

Wednesday 11 December 2019

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

1:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3:05 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Meeting of the Parliament

1:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has decided to group the following questions:

Justice and the Law Officers: Questions 4 and 7;

Government Business and Constitutional Relations: Questions 1 and 3.

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

1. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government how it promotes rural tourism, and how much it invests in this work. ([S5O-03899](#))

2. 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](#))

3. Linda Fabiani: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met the Migration Advisory Committee. ([S5O-03901](#))

4. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support Scotland's historic buildings and monuments. ([S5O-03902](#))

5. 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](#))

6. 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](#))

7. 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](#))

8. 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](#))

followed by General Questions

1. James Dornan: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to promote the new Job Start Payment to young people. ([S5O-03907](#))

2. 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](#))

3. 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](#))

4. 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](#))

5. Ruth Maguire: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to address fuel poverty in North Ayrshire. ([S5O-03911](#))

6. Gil Paterson: [Withdrawn] ([S5O-03912](#))

7. 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](#))

8. 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](#))

9. 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](#))

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](#))

followed by First Minister's Questions

1. Jackson Carlaw: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03779](#))

2. Richard Leonard: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03780](#))

3. Alison Johnstone: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03781](#))

4. Christine Grahame: To ask the First Minister whether the Scottish Government will ban the use of snares. ([S5F-03782](#))

5. Jamie Greene: To ask the First Minister what assistance the Scottish Government is providing to public services and the third sector to address the issue of loneliness among older people over the festive period. ([S5F-03792](#))

6. Daniel Johnson: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to research suggesting that children in poorer areas have almost 10% fewer choices of subjects in secondary schools than those in better-off areas. ([S5F-03787](#))

7. Angus MacDonald: To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government is working with international partners to tackle climate change. ([S5F-03789](#))

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-20199](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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 Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

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12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

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Tuesday 7 January 2020

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followed by Local Government and Communities Committee debate: Empty Homes in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

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Wednesday 8 January 2020

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followed by Scottish Government Business

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 16 December 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

[S5M-20200](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 24 January 2020.

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[S5M-20201](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-20202](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Support for Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

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Future Business
Gnothaichean ri teachd

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Gluasadan agus Ceistean

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Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 4 December 2019

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Future Committee Meetings

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

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Motions Glusadan				

Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S5M-20197](#) Alex Rowley: A Menu for Change's Report, Found Wanting**—That the Parliament welcomes the report by A Menu for Change, *Found Wanting*, which looks at the pressures forcing people into food insecurity in Scotland; understands that A Menu for Change is a three-year initiative that is run by Oxfam Scotland, Nourish Scotland, the Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland and the Poverty Alliance, and is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that its research was carried out in Fife, East Ayrshire and Dundee and tracked people with lived experience in and out of food insecurity; believes that, while people said that they found great support from community groups and the healthcare and education sectors, the report found that system changes are required to prevent the causes of food insecurity; considers that income shocks from insecure and inadequate wages from employment and social security are key drivers in pushing people to become food insecure; notes the report's recommendations for a review of the budget for the Scottish Welfare Fund, for the Scottish Government to use public procurement to deliver fair work and invest in low-paid sectors, and to ensure that devolved employability programmes are designed to provide person-centred support for people who are furthest from the labour market; recognises the significant barriers that people facing food insecurity can face, and, in doing so, notes the authors' recommendations for UK ministers to restore the value of key benefits, uprate all benefits in line with inflation, remove the two-child limit and benefit cap, eliminate measures creating income shocks, including the five-week wait for universal credit, and to improve in-work conditions through measures such as increasing the national living wage to the real living wage, banning exploitative zero-hours contracts and improving in-work support.

Supported by: Elaine Smith*, Colin Smyth*, Neil Findlay*, Monica Lennon*, Sarah Boyack*, Claudia Beamish*, Alison Johnstone*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S5M-20206](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Social Security Assistance (Investigation of Offences) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]**—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Social Security Assistance (Investigation of Offences) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

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Supported by: Christina McKelvie*

***S5M-20205 Liam McArthur: Orkney's Shannon Leslie Bags a Badminton Treble**—That the Parliament congratulates Shannon Leslie who now holds all three of Orkney Junior Badminton Club's singles trophies following her recent victory in the under-18 tournament; acknowledges that Shannon's latest success adds to her earlier victories in the under-13 and under-15 categories, as well as her recent runner-up position in the West of Scotland Championships under-13 singles and doubles with her partner, Gemma Foulis; congratulates Shannon on her clean sweep of the club's singles trophies; acknowledges the incredibly high standard needed to achieve this level of success, particularly against older opponents; believes this feat is testament to Shannon's exceptional dedication and hard work, and wishes Shannon all the best for the remainder of her competitions this season and beyond and her other endeavours.

***S5M-20204 Maurice Corry: Bagpiping Stunt Raises Funds for CHAS**—That the Parliament commends Roddy Garden, member of the Helensburgh Clan Colquhoun Pipe Band, for raising more than £7,000 for Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) and Robin House, by pedalling across Loch Long while playing his bagpipes; recognises that Roddy pedalled and played simultaneously for an hour and 40 minutes to complete the two-mile challenge; acknowledges the further support that CHAS will be able to provide to families with children approaching the end of life through Roddy's efforts; understands that Roddy has plans for another fundraising stunt on behalf of CHAS next summer, and wishes him every success with his future fundraising endeavours.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Alexander Stewart*, Edward Mountain*, Margaret Mitchell*

***S5M-20203 Rona Mackay: Kirkintilloch Man Publishes Book on Scottish Creatures**—That the Parliament commends the Kirkintilloch resident, Colin Stevenson, for self-publishing a children's book on the creatures found in Scotland, which is written in rhyme; notes that Colin was inspired to create his book after many years of writing poems about Scotland and sharing them via his Facebook page, Rhyme or Reason; understands that Colin's book has been two years in the making and will feature some famous Scottish creatures, such as the Loch Ness Monster, but also some creations of his own; considers that this is a fantastic feat, and wishes him all the best.

Supported by: Sandra White*, Bill Kidd*, Emma Harper*, Stewart Stevenson*

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***S5M-20198 Neil Findlay: The Ashwood Scotland Foundation**—That the Parliament applauds the Ashwood Scotland Foundation on the success of its annual charity ball, which was held at the Hilcroft Hotel in Whitburn and raised £7,600; understands that the Foundation, which was set up nearly 15 years ago by the Bathgate-based construction business, Ashwood Scotland, has now raised in excess of £130,000 for charities; notes that the good causes to benefit from this in 2019 include the Friends of Chernobyl Children and the Mulanje Project in Malawi; wishes the Foundation continued success with its fundraising, and commends everyone who helps make this possible.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, David Stewart*

***S5M-20196 Monica Lennon: Rape Crisis Scotland, 16 Pounds for 16 Days Campaign**—That the Parliament notes that 10 December 2019 is the final day of 16 Days of Action against Gender-Based Violence; commends Rape Crisis centres across Scotland for their work in supporting survivors of sexual violence; understands that figures released by Rape Crisis Scotland show that on one day there were 1,035 survivors waiting to access lifesaving support in some areas up to 12 months; agrees that no-one should ever have to wait to access specialist support, and supports efforts to raise awareness of the #16PoundsFor16Days campaign to make sure that survivors of sexual violence are able to access support at the point of need.

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Motions Glusadan				

Supported by: Mark Griffin*, Angela Constance*, Rona Mackay*, Bill Kidd*, James Kelly*, Rhoda Grant*, Andy Wightman*, Sandra White*

***S5M-20136 Alex Rowley: Barbara Boyd from Kelty Raises Awareness of Mouth Cancer—** That the Parliament commends Barbara Boyd for the work that she does to raise awareness of mouth cancer; notes that Barbara, who has the condition, raises money for the charity, Let's Talk About Mouth Cancer, which campaigns to get people to check their mouths for danger signs, including by encouraging everyone to examine the inside of their mouth regularly to check for any irregularities or any unusual changes, swelling or ulcers and, as time is of the essence, recommending that anyone who finds something unusual should get it checked as soon as possible by a medical professional; congratulates Barbara on her fundraising in her home town of Kelty and the surrounding communities, which has resulted in the most money that the charity has ever received from one event, £1,916.25, and applauds Barbara and Let's Talk About Mouth Cancer for raising awareness to help improve the prognosis of people diagnosed with mouth cancer through early detection.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-20195 Bill Kidd: Sanna Marin (lodged on 09 December 2019)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Stewart Stevenson*, Angus MacDonald*, Rona Mackay*, Annabelle Ewing*, Mark McDonald*, Fulton MacGregor*, John Finnie*, Stuart McMillan*, Alasdair Allan*, Sandra White*, John Mason*, Emma Harper*

S5M-20194 Christine Grahame: The Trussell Trust (lodged on 09 December 2019)

New Support: Sandra White*

S5M-20191 Rona Mackay: Lenzie Academy Recognised for Holocaust Education (lodged on 09 December 2019)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Sandra White*, Ross Greer*

S5M-20189 Alexander Stewart: Cycling Award for Clackmannan Development Trust (lodged on 06 December 2019)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*

S5M-20188 Alexander Stewart: The Welcome Café Initiative Comes to Alloa (lodged on 06 December 2019)

New Support: Annie Wells*

S5M-20183 Angela Constance: West Lothian Good Causes Benefit from Co-op Customer Donations (lodged on 05 December 2019)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

S5M-20182 Brian Whittle: Asda Kilmarnock Supports Local Charities (lodged on 05 December 2019)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*

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[S5M-20176](#) Monica Lennon: Scottish Parliament Women's Network, Championing Gender Equality (lodged on 05 December 2019)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Alison Johnstone*

[S5M-20174](#) Miles Briggs: Braille Rugby Programme (lodged on 05 December 2019)

New Support: Sarah Boyack*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-20172](#) Peter Chapman: Animal Sanctuary (lodged on 05 December 2019)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-20171](#) Peter Chapman: Volunteer Award (lodged on 05 December 2019)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-20165](#) Neil Findlay: Max McDougall's Fundraising Efforts (lodged on 05 December 2019)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-20161](#) Angela Constance: West Lothian Chamber of Commerce Awards (lodged on 05 December 2019)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-20158](#) Alexander Burnett: Green Token Giving Award Winners (lodged on 05 December 2019)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-20153](#) Brian Whittle: Kieran McMaster is Sportscotland Young Coach of the Year (lodged on 04 December 2019)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-20152](#) Alexander Stewart: The Bottle Genies and O-I Glass, Reducing Clackmannanshire's Carbon Footprint (lodged on 04 December 2019)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-20149](#) Angela Constance: West Calder High School, Education Building Project of the Year (lodged on 04 December 2019)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-20148](#) Bill Bowman: David Mackenzie from Arbroath Recognised at Apprenticeship Awards (lodged on 04 December 2019)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-20147](#) Peter Chapman: Asda Foundation Community Project in Fraserburgh (lodged on 04 December 2019)

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[S5M-20146](#) Peter Chapman: Asda Foundation Community Project in Peterhead (lodged on 04 December 2019)

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New Support: Jeremy Balfour* R

[S5M-20138](#) Angela Constance: CEDAW's 40th Anniversary (lodged on 04 December 2019)

New Support: Elaine Smith*

[S5M-20096](#) Alexander Burnett: Jamie Liversidge, Retail Delivery of the Year Award Winner (lodged on 05 December 2019)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*

[S5M-20095](#) Alexander Burnett: Royal Northern Agricultural Society Awards (lodged on 05 December 2019)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

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

New Support: Tom Arthur*

[S5M-19920](#) Bruce Crawford: Shelter Scotland's Are You With Us? Campaign (lodged on 18 November 2019)

New Support: Alison Johnstone*, Claudia Beamish*, Elaine Smith*, Christine Grahame*, Colin Smyth*

[S5M-19811](#) Mary Fee: Celebrating Women's Football in 2019 (lodged on 11 November 2019)

New Support: Christine Grahame*

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Questions Ceistean				

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 10 December 2019

[S5W-26689](#) Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what information it can provide regarding the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs' recent visit to Japan.

Written questions lodged on 10 December 2019

[S5W-26617](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it carries out of the accuracy of the blood tests that are used to detect viruses, and whether the findings of this are available online.

[S5W-26647](#) Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to an audit report by Food Standards Scotland, which found that the Fife Council environmental health team is facing staff shortages that have led to it being unable to perform proactive visits, and instead it is focusing on responding to complaints or business queries only.

[S5W-26683](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government how Skills Development Scotland determined the (a) membership and (b) terms of reference of its Gender Commission; whether details of the work of the Commission, including the minutes and agendas of its meetings, will be published online, and what the timescale is for the Commission to report.

[S5W-26686](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to an alternative use for the Corus hotel site at Ferrymuir Gate in South Queensferry, other than for housing development, in light of its proximity to the three Forth crossings and potential for a visitor destination.

[S5W-26687](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what meetings it has had in connection with the development of the site of the old Corus Hotel at Ferrymuir Gate in South Queensferry in the context of the local tourism strategy.

[S5W-26688](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-26536 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 6 December 2019, what the full list of reserved premiums or benefits are, also broken down by the relevant qualifying Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) component or rate.

[S5W-26690](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-24325 by Roseanna Cunningham on 2 August 2019, whether it will provide an update on Scotland's progress towards achieving the 2020 Aichi Targets, and how many of the 20 global targets it expects to have met by January 2020.

[S5W-26692](#) Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met the Scottish Schools Education Research Centre, and what was discussed.

[S5W-26693](#) Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what STEM training it plans to put in place for early years practitioners.

[S5W-26694](#) Elaine Smith: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-26491 by Humza Yousaf on 6 December 2019, which organisations and other stakeholders provide external advice to the internal SPS working group.

[S5W-26695](#) Elaine Smith: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-26491 by Humza Yousaf on 6 December 2019, how the specific needs and

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concerns of female prisoners are taken into consideration as part of the individual risk assessment procedures.

[S5W-26702](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has set aside to bring the mesh surgeon, Dr Veronikis, to Scotland.

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 10 December 2019

Referendums (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3

Section 1A

Adam Tomkins

- 1 In section 1A, page 1, line 6, after <held> insert <—
()>

Adam Tomkins

- 2 In section 1A, page 1, line 6, at end insert <, and
() no earlier than the day that is 6 months after the day of Royal Assent.>

Section 3

Adam Tomkins

- 3 In section 3, page 2, line 22, leave out subsections (7) to (12)

Section 29

Michael Russell

- 4 In section 29, page 15, line 15, at end insert—
<() In preparing the report, the Commission must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

Schedule 3

Michael Russell

- 5 In schedule 3, page 85, line 2, at end insert—
<() reasonable expenses incurred that are reasonably attributable to the translation of anything into languages other than English,>

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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).

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, Elaine Smith, Mark Griffin, *David Stewart**

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: **Joan McAlpine, Clare Adamson, Christine Grahame, Johann Lamont, Jackie Baillie, Liam McArthur, John Finnie, David Stewart, Miles Briggs, Alison Harris, Edward Mountain, Finlay Carson, Jamie Halcro Johnston, Jamie Greene, Sandra White, Bill Kidd, Richard Lyle, Rona Mackay, Mike Rumbles, Annie Wells, Murdo Fraser, Tom Mason, Brian**

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Whittle, Jeremy Balfour, Sarah Boyack, Stuart McMillan, Jackson Carlaw, Maurice Golden, Ruth Davidson, Rachel Hamilton, Claire Baker, Rhoda Grant, Dean Lockhart, Michelle Ballantyne, Alexander Stewart, Donald Cameron, Adam Tomkins, Liam Kerr, Peter Chapman, Maurice Corry, Bill Bowman, Elizabeth Smith, Alexander Burnett, Graham Simpson, James Kelly, Oliver Mundell, Monica Lennon, Elaine Smith, Mark Griffin

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, Elaine Smith, Johann Lamont, Neil Findlay, John Finnie, Mark Griffin R, Colin Smyth, Rhoda Grant, Richard Leonard, Claudia Beamish

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)), 10 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

Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 12 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

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)

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

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

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

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

Affirmative instruments

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)

Lead Committee report due by 29 January 2019

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#) (05 December 2019) (Justice Committee)

Lead Committee report due by 30 January 2019

[Relevant Adjustments to Common Parts \(Disabled Persons\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#) (06 December 2019) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Negative instruments

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)

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[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
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)

Subject to annulment by 29 January 2020
Lead committee to report by 27 January 2020

[Public Procurement etc. \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/414\)](#) (05 December 2019) (Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee)

[Environmental Impact Assessment \(Transport\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/415\)](#) (05 December 2019) (Rural economy and Connectivity)

Instruments/documents laid for consultation

Lead committee report due 06 February 2020

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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 10 December 2019–

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee, 5th Report 2019 (Session 5) Putting Artists In The Picture: A Sustainable Arts Funding System For Scotland (SP Paper 647)

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2019 has now been published. SP Paper 644 11th Report, 2019 (Session 5)

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