

Wednesday 8 January 2020

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**1:15 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**1:15 pm** Members' Business — S5M-20209  
Miles Briggs: Research Projections into Place  
of Death in 2040

**followed by** Portfolio Questions: The  
Presiding Officer has grouped the following  
questions—

Social Security and Older People: Questions  
3 and 6;

Finance, Economy and Fair Work: Questions  
1 and 5, and questions 3 and 8.

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Short-  
term Lets

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate:  
Legislative Consent to the European Union  
(Withdrawal Agreement) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-  
19517 Emma Harper: Women, Peace and  
Security

### Committee Meetings

**9:30am** Finance and Constitution Committee

**9:45am** Local Government and Communities  
Committee

**10:00am** Rural Economy and Connectivity  
Committee

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#### 1:15 pm Members' Business — S5M-20209 Miles Briggs: Research Projections into Place of Death in 2040

**S5M-20209 Miles Briggs: Research Projections into Place of Death in 2040**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, *The impact of population ageing on end of life care in Scotland: Population-based projections of place of death and recommendations for future service provision*, by Marie Curie, the University of Edinburgh and Kings College London; praises this research, which explores projections for place of death by 2040; recognises that projected trends suggest that two thirds of people will die outside of hospital settings by 2040; acknowledges the report's findings that more investment in community-based care is needed, particularly an increase in care home capacity, to support this shift in care; further acknowledges that terminally ill people and those at the end of their lives should be a high priority for those that commission health and social care services, and notes the view that sustainable funding of services is needed; further notes the recommendations from the research that there is a need to upskill the health and social care workforce in palliative and end of life care through education, training and valuing of their work, explore digital solutions and technologies to support people in the community, and mobilise communities to support people needing care; commends Marie Curie's proactivity in encouraging early conversations about dying, death, bereavement and grief, and notes calls to encourage further public debate so that people have early conversations about end of life, and enable them to plan to die in their place of choice.

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**Social Security and Older People: Questions 3 and 6;**

**Finance, Economy and Fair Work: Questions 1 and 5, and questions 3 and 8.**

#### **Social Security and Older People**

**1. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government how many gender recognition certificates it expects to be issued under its proposed system of self-declaration, and how this compares with the current system. ([S5O-03951](#))

**2. Jenny Gilruth:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the WASPI campaign. ([S5O-03952](#))

**3. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to change the qualifying criteria for Carer's Allowance. ([S5O-03953](#))

**4. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address child poverty in North Ayrshire. ([S5O-03954](#))

**5. Alison Harris:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the action that it is taking to reduce loneliness among older people. ([S5O-03955](#))

**6. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government how much the Carer's Allowance earnings threshold will be in 2020-21, and how many claimants reported earnings in 2019-20. ([S5O-03956](#))

**7. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that there will be a functioning equivalent to the Motability scheme in Scotland. ([S5O-03957](#))

**8. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what the maximum backdating period is for the Scottish Child Payment. ([S5O-03958](#))

### Finance, Economy and Fair Work

**1. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has provided in loans through its Digital Growth Fund. ([S5O-03959](#))

**2. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the timing of the UK and Scottish budgets. ([S5O-03960](#))

**3. Maureen Watt:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out of the UK Government's spending pledges and the Barnett consequentials that might arise from these. ([S5O-03961](#))

**4. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government how transitional rates relief would be affected if business rate powers were devolved to local government. ([S5O-03962](#))

**5. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to increase its digital economy budget. ([S5O-03963](#))

**6. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to calls for it to no longer offer contracts to private firms that employ people on zero-hours contracts. ([S5O-03964](#))

**7. Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding Skills Development Scotland has received through the Apprenticeship Levy. ([S5O-03965](#))

**8. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the timing of the block grant settlement. ([S5O-03966](#))

**followed by Ministerial Statement: Short-term Lets**

**followed by Scottish Government Debate: Legislative Consent to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill**

**S5M-20318 Michael Russell: European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill**—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandum on the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill lodged by the Scottish Government on 20 December 2019; further notes that people in Scotland voted remain and for remain parties, most recently at the UK General Election on 12 December 2019; considers that the Withdrawal Agreement negotiated by the UK Government would cause damage to Scotland's environment, economic and social interests; regrets that the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill has been amended to remove important protections from workers' rights and asylum-seeking children, and to prohibit an extension of the implementation period to negotiate the future relationship with the EU; regrets that the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill is to proceed through the UK Parliament with minimal scrutiny, failing to respect the significance of the decision to be taken by, or the role of, the Scottish Parliament in scrutinising legislation requiring its legislative consent; is determined to respect and uphold the views of the people of Scotland on this crucial issue to the future of the nation, and therefore does not support the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration negotiated by the UK Government, and does not consent to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill that would implement that agreement.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

**[S5M-20318.1 Adam Tomkins: European Union \(Withdrawal Agreement\) Bill](#)**—As an amendment to motion S5M-20318 in the name of Michael Russell (European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill), leave out from "people in Scotland" to end and insert "the legislative consent memorandum indicates that the Scottish Ministers would have recommended that the Parliament withhold consent from any legislation providing for EU exit, irrespective of its content; recalls that the decision to leave the EU was taken by a clear majority of those voting in the 2016 referendum; believes that the results of referendums should be respected and implemented, rather than ignored; welcomes that the UK will be leaving the EU later this month with a Withdrawal Agreement; recalls that all parties in the Scottish Parliament have called for such an agreement to be in place before EU exit and therefore supports the Withdrawal Agreement, and consents to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill, which will implement this agreement."

### **followed by Business Motions**

**[S5M-20326 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion](#)**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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2.00 pm Time for Reflection

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Wednesday 22 January 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 23 January 2020

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11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

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2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Consumer Scotland Bill

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 January 2020, 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-20327](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 27 March 2020.

### **followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

### **5:00 pm Decision Time**

### **followed by Members' Business — [S5M-19517](#) Emma Harper: Women, Peace and Security**

**[S5M-19517](#) Emma Harper: Women, Peace and Security**—That the Parliament acknowledges the unanimous passing of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (SCR1325) on 31 October 2000 on Women, Peace and Security; notes that it was the first resolution to specifically address the impact of war on women and women’s important contribution to peace; acknowledges that it commits all UN member states to valuing, understanding and including women in the promotion of international peace, security and conflict resolution, including through the provision of secure spaces and sanctuary for women affected by conflict, involving women in international decision making and noting the abilities of women in resolving international and national conflicts; understands that some nations have developed action plans to implement the resolution, which has three principle aims, preventing gender-based violence, promoting the role of women in international peace building and implementing women-specific gender-based policies to protect women from conflict; considers that Scotland is already making significant progress in achieving these aims, including through it having a gender-balanced cabinet, its establishment of national advisory groups on human rights and women's and girls' issues and the adoption of policies of peace and the promotion of women internationally; acknowledges the view that more must still be done by governments both in the UK and around the world to achieve all of SCR1325's goals, and welcomes opportunities to discuss how best to reach these objectives.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Finance and Constitution Committee 1st Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S5) 29 from—  
Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, Scottish Government.
3. **European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the UK Government and the Scottish Government.

### Local Government and Communities Committee 1st Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Aileen Campbell, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government, and Dr Elaine Moir, Team Leader – Access to Sanitary Products and Social Innovation Partnerships, Scottish Government.
3. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21:** The Committee will take evidence on the Accounts Commission report "Local Government in Scotland: Financial Overview 2018/19" from—  
Graham Sharp, Chair, Fraser McKinlay, Controller of Audit, Brian Howarth, Audit Director, Christopher Lewis, Auditor, and Lisa Duthie, Auditor, Accounts Commission.
4. **Public Petitions:** The Committee will consider the following petition—  
PE01719 by Rachel Gibson, on Review of fire safety stay-put policy
5. **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Budget Scrutiny 2020/21:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 1st Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Queensferry Crossing public transport strategy:** The Committee will take evidence from—

John Mitchell, Service Manager (Sustainable Transport & Parking), Fife Council;  
Jim Grieve, Partnership Director, SESTRAN;

Douglas Robertson, Managing Director of Stagecoach East Scotland, Stagecoach;  
Alison Irvine, Director of Transport Strategy and Analysis, and Hugh Gillies, Director of  
Roads, Transport Scotland;  
Ewan Kennedy, Transport Policy and Planning Manager, City of Edinburgh Council.

3. **Work programme:** The Committee will review its work programme.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 1 January 2020

### Thursday 9 January 2020

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

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

**12:45 pm** Members' Business — S5M-19234 Maurice Corry: Commonwealth War Graves Commission

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Ministerial Statement: Enhancing Scotland's Digital Connectivity

**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions  
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

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## Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

### Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

9 January 2020

1st Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Mark Roberts, Audit Director, Performance Audit and Best Value, and Stephen Boyle, Audit Director, Audit Services, Audit Scotland.

3. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Mark Roberts, Audit Director, Performance Audit and Best Value, and Stephen Boyle, Audit Director, Audit Services, Audit Scotland.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme including its future scrutiny of the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Social Security: Implementing the devolved powers" and follow-up work on its Key Audit Themes report.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lucy Scharbert at [papls.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:papls.committee@parliament.scot)

### Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

9 January 2020

1st Meeting, 2020

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

1. **National Records of Scotland – Census Order:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Pete Whitehouse, Director of Statistical Services, National Records of Scotland;  
Scott Matheson, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government;  
Scott McEwen, Head of Policy and Legislation, Scotland's Census 2021, and Jill Morton, Senior Business Lead, Questions and Collection Instruments, National Records of Scotland.

- Scottish Government Reports:** The Committee will consider a bi-annual report from the Scottish Government in relation to a range of EU issues.
- Consideration of evidence heard (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 16 January 2020, the Committee expects to continue to take evidence on its Article 50 inquiry. For further information, contact Stephen Herbert, Clerk to the Committee on 0131 348 6226 or [europa@parliament.scot](mailto:europa@parliament.scot).

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

**9 January 2020**

**1st Meeting, 2020**

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

- Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 16 January, the Committee expects to consider the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representations) Bill at Stage 2.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katy Orr, on 0131 348 6924 or at [SPPACcommittee@parliament.scot](mailto:SPPACcommittee@parliament.scot).

## **Public Petitions Committee**

**16 January 2020**

**1st Meeting, 2020**

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

- Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
  - PE1770 on Improving Water Safety and will take evidence from the petitioner, Margaret Spiers and
  - PE1767 on Scottish fire and rescue legislation and human rights;
  - PE1771 on Potential abuse within Scottish local authorities;
  - PE1774 on Formally record vaping-related illnesses and deaths; and
  - PE1775 on Introduce statutory allergy care legislation in nurseries and schools.
- Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
  - PE1577 on Adult Cerebral Palsy Services;
  - PE1629 on MRI scans for Ocular Melanoma sufferers in Scotland;
  - PE1683 on Support for families with multiple births;
  - PE1699 on Release of murder victim bodies for funeral arrangements;
  - PE1722 on Parking charges at island lifeline ferry ports;
  - PE1723 on Essential tremor treatment in Scotland;
  - PE1724 on Equal rights for Commercial Attorneys and Party Litigants in the legal system;
  - PE1725 on Suicide awareness and support for young people; and
  - PE1731 on Permit audio recording of local government public meetings.

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**Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the clerk to the Committee, Lynn Russell, on 0131 348 5254 or [petitions@parliament.scot](mailto:petitions@parliament.scot)

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## Motions

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

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

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

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

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

## Motions for Debate

**\*[S5M-20331](#) Humza Yousaf: Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill.

Supported by: Ash Denham\*

**\*[S5M-20319](#) Derek Mackay: Consumer Scotland Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Consumer Scotland Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

**[S5M-20318](#) Michael Russell: European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill**—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandum on the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill lodged by the Scottish Government on 20 December 2019; further notes that people in Scotland voted remain and for remain parties, most recently at the UK General Election on 12 December 2019; considers that the Withdrawal Agreement negotiated by the UK Government would cause damage to Scotland's environment, economic and social interests; regrets that the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill has been amended to remove important protections from workers' rights and asylum-seeking children, and to prohibit an extension of the implementation period to negotiate the future relationship with the EU; regrets that the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill is to proceed through the UK Parliament with minimal scrutiny, failing to respect the significance of the decision to be taken by, or the role of, the Scottish Parliament in scrutinising legislation requiring its legislative consent; is determined to respect and uphold the views of the people of Scotland on this crucial issue to the future of the nation, and therefore does not support the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration negotiated by the UK Government, and does not consent to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill that would implement that agreement.

Supported by: Graeme Dey

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### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*S5M-20334 Alexander Stewart: June Anderson OBE**—That the Parliament congratulates June Anderson from Tullibody on being appointed an OBE in the New Year Honours List; applauds June's dedication and commitment to tenants' rights and law and order in Clackmannanshire and her sterling work with the Clackmannanshire Tenants and Residents Federation, the Paragon Housing Association and Tullibody, Cambus and Glenochil Community Council, which named her as Hero of the Month in January 2016; commends June on her tireless efforts to improve communities, and sends her its best wishes.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Annie Wells\*, Finlay Carson\*, Edward Mountain\*, Brian Whittle\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*

**\*S5M-20333 Bill Kidd: Shabir Beg OBE**—That the Parliament congratulates Shabir Beg on being appointed an OBE in the 2020 New Year Honours List; recognises the tremendous civic and interfaith work done by Shabir in Anniesland, Glasgow and around Scotland, including through his role as Chairman of the Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society, his efforts for the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service and his work supporting the Anthony Nolan charity in helping to recruit high-demand donors for blood transfusions and stem cell transplants; commends Shabir on his laudable work, and wishes him all the best with his ongoing and future ventures.

Supported by: James Dornan\*, Edward Mountain\*, Richard Lyle\*, Annie Wells\*, Sandra White\*, David Torrance\*, Emma Harper\*

**\*S5M-20332 Humza Yousaf: Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]**—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Ash Denham\*

**\*S5M-20330 Colin Beattie: Midlothian Bowlers Selected for the World Championships**—That the Parliament congratulates bowling stars, Ronnie Duncan, of Bonnyrigg BC, and Stacey McDougall, from Dalkeith BC, who will represent Scotland men's and women's teams respectively at the 2020 World Bowls Championships in Australia; understands that, behind the Commonwealth Games, this is the second largest bowling event on the calendar; applauds Ronnie and Stacey on their hard work and the victories and achievements that have led to their selection, and wishes them, and their teammates, the best of luck at the championships and with their bowling careers.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, David Torrance\*, Sandra White\*, Richard Lyle\*, Bill Kidd\*, Gordon Lindhurst\*

**\*[S5M-20329](#) Finlay Carson: Mark Jardine MBE**—That the Parliament congratulates Mark Jardine from Dumfries on being appointed an MBE in the New Year Honours List; congratulates Mark on his award for his dedicated commitment to improving the lives of people in Dumfries; welcomes the work that he has done through the People's Project, including commissioning artwork and designing guides to Dumfries in order to boost the town; believes that Mark always puts the community's interests first, and wishes him all the best.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Brian Whittle\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Annie Wells\*, Jamie Greene\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*[S5M-20328](#) Finlay Carson: Kate Picken MBE**—That the Parliament congratulates Kate Picken from Kirkcudbright on being appointed an MBE in the New Year Honours List; welcomes Kate's tireless commitment to music, education and charity over almost four decades; believes that she has been an inspiration to countless children in helping them learn music; congratulates Kate on her charitable success with the Farmers Choir, which plays to sell-out audiences to help raise mental health awareness, raising over £50,000 so far, and wishes Kate all the best.

Supported by: David Torrance\*, Miles Briggs\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Margaret Mitchell\*, Brian Whittle\*, Annie Wells\*, Jamie Greene\*, Richard Lyle\*, Bill Kidd\*

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*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish National Investment Bank Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 22 January 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 23 January 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

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2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Consumer Scotland Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 January 2020, 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-20323 Angus MacDonald: Grangemouth's Zetland Park**—That the Parliament welcomes the awards of £928,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the enhancement of Zetland Park in Grangemouth by improving its facilities and landscaping, and £50,000 from sportscotland to develop a bicycle pump track; notes the park’s historical significance in the area and the importance of this space for the town's residents and visitors to enjoy; recognises the efforts of the community group, the Friends of Zetland Park, in campaigning for change to the area, which it believes is important in remembering Grangemouth’s rich history; acknowledges that activities and events will be held to complement the regeneration of the park, which will allow opportunities for community groups to get involved in the project; welcomes what it sees as the important contribution of others to the regeneration of the park; notes that £2 million has been received in total from Ineos, BP, the Falkirk Environment Trust, Historic Environment Scotland, the War Memorials Trust and community fundraising led by the Rotary Club of Grangemouth; congratulates Falkirk Council, the Falkirk Community Trust, the Friends of Zetland Park and everyone involved in obtaining this funding, and looks forward to progress with the project for the benefit of the community.

Supported by: Sandra White\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Bill Kidd\*, David Torrance\*, Clare Adamson\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*S5M-20322 Jackie Baillie: Dumbarton MV Second Snark Saved**—That the Parliament notes that the Dumbarton-built ship, the MV Second Snark, which was built by William Denny and Brothers in 1938 and took generations of day trippers “doon the watter”, has been saved from the scrapyard; further notes that Hamish Munro of Clyde Marine Services, a former owner of the boat, has brought it back to the Clyde from Plymouth and donated her to the new charity, the Second Snark Preservation Society; understands that the society has now launched a fundraising appeal to raise the £350,000 needed to complete the restoration of the vessel to get her sailing again; thanks Hamish for saving the Snark and donating it to the society, and wishes the Second Snark Preservation Society all the best with its fundraising efforts.

**\*S5M-20321 Shona Robison: Brian Cox Wins Gold**—That the Parliament congratulates the Dundee actor, Brian Cox, on winning his first Golden Globe Award; notes that Brian won the best actor award for his role as the media company mogul, Logan Roy, in the HBO series, *Succession*, whose character is originally from Dundee; echoes the sentiments of Brian that the victory was a wonderful tribute to himself, the show and the city of Dundee, where many of the scenes for the series were shot, and applauds the proactive work of Brian in supporting the arts scene in Dundee and helping to transform the city into, as the actor himself acknowledges, “a rather extraordinary place”.

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Supported by: James Dornan\*, Sandra White\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Alasdair Allan\*, George Adam\*, Alex Neil\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Rona Mackay\*, Bill Kidd\*, David Torrance\*, Clare Adamson\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*S5M-20320 Liam McArthur: Record-breaking Erica Clarkson**—That the Parliament congratulates Erica Clarkson, from Orkney, on setting a new world record for the most consecutive days running an ultra-marathon distance (female); understands that Erica broke the previous record of eight consecutive days when she ran 50 kilometres a day for 10 consecutive days on the 400m track at the Pickaquoy Centre in Kirkwall; acknowledges that Erica has used her record-breaking effort to raise almost £3,000 for the medical research charity, Wellbeing of Women, which raises awareness and funds for research into the menopause and its symptoms; pays tribute to Erica's incredible levels of dedication, determination and hard work that have led to this record being broken, and also extends its thanks to people across Orkney and beyond who have supported Erica in her remarkable accomplishment by donating funds, running alongside her on the track or providing valuable support and encouragement; commends Erica on her outstanding and inspiring achievement, and wishes her all the best for her future running pursuits and fundraising efforts.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Edward Mountain\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Clare Adamson\*

### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**S5M-20317 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Underbelly's Management of Edinburgh's Christmas and Hogmanay Events** (lodged on 06 January 2020)

New Support: Andy Wightman\*

**S5M-20316 Jackie Baillie: West Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute-based Nominees for Wedding Awards** (lodged on 06 January 2020)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*, Maurice Corry\*, Richard Lyle\*

**S5M-20315 Colin Beattie: Condemning Cyprus Sentencing of a British Teenager** (lodged on 06 January 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Richard Lyle\*, Bill Kidd\*

**S5M-20314 James Dornan: Congratulating Dr Tara Quasim MBE** (lodged on 06 January 2020)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**S5M-20312 Maureen Watt: Norwood Hall Hotel, Wedding Venue of the Year 2019** (lodged on 06 January 2020)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Liam Kerr\*, Clare Adamson\*

**S5M-20311 Colin Beattie: Stoats Completes Asda Scottish Supplier Development Academy** (lodged on 06 January 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*, David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Clare Adamson\*

**S5M-20310 Neil Findlay: Peter Wright, Darts World Champion** (lodged on 06 January 2020)

New Support: Alex Rowley\*, Maureen Watt\*

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**[S5M-20309](#) Neil Findlay: End the Honours System** (lodged on 03 January 2020)

New Support: Alex Rowley\*, John Finnie\*

**[S5M-20308](#) Stewart Stevenson: Estonian e-Residency Week 2019** (lodged on 03 January 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-20307](#) Stewart Stevenson: 75 Years of the Scottish White Fish Producers' Association** (lodged on 03 January 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

**[S5M-20306](#) Sandra White: Alasdair Gray, a Creative Force** (lodged on 03 January 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*, David Torrance\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20305](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa Academy Fundraises for Strathcarron Hospice** (lodged on 03 January 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*, Annie Wells\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20304](#) Anas Sarwar: Recognising the Life and Achievements of Bashir Maan CBE** (lodged on 24 December 2019)

New Support: Iain Gray\*

**[S5M-20301](#) Colin Beattie: Macsween of Edinburgh Completes Scottish Supplier Development Academy** (lodged on 23 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20300](#) Emma Harper: Dumfries and Galloway College Taking Mental Health Seriously** (lodged on 23 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20299](#) Gordon MacDonald: Scotland Captain Retires from International Career** (lodged on 20 December 2019)

New Support: Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-20297](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Gymnastics Club Hosts Inaugural Junior Competition** (lodged on 20 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20296](#) Colin Beattie: Musselburgh Eatery, East Coast, Receives Multiple Awards** (lodged on 20 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20295](#) John Finnie: Celebrating Scotland's Wetlands on World Wetlands Day 2020** (lodged on 20 December 2019)

New Support: Alison Johnstone\*

**[S5M-20294](#) Gil Paterson: Creatovators Christmas Playscheme** (lodged on 20 December 2019)

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New Support: Maureen Watt\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20293](#) Gil Paterson: St Peter the Apostle High School Christmas Community Event**  
(lodged on 20 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20292](#) Gil Paterson: Free Food at The Cabin on Christmas Day** (lodged on 20 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20289](#) Gil Paterson: Martin Fallone** (lodged on 20 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20288](#) Gil Paterson: Edinbarnet Nursing Home** (lodged on 20 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20287](#) Gil Paterson: Recycling over the Holiday Period** (lodged on 20 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20286](#) Anas Sarwar: City of Glasgow College WorldSkills Gold Medals** (lodged on 20 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20285](#) Emma Harper: We Hae Meat Agrees Asda Contract** (lodged on 20 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20281](#) Liam Kerr: Families Outside** (lodged on 19 December 2019)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20278](#) Margaret Mitchell: Scullion LAW Debating Competition and Commitment to the Community** (lodged on 19 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20277](#) James Kelly: Shawlands Academy Awarded Gold Level LGBT Charter Mark**  
(lodged on 19 December 2019)

New Support: Annie Wells\*

**[S5M-20275](#) Liam Kerr: Asda, Bridge of Dee** (lodged on 19 December 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20270](#) Richard Lyle: The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**  
(lodged on 19 December 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Alex Rowley\*, John Finnie\*, Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20269](#) Lewis Macdonald: Importance of an International Treaty on Business and Human Rights** (lodged on 19 December 2019)

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New Support: Maureen Watt\*, Mike Rumbles\*, John Finnie\*

**[S5M-20268](#) Fulton MacGregor: BEMIS Scotland, the SFA and the St Andrew's Multi-Cultural Cup** (lodged on 19 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20267](#) Fulton MacGregor: BEMIS Scotland and St Andrew's Fair Saturday** (lodged on 19 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20264](#) Annabelle Ewing: NHS Fife Performs Scotland's First 12-hour Knee Replacement Operation** (lodged on 19 December 2019)

New Support: Clare Adamson\*

**[S5M-20252](#) Mary Fee: Restraint and Seclusion in Scotland's Schools** (lodged on 18 December 2019)

New Support: John Finnie\*

**[S5M-20213](#) Gail Ross: Gordon Ross Humanist of the Year** (lodged on 06 January 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*, David Torrance\*, Bob Doris\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Clare Adamson\*

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

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19974](#) Shona Robison: Hullo! Bonjour! Ola! Ciao!** (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19973](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeen Donside Girls, 2019 U13 World Girls Football Cup Winners** (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19972](#) Alexander Burnett: #kidsforCAMHS Volunteers Award 2019 Finalists** (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19971](#) Peter Chapman: Relay for Life** (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19970](#) Jenny Gilruth: Kinglassie's Busy Bees Youth Group and Kats Mission Help Homeless People** (lodged on 20 November 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19945](#) Peter Chapman: Huntly Singer, Iona Fyfe, Shortlisted for Award** (lodged on 19 November 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19517](#) Emma Harper: Women, Peace and Security** (lodged on 22 October 2019)

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New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*

**[S5M-19299](#) Angus MacDonald: Dennis Canavan Scholarship Awards** (lodged on 07 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19298](#) Ross Greer: United States Abandons Kurdish Allies** (lodged on 07 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19296](#) Alexander Burnett: Banchory Trampoline Team Take Home Double Win at Championships** (lodged on 07 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19295](#) Mary Fee: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2019** (lodged on 07 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19294](#) Gil Paterson: Margaret Campbell, Fundraising for the St Margaret of Scotland Hospice** (lodged on 07 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19291](#) Gillian Martin: North East Men Raise £5,000 for Cancer Charities** (lodged on 07 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19289](#) Gillian Martin: Monquhitter Primary School's Third Green Flag** (lodged on 07 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19288](#) Gillian Martin: Ceremonial Opening of Inverurie Health and Care Hub** (lodged on 07 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19285](#) Neil Findlay: West Lothian College Student Speaks at Parliamentary Reception** (lodged on 07 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19283](#) Neil Findlay: Jacine Wins Award for Rum Distillery** (lodged on 07 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19281](#) Gil Paterson: Road Safety Officers at St Mary's Primary School** (lodged on 04 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19280](#) Sandra White: Ox and Finch Celebrated by Michelin** (lodged on 04 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

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**[S5M-19279](#) Jenny Gilruth: Rachel Shaw of Leslie Primary Helps the Little Princess Trust**

(lodged on 04 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19278](#) Sandra White: SWG3, Glasgow's Favourite Business 2019** (lodged on 04 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19276](#) Mark McDonald: Show Racism the Red Card** (lodged on 04 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19275](#) Gil Paterson: Zac Drummond Success in British Karting Championships** (lodged on 04 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19272](#) Lewis Macdonald: State of Nature Scotland Report 2019** (lodged on 04 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

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

New Support: Maureen Watt\*, Willie Coffey\*

**[S5M-19266](#) Adam Tomkins: Great Scottish Run 2019** (lodged on 03 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19262](#) Bill Bowman: Angus Poets Recognised on National Poetry Day** (lodged on 03 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19261](#) Bill Bowman: Angus GPs Recognised at RCGP Scotland Awards** (lodged on 03 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19259](#) Clare Adamson: Strathclyde Park Rowing Club Success** (lodged on 03 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19257](#) Clare Adamson: Wishaw Climbers Scale Ben Nevis for Charity** (lodged on 03 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19255](#) Jackie Baillie: Sugar Boat Restaurant in Helensburgh Receives the AA 2019-2020 Hospitality Award** (lodged on 03 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

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**[S5M-19253](#) David Torrance: 5th Fife Scouts, National Camping Champions** (lodged on 03 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19243](#) Gillian Martin: Paul Guest Raises Over £1,600 for the Prince's Trust by Reaching Everest Base Camp** (lodged on 03 October 2019)

New Support: Maureen Watt\*

**[S5M-19234](#) Maurice Corry: Commonwealth War Graves Commission** (lodged on 02 October 2019)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*

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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 07 January 2020

**S5W-26853 Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government how many specialist bereavement midwives are employed by each NHS board, also broken down by how many positions are vacant.

**S5W-26854 Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on introducing advisory speed limit signs, including at dangerous bends, before crossroads and in densely populated areas, similar to those operated elsewhere in the UK.

**S5W-26855 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government when planning permission appeal PPA-240-2032 will be determined.

**S5W-26856 Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what responsibility NHS boards have to ensure that bereavement training is provided to midwives when specialist cover does not meet demand.

**S5W-26857 Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what commitment to create Scotland-based jobs has been made by the developers that are members of the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council.

**S5W-26858 Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government on what dates the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council has met, broken down by (a) venue, (b) who attended and (c) what was discussed.

**S5W-26860 Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government how many officials from (a) it, (b) Scottish Enterprise, (c) Highlands and Islands Enterprise and (d) Crown Estate Scotland attended the Scottish Green Energy Awards on 5 December 2019, broken down by grade, and how many attended as guests of other organisations.

**S5W-26861 Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what sponsorship (a) it and (b) its agencies provided to the Scottish Green Energy Awards on 5 December 2019, and how much this cost.

**S5W-26862 Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with SSE regarding the number of Scotland-based jobs that will be created to fabricate infrastructure for its Seagreen project.

**S5W-26863 Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of premises in the R100 North Lot will be reached through aligned interventions.

**S5W-26864 Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government how many full-time equivalent staff have been employed by Scottish Natural Heritage's Site Condition Monitoring programme in each calendar year since 2009.

**S5W-26865 Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government how much Scottish Natural Heritage's Site Condition Monitoring programme has cost in each calendar year since 2009.

**S5W-26866 Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many and (b) what proportion of designated features have been monitored as part of Scottish Natural Heritage's Site Condition Monitoring programme in each calendar year since 2009, and over what area, in hectares.

**S5W-26867 Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-20766 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 9 January 2019, whether it will provide an update regarding what proportion of the processes are (a) automated and (b) manual, and what the staff time is per claim for manual processes for all payments made by Social Security Scotland.

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**[S5W-26868](#) Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-25151 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 18 September 2019, whether it will provide a breakdown of what the cost is in terms of (a) staffing, (b) IT, (c) payment systems and (d) payments to the DWP, and what proportion of costs it expects to be attributed to activity in (i) Social Security Scotland and the (ii) Social Security Programme.

**[S5W-26869](#) Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-25151 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 18 September 2019, whether the costs have changed since the Discovery phase of the Scottish Child Payment design was completed and, if so, whether it will set out these changes.

**[S5W-26870](#) Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-25158 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 18 September 2019, whether it will provide an update on how many additional staff Social Security Scotland expects to recruit in (a) total and (b) each band to support the delivery of the Scottish Child Payment, and what it estimates the overall cost of these additional staff will be.

**[S5W-26871](#) John Finnie:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met groups that promote secular education and what was discussed.

**[S5W-26872](#) Iain Gray:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made with the building of a new rail station at East Linton, and what the projected completion date is.

**[S5W-26873](#) Iain Gray:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact ending Abellio's ScotRail franchise in 2022 will have on the planned new services between Dunbar and Edinburgh via East Linton.

## Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 18 December 2019

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)), 17 December 2019

### **Children (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (briefing, lead committee (Justice)), 7 January 2020

### **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

### **Disclosure (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 16 January 2020

*Stage 1 Report (Education and Skills Committee) published, 17 December 2019*

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

Stage 1 completed, 18 December 2019

*Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([LegislationTeam@parliament.scot](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))*

### **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 completed, 4 December 2019

*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([LegislationTeam@parliament.scot](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))*

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government and Communities), 8 January 2020

### **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)**

Passed, 19 December 2019

### **Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 9 January 2020

*Stage 1 Report (Justice Committee) published, 9 December 2019*

### **Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill (G)**

*Stage 2 (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee), 16 January 2020*

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 10 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([LegislationTeam@parliament.scot](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))*

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Communities Committee)), 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), 17 December 2019

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## UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 17 December 2019

## 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

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## European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill LCM-S5-29

Lodged on 20 December 2019

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 7 January 2020

Evidence (Finance and Constitution Committee), 8 January 2020

Debate, meeting of the Parliament, 8 January 2020

## 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 30 January 2019

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

#### Lead Committee report due by 10 February 2020

Fuel Poverty (Enhanced Heating) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/Draft) (17 December 2019) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Fuel Poverty (Additional Amount in respect of Remote Rural Area, Remote Small Town and Island Area) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft) (17 December 2019) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

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## Lead Committee report due by 11 February 2020

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2019/draft) (18 December 2019) Justice 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)

Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/421) (11 December 2019)

[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)

Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/419) (12 December 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[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**

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

[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)

Restriction of Liberty Order etc. (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/423) (17 December 2019) (Justice)

**Lead Committee report due by 17 February 2020**

Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/426) (19 December 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/427) (19 December 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/425) (19 December 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Local Government Pension Scheme (Increased Pension Entitlement) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/438) (20 December 2019) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

### Instruments/documents laid for consultation

**Lead committee report due 06 February 2020**

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

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

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

## New Documents

### Committee Reports

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### Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 7 January 2020 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**HM Revenue & Customs: Administration of Scottish income tax 2018-19 SG/2020/1** laid under section 80HA of the Scotland Act 1998 as amended by the Finance Act 2014

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