicoultry, on the work of their business, the Bottle Genies, which uplifts bottles and jars; notes that Scott and Anne started the firm after the kerbside collection of boxes in their area ceased in favour of community glass banks; understands that the Bottle Genies had been offering fortnightly and monthly uplifts, but that having to pay to drop these off at a recycling centre was becoming untenable; welcomes the news that the O-I glass plant in Alloa has now agreed to take the items that are uplifted and will send these to a recycling plant near Motherwell, which will process the items before returning them to the Alloa factory; believes that these efforts will help reduce Clackmannanshire's carbon footprint, and wishes the Bottle Genies and O-I all the very best with what it sees as their inspiring partnership.

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Supported by: Peter Chapman\*

**\*[S5M-20151](#) Keith Brown: Decrease in the Projected Life Expectancy of Children Born in the UK**—That the Parliament notes with concern the decrease in projected life expectancies of children in the UK by three years that has been reported by the Office for National Statistics; understands that life expectancy has stopped rising in the UK since 2018; believes that this can be attributed to what it sees as callous austerity measures by the UK Government, including cuts to the welfare state; agrees with the UN Special Rapporteur for Extreme Poverty and Human Rights that cuts to public services since 2010 have resulted in “tragic social consequences”; believes that the most vulnerable continue to feel its damaging impacts and that stalling life expectancy for children is a consequence of what it considers to be the Conservative Party's ideological commitment to austerity; recognises that rising life expectancy for children is a marker of a healthy society, and supports the Scottish Government initiatives, such as the Baby Box, the Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods, that aim to ensure that children across Scotland get a healthy start to life, regardless of their background.

Supported by: Richard Lyle\*, Rona Mackay\*, Sandra White\*, Emma Harper\*

**\*[S5M-20150](#) Bill Bowman: Dundee Mixed Martial Arts Group Supports Duchenne UK**—That the Parliament applauds the Dundee Mixed Martial Arts Group, which recently held its annual charity night, raising £500 for Duchenne UK; notes that it chose this particular charity as the son on one of its members has the rare genetic disorder; understands that competitors from all over Scotland visited the city to take part in the event, and sends its best wishes to the group and Duchenne UK.

**\*[S5M-20149](#) Angela Constance: West Calder High School, Education Building Project of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates West Calder High School on winning the Project of the Year title at the Education Building Scotland Awards; acknowledges that the award recognises the school's innovative design and the collaborative working that made the project such a success; understands that it was delivered for West Lothian Council by its development partner, Hub South East, and the main contractor, Morrison Construction; notes that it was designed by Norr Architects with the aim of being an ideal platform for learning in line with the very latest educational thinking; commends the school for winning this award; acknowledges its previous accolades, including winning the 2017 Inspiring Learning Space Award and a silver in the Best Social Infrastructure category at the 2018 Partnership Awards, and wishes all of its staff and pupils the very best.

Supported by: David Torrance\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*[S5M-20148](#) Bill Bowman: David Mackenzie from Arbroath Recognised at Apprenticeship Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates David Mackenzie, who is an engineer from Arbroath, on being named the top apprentice in his category at the recent Scottish Apprenticeship Awards; understands that David, who works at GlaxoSmithKline in Montrose, won the Graduate Apprentice Rising Star category, which is sponsored by the Centre for Work-based Learning, and wishes him all the best.

Supported by: Peter Chapman\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*, Margaret Mitchell\*

**\*[S5M-20147](#) Peter Chapman: Asda Foundation Community Project in Fraserburgh**—That the Parliament praises the Asda Foundation for supporting a community project in Fraserburgh; notes that the winner of the customer vote in Fraserburgh was Lochpots Primary School Nursery and that it was awarded £500; notes that the runners-up were Kinimonth & New Leeds Community

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Group and Mormond Thistle Football Club, which both received £200, and wishes Asda further success in supporting the community.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart\*, Margaret Mitchell\*

**\*[S5M-20146](#) Peter Chapman: Asda Foundation Community Project in Peterhead**—That the Parliament praises the Asda Foundation for supporting a community project in Peterhead; notes that the winner of the customer vote in Peterhead was Cornerstone Community Care Longside and that it was awarded £500; further notes that the runners-up were Age Peterhead and Peterhead Central School, which each received £200, and wishes Asda further success in supporting the community.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*

**\*[S5M-20145](#) Stewart Stevenson: Fraserburgh Academy Success at the Shell's Girls in Energy Conference**—That the Parliament congratulates the Fraserburgh Academy S3 pupils who took part in Shell's Girls in Energy Conference 2019; notes that the event, which had 100 attendees, was part of a one-year course at North East Scotland College's programme Girls in Energy, which was created to inspire girls to pursue STEM-based careers; acknowledges that it sought to achieve this by engaging the pupils in a mixture of activities and by offering the chance to meet inspirational role models; understands that part of the conference involved a Dragons' Den-style panel grilling the students on their ideas to help tackle the global energy challenge and the transition to a cleaner energy future; notes that one of teams from the Academy, Frenergy, won the event; recognises the importance of getting girls involved in STEM-based careers and the opportunities that these represent for the current and future generations, and commends the pupils for their participation and all who made what it sees as this inspiring event possible.

Supported by: Sandra White\*, Richard Lyle\*, David Torrance\*, Joan McAlpine\*

**\*[S5M-20143](#) Elaine Smith: End the Injustice for Mitie Cleaners**—That the Parliament welcomes the recent decision by Network Rail and Mitie to pay at least the Living Wage to its station cleaners; understands that this follows a high profile campaign by the RMT; is dismayed to learn however that Mitie and Network Rail are, it believes, still employing cleaning staff at below the Living Wage rate through their estates contract, cleaning administrative buildings, maintenance depots and control centres; is concerned at reports of cleaners being mocked by managers for thinking they should receive the Living Wage, even though some of them work in the same buildings as their colleagues who do receive it; believes that Mitie Group has reported rising profits in the last six months and has passed on £177 million to its shareholders in the last five years; agrees that everyone working for Mitie on any Network Rail contract should be paid at least the Living Wage, and supports the RMT's campaign to end what it sees as this injustice now. **R**

Supported by: Monica Lennon\*, Iain Gray\*, Rona Mackay\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jenny Marra\*, Richard Lyle\*, Neil Findlay\*

**\*[S5M-20142](#) Bill Kidd: Anne Glass, Community Coach of the Year**—That the Parliament applauds Anne Glass, who is a coach at Drumchapel Cycle Hub, on sportscotland recognising her efforts by naming her as the Community Coach of the Year; understands that Anne has been the driving force behind the Hub since it was established in 2015 and that her work has included introducing dedicated sessions for children with additional support needs, increasing the participation of women and girls and making cycling more accessible to hundreds of people every week, and commends Anne on her dedication.

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Supported by: Sandra White\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Emma Harper\*, Rona Mackay\*, Richard Lyle\*, David Torrance\*, Stewart Stevenson\*

**\*S5M-20141 Jeremy Balfour: St John the Baptist Primary School, Fauldhouse**—That the Parliament commends St John the Baptist primary school in Fauldhouse on receiving the Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Award; understands that the main aim as a school is to allow each pupil to achieve their full potential, encourage nurturing, and ensure that their voice is heard in the school community; notes that the award's aims are to ensure that everyone in the educational environment has a good knowledge of the needs of children and young people who have experienced adversity and of the strategies and resources that are available to meet such needs, and wishes all concerned continued success.

Supported by: Annie Wells\*, Bill Kidd\*, Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Peter Chapman\*, Richard Lyle\*, Neil Findlay\*

**\*S5M-20140 Jeremy Balfour: Our Lady of Lourdes Primary, Blackburn**—That the Parliament commends Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School in Blackburn, West Lothian, on being presented with a bronze level Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Award in recognition of its staff's commitment to provide a framework of support and understanding so that the pupils, a number of whom are adopted, in local authority care or live with parents who cannot meet their needs, can heal, thrive, play and learn; applauds the school on its positive approach, which makes the children feel happy, loved, heard and understood, leaving them in a state of learning readiness, and praises the staff on developing a culture of compassion and nurture, which aims to the pupils the best opportunity to learn and succeed.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Bill Kidd\*, Peter Chapman\*, Annie Wells\*, Richard Lyle\*, Neil Findlay\*

**\*S5M-20139 Willie Coffey: Kieran McMaster, Young Coach of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Kieran McMaster, a sports mentor with East Ayrshire Council and a coach at the North West Amateur Boxing Club in Kilmarnock, on being named sportscotland Young Coach of the Year at the Coaching, Officiating and Volunteering Awards 2019, which were held at Glasgow City Chambers; recognises that 15 winners were selected from more than 350 nominations covering 47 sports and 32 local authorities; further recognises that Kieran, who is an accomplished boxer, works tirelessly to help the next generation of boxers in his community; acknowledges that Kieran has worked with some of the most vulnerable young people in East Ayrshire, using boxing as a tool to build meaningful bonds to allow challenging conversations to take place on topics such as mental health, drugs and alcohol; further acknowledges that these relationships have seen the young people that he mentors flourish, not only in the boxing ring but, for many, attendance at school has also increased; commends Kieran on this fantastic achievement, and wishes him further success in the future.

Supported by: Sandra White\*, Bill Kidd\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*S5M-20138 Angela Constance: CEDAW's 40th Anniversary**—That the Parliament acknowledges the 40th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which will be marked on 18 December 2019; notes the impact of CEDAW on women's human rights in Scotland and around the world and what it sees as its vital importance as a Bill of Rights for Women in demanding that states respect, protect and fulfil their human rights and recognise the root causes of sex discrimination; recognises that CEDAW holds state parties to account for their efforts to implement measures to realise substantive gender equality; acknowledges that equality of opportunity and equal treatment is not

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enough to redress generations of women's inequality; welcomes the participation of the Scottish Government and Scotland's women's organisations, coordinated by Engender, in the UN CEDAW Committee's most recent examination of the UK; notes the Committee's recommendations; welcomes the steps that Scotland has taken to realise gender equality, and believes that incorporation of CEDAW into Scots law would further enable women to access and enforce their human rights.

Supported by: Stewart Stevenson\*, Rona Mackay\*, Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, John Mason\*, David Torrance\*

**\*S5M-20137 Liam McArthur: Congratulating Rachel Evans on Winning the Uspardie Trophy**—That the Parliament congratulates Rachel Evans from Shapinsay in Orkney on winning the inaugural Uspardie Trophy for outstanding achievement at the Equikro British Dressage Scotland Ball 2019; understands that the Uspardie Trophy has been gifted by Karen Dewar in memory of her horse, Uspardie, to recognise the outstanding efforts of an amateur rider who has achieved something extraordinary and has inspired others through their achievements; acknowledges that Rachel regularly travels from Shapinsay to the Scottish mainland so that she can train and compete; considers that her incredible commitment has led to her selection for the Scotland team, as well as numerous individual successes; congratulates Rachel on her dedication and hard work, which have been recognised with this prestigious award, and wishes Rachel every future success for her upcoming competitions and beyond.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*

**\*S5M-20135 Lewis Macdonald: Aberdeen City Council Nominated for Council of the Year Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen City Council on being the only Scottish local authority on the shortlist for Council of the Year at the annual Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards alongside Adur and Worthing Councils, Brent LBC, Bristol City Council, Calderdale MBC and Hull City Council; understands that Aberdeen City Council has also been shortlisted in the Community Involvement and Campaign of the Year categories at the LGC Awards, which will be judged by a panel, with the winners announced at a ceremony in London on 18 March 2020; acknowledges that the recognition by the LGC Awards judging panel is a valued external endorsement of the work carried out by the council and their employees, and wishes Aberdeen City Council the best of luck at the ceremony next year.

Supported by: Jenny Marra\*

**\*S5M-20134 Annabelle Ewing: Mowi Rosyth British Retail Consortium Audit**—That the Parliament notes that Mowi's Consumer Products UK factory at Rosyth underwent a recent unannounced audit from the British Retail Consortium; further notes that the site was recommended for the top rating of AA+ for the second year in succession; believes that this is a tribute to the hard work and skills of the local workforce; congratulates all involved on this excellent result, and wishes Mowi continued success in the future.

Supported by: Sandra White\*, Emma Harper\*, Richard Lyle\*, David Torrance\*

**\*S5M-20104 Keith Brown: University of Stirling Receives Queen's Anniversary Prize 2019**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of Stirling on receiving the Queen's Anniversary Prize 2019; welcomes the recognition of the university's transformational and internationally-renowned aquaculture research; considers this accolade one of the most prestigious awards in the higher education sector; notes that this is the second time that the University of Stirling has won this award, the first time being in 2014, and that it was also recently named UK Sports University of the Year 2020, further cementing its distinguished reputation; applauds the university's Institute

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of Aquaculture on its pioneering work to support the efficient and sustainable development of world's fastest-growing food production sector and tackle global hunger; encourages the Institute of Aquaculture to continue its valuable collaboration with governments, regulatory bodies, industry, fish farmers and supply chains; recognises the socio-economic benefits to the local council area from the Institute's research and innovation and that these benefits are further supported by the Scottish Government's £50.1 million contribution to the City Region Deal for Stirling and Clackmannanshire, and looks forward to celebrating the Institute of Aquaculture's 40th anniversary next year.

Supported by: Iain Gray\*, Sandra White\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Rona Mackay\*, Richard Lyle\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Emma Harper\*, Angus MacDonald\*, Bill Kidd\*, Willie Coffey\*, David Torrance\*

### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

#### **S5M-20133 Maurice Corry: Most Hospitable B&B/Guest House Award Winner for West Scotland** (lodged on 03 December 2019)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Annie Wells\*, Peter Chapman\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

#### **S5M-20132 Stewart Stevenson: Very Good Rating for the Jarvis Court Sheltered Housing Complex, Fraserburgh** (lodged on 03 December 2019)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*

#### **S5M-20131 Alexander Stewart: Asda Dunfermline** (lodged on 03 December 2019)

New Support: Gordon Lindhurst\*, Annie Wells\*, Peter Chapman\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Murdo Fraser\*

#### **S5M-20130 Alexander Stewart: Asda Dalgety Bay** (lodged on 03 December 2019)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Peter Chapman\*, Murdo Fraser\*

#### **S5M-20129 Alexander Stewart: Asda Alloa** (lodged on 03 December 2019)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Peter Chapman\*, Murdo Fraser\*

#### **S5M-20128 Christine Grahame: Borderline Helpline** (lodged on 03 December 2019)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*, Sandra White\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Richard Lyle\*, David Torrance\*

#### **S5M-20127 Maurice Corry: Regional Rising Star Award Winner for West Scotland** (lodged on 03 December 2019)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Peter Chapman\*

#### **S5M-20126 Gil Paterson: Golden Jubilee Surgeons Perform Robotic-assisted Surgery** (lodged on 03 December 2019)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*, Edward Mountain\*, Joan McAlpine\*

#### **S5M-20125 Stewart Stevenson: Home-Start Deveron and the Spotty Bag Shop Launch the Deveron Giving Tree 2019 Appeal** (lodged on 03 December 2019)

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New Support: Joan McAlpine\*

**[S5M-20118](#) Stewart Stevenson: Andrew Davidson's Fraserburgh Film Archive** (lodged on 03 December 2019)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*

**[S5M-20117](#) Maurice Corry: Scottish Submarine Centre Wins Innovation in Tourism Award** (lodged on 03 December 2019)

New Support: Peter Chapman\*

**[S5M-20113](#) Donald Cameron: Top VisitScotland Award for Cruachan Power Station Visitor Centre** (lodged on 03 December 2019)

New Support: Peter Chapman\*

**[S5M-20111](#) James Dornan: Awards Success for Glasgow Clyde College** (lodged on 03 December 2019)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*, Annie Wells\*, Joan McAlpine\*

**[S5M-20109](#) Bruce Crawford: Sheila Swan, Sportscotland's High Performance Coach of the Year** (lodged on 03 December 2019)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*

**[S5M-20094](#) Sandra White: University of Strathclyde, University of the Year 2019** (lodged on 02 December 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*

**[S5M-20069](#) James Kelly: LEAP is Herald Society's Older People's Project of the Year 2019** (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*, Neil Findlay\*

**[S5M-20060](#) Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Sports Council Awards 2020** (lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20057](#) Peter Chapman: Peterhead Club Tackles Hunger** (lodged on 27 November 2019)

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New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20056](#) Peter Chapman: Jarvis Court Sheltered Housing Complex Praised by Inspectors**  
(lodged on 27 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20047](#) Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Groups Recognised by Keep Scotland Beautiful**  
(lodged on 26 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20044](#) Stuart McMillan: Craigmarloch School to Visit Castle Semple Outdoor Centre**  
(lodged on 26 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20039](#) John Finnie: Robert MacIntyre, the European Golf Tour's Rookie and Graduate of the Year** (lodged on 25 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*, Neil Findlay\*

**[S5M-20036](#) Clare Adamson: Success for University Hospital Wishaw's Student-led Styles and Smiles** (lodged on 25 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20034](#) Jenny Gilruth: The Big Climate Fightback** (lodged on 25 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20031](#) Liam McArthur: Kirkwall High Street Wins Scotland's Most Beautiful High Street Award** (lodged on 25 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20028](#) Maurice Corry: Reading Force Event to Support Helensburgh and Lomond's Military Families** (lodged on 25 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20026](#) Jenny Gilruth: Fife River Clean Up** (lodged on 25 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

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**[S5M-20023](#) Keith Brown: Dunblane High School, The Sunday Times Scottish State Secondary School of the Year** (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20022](#) Neil Findlay: Dignity Boxes, West Lothian** (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20021](#) Neil Findlay: West Lothian Friends of Chernobyl Children Return from Belarus** (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20020](#) Neil Findlay: Blackburn Primary School's 60th Birthday** (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20017](#) Willie Coffey: Congratulations to the Darvel Music Festival** (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20016](#) Dean Lockhart: Institute of Aquaculture Awarded The Queen's Anniversary Prize** (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20015](#) Annabelle Ewing: Cowdenbeath Leisure Centre Pedal Power** (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20014](#) Iain Gray: East Lothian Home to Scotland's Best Home Baker** (lodged on 22 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20013](#) Annabelle Ewing: Crossgates Primary School Pupil Named Community First Aid Champion 2019** (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20011](#) Angela Constance: Keep Scotland Beautiful Award** (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20010](#) Angela Constance: West Lothian Friends of Chernobyl** (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20008](#) Annie Wells: MENSELF £8,000 Cash Boost from the Scotch Whisky Action Fund** (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

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**[S5M-20007](#) Annie Wells: Govan Youth Information Project Receives £10,000** (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20006](#) David Torrance: The Platform Girls Mountain Biking Group, Kirkcaldy** (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20005](#) Gil Paterson: New Active Schools Training Programme** (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20004](#) Rona Mackay: Kirkintilloch Pub Named Scotland's Most Dog-friendly** (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20003](#) Alexander Stewart: First Anniversary of the Scottish Forces Breakfast Club in Dunfermline** (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20002](#) Tom Arthur: Neilston Girl Takes Centre Stage in John Lewis Christmas Advert** (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20001](#) John Finnie: Amnesty International, Internet Giants Exploiting Users** (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-20000](#) Rona Mackay: Strathkelvin, St Andrew's First Aid Corps Company of the Year** (lodged on 21 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-19976](#) Bill Bowman: Tayside Team Recognised at Awards for Developing New Test to Detect Liver Disease** (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-19963](#) Annabelle Ewing: Aberdour Puppy Power Event** (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Ruth Maguire\*

**[S5M-19268](#) Tom Arthur: Celebrating the Work of the Lavern Valley Defibrillator Community Partnership** (lodged on 03 October 2019)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*

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[\*\*S5M-17959\*\*](#) **James Dornan: Easing the Burden and Pain of Miscarriage** (lodged on 26 June 2019)

New Support: Shona Robison\*

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## Oral Questions

### Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 11 December 2019

#### Justice and the Law Officers

- 1. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is addressing concerns that delays in redeveloping parts of the prison estate are presenting significant risks. ([S5O-03883](#))
- 2. Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many prosecutions and convictions there have been for domestic and emotional abuse since 1 April 2019. ([S5O-03884](#))
- 3. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that a large number of police officers are going to work while physically and mentally unwell. ([S5O-03885](#))
- 4. Alison Harris:** To ask the Scottish Government how the Scottish Prison Service encourages businesses to give prisoners the opportunity of employment on release. ([S5O-03886](#))
- 5. Peter Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to reports of rising levels of stress-related sickness among prison staff. ([S5O-03887](#))
- 6. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review the compensation scheme for people serving on juries. ([S5O-03888](#))
- 7. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to promote upskilling for prisoners prior to release. ([S5O-03889](#))
- 8. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government whether current law protects women against violence within sexual relationships. ([S5O-03890](#))

#### Government Business and Constitutional Relations

- 1. Angus MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the development of future trade policy post-Brexit. ([S5O-03891](#))
- 2. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made any preparations for working with a Labour-led UK administration. ([S5O-03892](#))
- 3. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has had any communication from the UK Government regarding legislative protection for public services, such as the NHS, in future trade deals post-Brexit. ([S5O-03893](#))
- 4. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met the UK Government to discuss the transfer of powers over immigration post-Brexit. ([S5O-03894](#))
- 5. Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting veterans, including those who are homeless, to find accommodation. ([S5O-03895](#))
- 6. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to request a section 30 order under the Scotland Act 1998 on 13 December. ([S5O-03896](#))
- 7. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis has been done of the impact that ending freedom of movement for EU citizens after Brexit will have on the NHS. ([S5O-03897](#))
- 8. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent making preparations for independence in the last 12 years. ([S5O-03898](#))

#### Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

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- Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government how it promotes rural tourism, and how much it invests in this work. ([S5O-03899](#))
- Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government about the UK and Ireland staging the 2030 FIFA World Cup. ([S5O-03900](#))
- Linda Fabiani:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met the Migration Advisory Committee. ([S5O-03901](#))
- Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support Scotland's historic buildings and monuments. ([S5O-03902](#))
- Shona Robison:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with European partners regarding Scotland's future relationship with the EU. ([S5O-03903](#))
- Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government how it safeguards environmental standards, workplace rights and ethical factors when seeking to attract major events to Scotland. ([S5O-03904](#))
- Tom Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to support hospitality businesses negatively impacted by the introduction of transient visitor levies. ([S5O-03905](#))
- Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what it can do to support the re-establishment of the O2 ABC venue in Glasgow. ([S5O-03906](#))

#### General Questions selected for answer on 11 December 2019

- James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to promote the new Job Start Payment to young people. ([S5O-03907](#))
- Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the plans for a new, state-of-the-art, University Hospital Monklands. ([S5O-03908](#))
- Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason Fairtrade road signs are deemed not appropriate because of their advertising nature when tourist information signs promoting private businesses are allowed. ([S5O-03909](#))
- Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to reports of increased levels of fatty acid methyl ester in diesel causing problems with farm machinery. ([S5O-03910](#))
- Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to address fuel poverty in North Ayrshire. ([S5O-03911](#))
- Gil Paterson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to attract more people into frontline healthcare. ([S5O-03912](#))
- Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government whether 100% of homes and businesses in the Highlands and Islands will be able to access superfast broadband by 2021. ([S5O-03913](#))
- Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on establishing a process that will allow adopted children to have a legal right of emancipation from their adoptive parents. ([S5O-03914](#))
- Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that young people are properly equipped to protect their workplace rights. ([S5O-03915](#))

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**10. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to improve transport infrastructure through Ratho and the Lothian area in response to reports of an increase in accidents because of excessive traffic flow. ([S5O-03916](#))

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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 04 December 2019

**[S5W-26590](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many rheumatology (a) consultant and (b) specialist nurse vacancies there are, broken down by NHS board, and what steps it is taking to help the boards (i) fill these posts and (ii) increase the number of training opportunities.

**[S5W-26591](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the findings concerning vacancies by the British Society for Rheumatology in its report, *Specialist Nursing in Rheumatology: the State of Play*.

**[S5W-26592](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with NHS Education for Scotland regarding promoting the study of rheumatology at (a) undergraduate, (b) postgraduate and (c) professional medical training level.

**[S5W-26594](#) Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it provides to NHS boards regarding succession planning for specialist posts.

**[S5W-26596](#) Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government who currently holds the role of Chief Forester, as established by section 73 of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018.

**[S5W-26599](#) Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government, what action it is taking to support doctoral students, and what its position is on introducing doctoral loans similar to those being established in England and Wales.

**[S5W-26601](#) Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what research it is supporting into the prevention of Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and what funding streams it has made available for researchers to access.

**[S5W-26603](#) Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S5W-26397 and S5W-26398 by Mairi Gougeon on 26 November 2019, what its position is on whether it is appropriate to continue the use of high concentrations of carbon dioxide to slaughter pigs, in light of findings by European Food Safety Authority, which suggest that at concentrations above 30%, it "is known to be aversive and cause hyperventilation and irritation of the mucous membranes that can be painful" and the paper by Raj and Gregory in 1996, which concluded that the animals show profound aversion to high concentrations and that this can lead to "severe respiratory distress".

**[S5W-26604](#) Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-26276 by Fergus Ewing on 25 November 2019, whether the UK Forestry Standard guidance restricts all proposals for planting on peat over 50cm in depth, including re-planting on peatland that had been previously planted, or whether it applies to proposals for new planting only.

**[S5W-26609](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the proposal by ScotRail to remove assigned seating from InterCity rail services and move to "counted places" on such services, and whether it considers that this will make the travelling experience for passengers better or worse.

**[S5W-26610](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what actions it has taken in response to the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee 2018 report, *Making Scotland a Screen Leader*; what support it is currently providing the Scottish screen sector; what progress has been made since the publication of the report to address concerns it raised, and how it is assisting the industry by ensuring the delivery of enhanced, fit-for-purpose studio and editing capabilities in order to compete in a competitive global market.

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**[S5W-26611](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent on trunk road maintenance, inclusive of all roads under its, and its agencies', financial or statutory responsibility in each year since 2007.

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## New Bills and Accompanying Documents

### New Bills introduced or reprinted on 4 December 2019

**Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2 (SP Bill 44A) (Government Bill).

**Referendums (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2 (SP Bill 46A) (Government Bill).

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## New Subordinate Legislation

### New Subordinate Legislation

#### Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid on 4 December 2019 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Planning (Scotland) Act (Actual Dates) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/410)  
Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2, Saving and Transitional Provisions)  
Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/411)  
Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

## Members' Bills Proposals

### Proposals for Members' Bills

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

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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).

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

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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.

### **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 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 18 December 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 completed, 4 December 2019

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 19 December 2019

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### **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

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### **Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Communities Committee)), 5 December 2019

### **Scottish National Investment Bank Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 19 November 2019

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### **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 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 17 December 2019

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## 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:**

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**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

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

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**Subject to annulment by 26 January 2020**  
**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)

**Subject to annulment by 27 January 2020**  
**Lead committee to report by 20 January 2020**

[Official Controls \(Agriculture etc.\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/412\)](#) (03 December 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

### 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 was published on 4 December 2019 at 00:01—

Health and Sport Committee, 14<sup>th</sup> Report, 2019 (Session 5): Social Prescribing: physical exercise is an investment, not a cost (SP Paper 639)

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