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# **Portfolio Questions (Groupings)**

The Presiding Officer has decided to group the following questions in the Communities and Local Government portfolio:

Questions 1 and 5 Questions 2, 4 and 8

# **Today's Business**

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual)

# **Committee Meetings**

**9:00am** COVID-19 Committee **9:00am** Equalities and Human Rights Committee

10:00am Public Petitions Committee

**11:45am** Local Government and Communities Committee

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# **Meeting of the Parliament**

## 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual)

#### **Education and Skills**

**1. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the concerns of the Equality and Human Rights Commission that the SQA's proposals for grading this year's qualifications may not be compliant with the Equality Act. (<u>S5O-04340</u>)

**2. Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work of the COVID-19 Education Recovery Group. (<u>S50-04341</u>)

**3. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government how social distancing might be maintained should schools be reopened. (<u>S50-04342</u>)

**4. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it is helping colleges and their students deal with the COVID-19 outbreak and prepare for economic recovery.

(<u>S5O-04343</u>)

**5. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it will provide to the further education sector to help develop the skills of people whose employment has been impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. (<u>S5O-04344</u>)

**6. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to continue to promote modern apprenticeships in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. (<u>S5O-04345</u>)

**7. Iain Gray:** To ask the Scottish Government when ministers will decide whether it is safe for schools to reopen on 11 August. (<u>S5O-04346</u>)

**8. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government what stage it has reached in its contingency planning for delivering education in the event of a second wave of COVID-19 later in the year. (<u>S5O-04347</u>)

# **Health and Sport**

**1. Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government on what scientific evidence regarding a threat to public health the health secretary and First Minister have based the decision to continue the lockdown measures, and how this has been balanced against a threat to the economy. (<u>S50-04348</u>)

**2. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide testing facilities in the areas with the highest incidence of COVID-19. (<u>S50-04349</u>)

**3. Tom Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of care homes in the NHS Grampian area have reported cases of COVID-19. (<u>S50-04350</u>)

**4. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the long-term health impacts of suspending non-emergency NHS services and procedures because of the COVID-19 outbreak. (<u>S5O-04351</u>)

**5. David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what research it has done regarding the correlation between deaths from COVID-19 and patients with diabetes. (<u>S50-04352</u>)

**6. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to maintain the delivery of drug and alcohol recovery services, in light of the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. (<u>S50-04353</u>)

**7. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to research by GambleAware, which suggests that 46% of people with a gambling problem are not accessing treatment and support. (<u>S50-04354</u>)

8. Kenneth Gibson: [Not Lodged] (S50-04355)

# **Communities and Local Government**

**1. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how construction sites could reopen safely in order to allow its Affordable Housing Supply Programme to resume. (<u>S5O-04356</u>)

**2. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting local authorities to maintain any increased services resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak. (<u>S50-04357</u>)

**3. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what extra support it is giving to councils in less wealthy areas to assist with their response to the COVID-19 outbreak, in light of figures suggesting that people in the most deprived areas are twice as likely to die from the virus. (<u>S5O-04358</u>)

**4. Adam Tomkins:** To ask the Scottish Government what help it is giving Glasgow City Council to support communities during the COVID-19 outbreak. (<u>S50-04359</u>)

**5. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what new targets it has set for its affordable homes programme. (<u>S50-04360</u>)

**6. Peter Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what role local authorities have in ensuring the safety of taxi drivers operating during the COVID-19 outbreak, and what guidance it has issued to support this. (<u>S5O-04361</u>)

**7. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what meetings it has had with Aberdeen City Council since the COVID-19 crisis began. (<u>S5O-04362</u>)

8. Neil Findlay: [Withdrawn]. (S50-04363)

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# **Committee Meetings**

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

#### COVID-19 Committee 7th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting and will be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. Covid-19 Framework for Decision Making - Scotland's route map through and out of the crisis: The Committee will take evidence from-

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Scottish Government.

# Equalities and Human Rights Committee 8th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on equalities and human rights:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Adam Stachura, Head of Policy and Communications, Age Scotland; Judith Robertson, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission;

Judin Robertson, Chair, Scottish Human Rights

and then from—

Girijamba Polubothu, Manager, Shakti Women's Aid; Emma Ritch, Executive Director, Engender; Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive, Scottish Women's Aid.

2. **Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on equalities and human rights (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at item 1.

# Public Petitions Committee 6th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in a virtual meeting

- 1. **Annual report (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 12 May 2019 to 11 May 2020.
- 2. **Inquiry into mental health support for young people in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will decide whether to consider a draft report on its inquiry into mental health support for young people in Scotland in private at future meetings or by email correspondence.
- 3. Work programme (in private): The Committee will consider its work programme.

# Local Government and Communities Committee

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# 13th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 11:45 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- 2. Homelessness and COVID-19: The Committee will take evidence from-

Alasdair Bennett, Chief Executive, Bethany Christian Trust; Margaret-Ann Brunjes, Chief Executive, Homelessness Network Scotland; Mike Wright, Senior Service Manager, Outreach Services, Cyrenians.

- Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instruments— Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/12); and Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/139).
- 4. **Homelessness and COVID-19:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
- 5. Work programme (in private): The Committee will consider its work programme.

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# **Future Meetings of the Parliament**

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 27 May 2020

# Tuesday 2 June 2020

2:00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Debate: COVID-19: Next Steps for the NHS
followed by Scottish Government Debate: COVID-19 Next Steps (Economy)
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
6:00 pm Decision Time

# Wednesday 3 June 2020

12:20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
12:20 pm First Minister's Questions
2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Brexit
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)
5:00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 4 June 2020

**followed by** Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Social Security and Older People; Finance; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

# Tuesday 9 June 2020

2:00 pm Time for Reflection followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions followed by Topical Questions (if selected) followed by Scottish Government Business followed by Business Motions followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions 5:00 pm Decision Time Chamber | Seòmar

# Wednesday 10 June 2020

12:20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
12:20 pm First Minister's Questions
2:30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Disclosure (Scotland) Bill followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)
5:00 pm Decision Time

# Thursday 11 June 2020

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Rural Economy and Tourism; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

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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

#### Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 29 May 2020 16th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **COVID-19 – impact on Scotland's businesses, workers and the economy:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Benny Higgins, Member, and Dame Julia Unwin, Member, Scottish Government Advisory Group on Economic Recovery;

Charlie Smith, Managing Director of SDI, Scottish Enterprise;

and then from-

James Smith, Research Director, Resolution Foundation.

2. **COVID-19 – impact on Scotland's businesses, workers and the economy (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.

#### Proposed future business

For further information, contact Alison Walker the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are <u>economy@parliament.scot</u>.

# **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.

#### Other new and altered motions and amendments

\*<u>S5M-21859</u> Dean Lockhart: Trossachs Search & Rescue Team Supporting the Vulnerable— That the Parliament congratulates the Trossachs Search & Rescue Team on its work with Stirling Council and Clackmannanshire & Stirling Health & Social Care Partnership; understands that the team is supporting those in rural areas who are shielding from COVID-19 through the delivery of food and medical prescriptions; further understands that it has also been supporting the Technology Emergency Care Service assisting people who have fallen at home; notes that the team has been delivering hand sanitising supplies to care homes and community groups, courtesy of Deanston Distillery, and distributing PPE donated by the Central Scotland Islamic Centre and other groups, and thanks the volunteers for all their hard work.

\*<u>S5M-21858</u> Dean Lockhart: Home-Start Stirling Helping Local Families—That the Parliament congratulates Home-Start Stirling on its continued support for families in the local area; understands that Home-Start Stirling supports families that have at least one child under the age of five and are experiencing difficulties; notes that, although it is currently unable to work with groups or offer home visits, it continues to provide a range of services; further notes that its services include remote contact with families by phone, text or video call, doorstep support to ensure that families isolating have the essentials, and support for families where there are concerns regarding the welfare of the child or parent; welcomes that new referrals can still be made, and congratulates all the staff and volunteers on their creativity and hard work.

\*<u>S5M-21857</u> Clare Adamson: Child Safety Week 2020—That the Parliament notes that Child Safety Week, the flagship annual campaign run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT), takes place between 1 and 7 June 2020 with the theme, "Safety makes sense!"; understands that the aim is to show how much sense it makes for people to get involved with spreading safety awareness, and how much individuals can help families they care about; applauds Child Safety Week's online resources and activities, which are available free to families and agencies, through support from the Scottish Government, and which are designed to raise awareness of both risks and preventative strategies; acknowledges Child Safety Week's continuing promotion and support of collaborative approaches, and commends the efforts of all agencies that work together to seek to increase the safety of children and young people.

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\*<u>S5M-21856</u> Donald Cameron: Remembering Saint-Valery-en-Caux—That the Parliament acknowledges that 12 June 2020 will be the 80th Anniversary of the 51st Highland Division's surrender at St Valery in 1940; remembers the sacrifice of the soldiers of that Division, many of whom died or spent years as prisoners of war; recalls that the soldiers involved were forced to surrender to German forces at 10am on 12 June 1940 and included men of the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders, the Black Watch, the Gordon Highlanders, the Seaforth Highlanders, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, RAMC, RASC, RA and other supporting and attached troops from other parts of the UK, and supports the calls made by the Legion Scotland, Poppy Scotland and the Royal Caledonian Education Trust for pipers and other musicians to play *The Heroes of St Valery* at 10am on 12 June in recognition of the sacrifice made by those who died.

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\*S5M-21854 Liam McArthur: Jean Leonard Inducted into the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame—That the Parliament congratulates Jean Leonard MBE, who is from Orkney, on her induction into the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame for services to her community; understands that Jean is one of six new inductees from across Scotland to the Hall of Fame in recognition of their selfless work to support their communities and enrich the lives of others through music; recognises that Jean, who was Head of Music at Stromness Academy for 30 years, has worked tirelessly to make music more accessible and inclusive for young people across Orkney by providing free individual tuition to hundreds of young musicians through the Orkney Traditional Music Project, which she established in 1998, and by organising prominent and popular events such as the Stromness Christmas Music Pageant; acknowledges that Jean has also worked hard to raise the profile of traditional music to all audiences in Orkney though her roles on the Orkney Arts Society Committee for 40 years, alongside other extracurricular and community groups; believes that Jean's induction into the Hall of Fame is well deserved recognition of her outstanding contribution to music in Orkney and countless hours of dedicated work to inspire and create opportunities for younger generations to get involved in music; thanks Jean for her many years of commitment and passion in teaching music, and wishes her all the best in her future endeavours.

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\*<u>S5M-21853</u> Neil Findlay: West Lothian College's Pandemic Support—That the Parliament commends the work of West Lothian College during the COVID-19 pandemic; understands that the college provided students who required them with laptops so that they could learn at home, donated all its PPE supplies to key workers, set up its campus as a COVID-19 testing centre at the request of NHS Lothian, and is ensuring that all furloughed staff will receive 100% of their wages, and believes that these initiatives are excellent examples of how the college can help students, staff, and the wider community during this pandemic.

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\*S5M-21852 Keith Brown: Community Spirit in Stirling—That the Parliament

commends Dunblane Cricket Club, Riverside Football Club, 15th and 10th Stirling Guides, Forth Valley Twins and Multiples Group, Tea's Company, The Dunblane Fling, 11th BofA Scout Group, Stirling Water Polo Club, Stirling and District Schools Pipe Band, Stirling Arthritis Group, Stirling Triathlon Club and Bridge of Allan Stroke Group for their selfless action in returning grant money to the Stirling and Bridge of Allan Round Table; understand that this action means that the Round Table now has a coronavirus emergency fund that can be given to charities and organisations in need of financing due to the pandemic; believes this to epitomise the strong community spirit

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shown across Scotland during this national crisis; recognises Stirling and Bridge of Allan Round Table's history of donating to and supporting local and national charitable organisations; notes the hard work and dedication of many charitable organisations during the pandemic, and thanks them for their continued commitment to communities.

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\*<u>S5M-21851</u> Finlay Carson: Newton Stewart Firefighter, David McCreadie—That the Parliament congratulates David McCreadie, who is a firefighter from Newton Stewart, on his extensive fundraising efforts for the NHS and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Support Fund; understands that David has achieved this by publishing a special calendar that includes pictures of the Newton Stewart area; recognises that his hobby of photography has resulted in him building a blog with over 6,000 followers; praises David for this selfless act during the COVID-19 pandemic; applauds the local printer on waiving its fees for work; understands that David has been a firefighter for 28 years; commends him for his service, and wishes him all the best with his ongoing funding efforts.

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\*<u>S5M-21850</u> Finlay Carson: Welcoming Relaunch of Savour the Flavours—That the Parliament welcomes the relaunch of Savour the Flavours in Dumfries and Galloway to promote the local food and drink sector; notes that the original project ran from 2009 to 2013 and ensured a more robust and connected food and drink industry in the region; welcomes that local businesses and Scotland Food and Drink have been involved in the relaunch; praises those involved for taking a collaborative approach in order to rebuild the industry at this time; knows that the passion and creativity of food and drink producers in Dumfries and Galloway will come to the fore; recognises the importance of the sector to rural communities, and wishes the relaunch project every success.

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\*<u>S5M-21843</u> Alex Neil: Airline Redundancies—That the Parliament, while recognising the scale of the challenges facing the aviation industry worldwide as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, expresses deep concern at what it sees as the unnecessarily excessive scale of redundancies and wage cuts being imposed by some airlines, such as BA; condemns what it considers the dictatorial, aggressive, unscrupulous and contemptuous attitudes adopted towards employees by some airlines, and calls for the urgent withdrawal of the threat of mass job losses and for the airlines to work constructively with their employees, trade unions and the UK Government to map out a way forward that allows the industry to take appropriate measures to deal with the immediate challenges, while minimising job losses, avoiding real-term wage cuts, and putting appropriate plans in place for commercial resilience and recovery.

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#### \*S5M-21842 Christine Grahame: Stay at Home! Poems and Prose for Children in

**Lockdown**—That the Parliament welcomes the creation of *Stay at Home! Poems and Prose for Children in Lockdown*, an anthology for children edited by the Borders-based author, Joan Haig, which brings together pieces by 40 children's writers from across Scotland; notes that it will be released on 28 May 2020 as a free eBook published by Cranachan Publishing and hosted by Publishing Scotland's Books from Scotland; understands that it is dedicated to children, aiming to

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recognise and thank them for their rainbows, handwashing and sacrifices during the COVID-19 crisis; thanks the writers who have contributed, and thanks the children of Scotland for their efforts during the pandemic.

Supported by: Sandra White, Bill Kidd, Mark McDonald, David Torrance\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Richard Lyle\*, Gillian Martin\*

\*<u>S5M-21841</u> Neil Findlay: The Boghall Drop-In Helps the Community During the COVID-19 Pandemic—That the Parliament commends the work of the Boghall Drop-In during the current pandemic; understands that the volunteers are feeding hundreds of people every day with hot and cold lunches alongside handing out groceries, and believes that this is an excellent example of community spirit during these challenging times.

\*<u>S5M-21840</u> Neil Findlay: West Lothian Youth Action Helps the Community During the COVID-19 Pandemic—That the Parliament commends the work of the West Lothian Youth Action Project during the current pandemic; understands that the Project has been helping families, older people and those living in isolation in the Craigshill area of Livingston with vital food supplies, and believes that this is an excellent community initiative to help vulnerable people during the pandemic.

\*<u>S5M-21839</u> Neil Findlay: The Tower Bar Helps the Community Through the COVID-19 Pandemic—That the Parliament commends The Tower Bar in Craigshill on supporting the local community during lockdown; understands that the pub has set up an action group, which has been doing shopping, getting prescriptions and doing emergency repairs for older and vulnerable people, with electricians, plumbers, joiners, a mechanic and taxi drivers donating their time and skills for free, and believes that this is an excellent community initiative organised by the local pub.

\*<u>S5M-21837</u> John Finnie: Congratulating Professor Bhavani Narayanaswamy—That the Parliament congratulates the Oban-based marine scientist, Bhavani Narayanaswamy, on being awarded a professorship at the University of the Highlands and Islands; understands that Professor Narayanaswamy's research has played a key role in exploring the important issue of microplastics in the world's oceans; notes that she also volunteers as a STEM ambassador, promoting the sciences to local schoolchildren; thanks Professor Narayanaswamy for her work to date, and wishes her the very best for the future.

Supported by: Richard Lyle, Bill Kidd, David Torrance\*, Stewart Stevenson\*

\*<u>S5M-21836</u> Keith Brown: Volunteers Week—That the Parliament notes that Volunteers Week is held between 1 and 7 June every year and is a week dedicated to celebrating the amazing successes and contributions of volunteers across the country; recognises the incredible recent volunteer response to COVID-19, with inspiring examples of community action and service across Scotland, including across Clackmannanshire, Bridge of Allan and Dunblane; applauds and celebrates the contributions of volunteers who have made such a huge difference to their local areas; acknowledges that Volunteer Week 2020 will focus particularly on the collective gratitude and recognition of the work of volunteers; encourages people to get involved in the Week's celebrations and show their appreciation for those who have contributed so much to their communities over the last year, but in particular over the last few months, which have been extremely challenging.

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\*<u>S5M-21833</u> Mark McDonald: Kingswells Residents Fundraise in Honour of COVID-19 Victims—That the Parliament commends the fundraising efforts of Kingswells, Aberdeen residents; celebrates those who contributed to the fund, which has raised in excess of £2,000; believes that the Kingswells community JustGiving page was created to raise money for the purchase of a commemorative bench; understands that the bench is to be placed at Kingswells Care Home to remember the residents who lost their lives as a result of COVID-19, and notes that a plaque will also be purchased and displayed as a tribute of thanks to the staff at the care home for their work and service to the residents.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, David Torrance\*, Annabelle Ewing\*

\*S5M-21832 Kenneth Gibson: 165th Anniversary of Birth of David Bruce, Pathologist and Microbiologist—That the Parliament commemorates the 165th anniversary of the birth of David Bruce, pathologist and microbiologist, who was born on 29 May 1855, grew up in Stirling and died on 27 November 1931; understands that Bruce initially began an apprenticeship in 1869 but pneumonia forced him to abandon this and he studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh from 1876; is aware that, after a brief period as a general practitioner, he joined the Army Medical Service and was posted to Malta on military duty, where he found the hospitals full of patients suffering from a mysterious complaint, which sometimes resembled typhoid fever and sometimes malaria known as Malta or undulant fever; is aware that, within two years, Bruce had discovered its cause. Micrococcus melitensis, now known as Brucella after him; notes that, posted to South Africa, Bruce also identified the causative protozoan and tsetse fly vector, of African Trypanosoma brucei, known as "sleeping sickness"; recognises that Bruce served on the Army Medical Service Advisory Board from 1902 to 1911 and in 1914 became Commander of the Royal Army Medical College, a position he held until his retirement as a Major-General in 1919 and President of the British Science Association 1924-25; acknowledges that Bruce was awarded many honours for his work, including Knight Commander of the Bath, and that, during his career he published more than 97 technical articles, of which about 30 were co-authored by his wife, Mary, who predeceased him by only four days, and believes that this anniversary should be used to recognise and celebrate the important contributions of this influential Scot to medicine.

Supported by: Richard Lyle, Gordon Lindhurst, Bill Kidd, Mark McDonald, David Torrance\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Gillian Martin\*, Annabelle Ewing\*

\*<u>S5M-21831</u> David Stewart: Munlochy Animal Aid Funding Boost—That the Parliament congratulates Munlochy Animal Aid, which is on the Black Isle, on its continued work looking after 150 dogs, sheep and guinea pigs during the COVID-19 lockdown, with care for each animal estimated at around £14 per week; notes that, like many charities, it is struggling for funding to keep up with demand for services; understands that it received a generous donation of £500 from the Inverness-based firm, Macleod Roofing, to support its work, and commends the hard work of staff and volunteers at the centre for providing vital animal care during this challenging time.

\*<u>S5M-21830</u> Alison Johnstone: Recognising the Need for Access to Outside Spaces—That the Parliament notes recent findings from the Office of National Statistics, using Ordnance Survey data, that 13% of households in Scotland have no access to a garden; understands that access can be more restricted for those living in places such as the city of Edinburgh, which contain highly

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densely populated areas; recognises that, in instances where a back garden is shared, current lockdown and physical distancing requirements can make it accessible only to one household at a time; understands that, all year round, the physical and mental health benefits of accessing outside space should be available to all, regardless of the type of home a person lives in; believes that this demonstrates the need for local parks and green spaces to be given greater priority in designing and improving communities, and commends the work of Fields in Trust, Greenspace Scotland and other groups championing the value of parks and green spaces. **R** 

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Richard Lyle\*, Sandra White\*, Andy Wightman\*, David Torrance\*

\*<u>S5M-21828</u> Bill Kidd: Symphony of Dreams Celebrates 20 Years — That the Parliament congratulates the Symphony of Dreams Trust on celebrating 20 years of charitable work; notes that it has fulfilled the musical dreams of thousands of children in Scotland who are disabled, seriously unwell or in hospice care; recognises that this has included introducing the children to their favourite pop stars, giving music lessons, offering performance opportunities and providing a children's hospital with a music library of instruments; applauds the charity's determination to continuously improve the quality of life of young people in need through the joy of music; commends it for its continued work during the COVID-19 crisis, and wishes it all the best for the future. **R** 

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\*<u>S5M-21827</u> Stuart McMillan: RNIB Scotland COVID-19 Impact Survey —That the Parliament commends the work of RNIB Scotland to support blind and partially-sighted people during the COVID-19 outbreak; acknowledges the survey that it undertook to capture information on how the virus is affecting people's emotional wellbeing and ability to access food and the provision of accessible information; notes that 74% of respondents indicated that they were concerned about accessing food, 21% reported that they had had to ration food and only 14% said that they continued to shop in store on their own; understands that one-fifth reported that, since the lockdown began, they have spoken to others rarely, often less that once every two days, and that two-thirds feel less independent; believes that these survey results indicate that blind and partially-sighted people in Scotland have been hit particularly hard by the necessary anti-virus measures, and hopes that solutions can be found to help people with a visual impairment to consistently access food independently and connect with others during lockdown.

Supported by: Rona Mackay\*, Richard Lyle\*, Emma Harper\*, Sandra White\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Clare Adamson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Alison Johnstone\*, Mark McDonald\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Donald Cameron\*, Bill Kidd\*, David Torrance\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Elaine Smith\*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

# <u>S5M-21823</u> David Torrance: Firefighter Tackles Mental Health Stigma (lodged on 21 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21817</u> Kenneth Gibson: Applauding Largs Community Resilience Team (lodged on 21 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21816</u> Alison Johnstone: The Pandemic, Inequalities and Mental Health (lodged on 21 May 2020)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton\*

<u>S5M-21815</u> Angela Constance: Lucy Paris Runs100km For NHS Charities (lodged on 21 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21814</u> Angela Constance: MOOD Project In West Lothian (lodged on 21 May 2020) New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21812</u> Gail Ross: Dr David Worthington of UHI Awarded Professorship (lodged on 21 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21811</u> Mark McDonald: National Thank a Teacher Day (lodged on 21 May 2020) New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21810</u> Sandra White: Accolade for GRI Rheumatology Service (lodged on 20 May 2020) New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*, David Torrance\*

<u>S5M-21803</u> Annabelle Ewing: NHS Fife Care Boxes for Patients (lodged on 20 May 2020) New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21792</u> Alexander Stewart: World No Tobacco Day 2020 (lodged on 19 May 2020) New Support: Miles Briggs\*

<u>S5M-21787</u> Clare Adamson: Netherton Care Home Residents Enjoy Traditional Chippy Thanks to Kind-hearted Youngster (lodged on 18 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21786</u> Clare Adamson: Rock the Hospice Fundraiser for St Andrew's Hospice (lodged on 18 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21785</u> Clare Adamson: Coltness High School Raising Money Easy-Peasy (lodged on 18 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21784</u> Clare Adamson: Autism Charity Launches Online Programme to Stay Connected (lodged on 18 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21783</u> Bruce Crawford: Transition Stirling and The Kitchen at 44 Feed their Communities (lodged on 18 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21782</u> Bruce Crawford: St. Marks Parish Church, Stirling, COVID-19 Efforts (lodged on 18 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21781</u> Bruce Crawford: Blair Drummond Safari and Adventure Park Celebrates 50 Years (lodged on 18 May 2020) New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21777</u> Emma Harper: Mental Health Awareness Week 2020 (lodged on 18 May 2020) New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21770</u> Rona Mackay: East Dunbartonshire Initiative for Creative Therapy (lodged on 18 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21768</u> Gordon MacDonald: First Graduates from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (lodged on 18 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21767</u> Bob Doris: Support for Students in Further and Higher Education During the COVID-19 Pandemic (lodged on 15 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*, Gordon MacDonald\*

<u>S5M-21763</u> Bill Kidd: Kabul Maternity Ward Attack (lodged on 15 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21758</u> Clare Adamson: National Lottery Funding for Forgewood Housing Co-operative Limited (lodged on 14 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21757</u> Clare Adamson: National Lottery Funding for The Miracle Foundation (lodged on 14 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21756</u> Clare Adamson: National Lottery Funding for Lanarkshire Association for Mental Health (lodged on 14 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21755</u> Clare Adamson: National Lottery Funding for Made4U in ML2 (lodged on 14 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

S5M-21754 Clare Adamson: National Lottery Funding for Craigneuk Lifelong Learning Association (lodged on 14 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21753</u> Clare Adamson: National Lottery Funding for Best Way Community Development (lodged on 14 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

S5M-21752 Clare Adamson: National Lottery Funding for Newmains Community Trust (lodged on 14 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21747</u> Ruth Maguire: Kilwinning Great-grandmother, Mary McInnes, Celebrates her 101st Birthday (lodged on 14 May 2020) New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21746</u> Ruth Maguire: For the Love of Scrubs (lodged on 14 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21745</u> Ruth Maguire: Irvine Businessman, Stewart Graham, Helps Community Hubs (lodged on 14 May 2020) New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21744</u> Ruth Maguire: Irvine Man Completes Kiltwalk for NHS (lodged on 14 May 2020) New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21743</u> Bill Kidd: Women's Peace and Disarmament Appeal and the Impact of COVID-19 (lodged on 14 May 2020) New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21742</u> Gail Ross: Wick-based Company Manufactures Tested and Approved Breathing Apparatus (lodged on 14 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

S5M-21740 Fulton MacGregor: Football Helping in the Response to COVID-19 (lodged on 13 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*

S5M-21739.1 Richard Lyle: 72nd Anniversary of the Nakba (lodged on 20 May 2020)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*, Jackson Carlaw\* R

<u>S5M-21739</u> Sandra White: 72nd Anniversary of the Nakba (lodged on 13 May 2020) New Support: lain Gray\*

<u>S5M-21734</u> Bruce Crawford: Coorie Creative, Stirling (lodged on 13 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21733</u> Bruce Crawford: Babes in the Wood, Stirling (lodged on 13 May 2020) New Support: Gillian Martin\*

S5M-21732 Gail Ross: East Sutherland Ladies Making Scrubs for the NHS (lodged on 13 May 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21731</u> Gail Ross: Historical Photo Books Made Available to Residents of Caithness (lodged on 13 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21730</u> Gail Ross: University of the Highlands and Islands Receives £44,581 of Scottish Government Funding (lodged on 13 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21718</u> Maureen Watt: Aberdeen FC's Still Standing Free Campaign (lodged on 12 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21716</u> Richard Lyle: Funding Support for Utheo Ltd (lodged on 12 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21715</u> Richard Lyle: Lottery Funding for SPAEN (lodged on 12 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21702</u> David Torrance: Linktown Supergran, Sheila Clark (lodged on 11 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21701</u> David Torrance: Kirkcaldy High School Awarded LGBT Gold Charter Status (lodged on 11 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21700</u> Angela Constance: Congratulations to Susan Toner for 25 Years of Service with Dogs Trust West Calder (lodged on 11 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21699</u> Kenneth Gibson: 150th Anniversary of the Death of David Octavius Hill (lodged on 11 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

S5M-21698 Claudia Beamish: UK-US Trade Deal (lodged on 11 May 2020)

New Support: Bob Doris\*, Alex Neil\*, Gordon MacDonald\*

<u>S5M-21694</u> Lewis Macdonald: Grampian Assistance Hub (lodged on 11 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21692</u> Maureen Watt: Outdoor & Woodland Learning North East Group Receives Lottery Funding (lodged on 11 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

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# <u>S5M-21687</u> Sandra White: Mel Milaap and Wing Hong Centres' Support for Older Citizens During Lockdown (lodged on 07 May 2020)

New Support: Gillian Martin\*

<u>S5M-21618</u> Alex Neil: British Airways Planned Redundancies (lodged on 30 April 2020)

New Support: Johann Lamont\*

# **Oral Questions**

#### Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 04 June 2020

## **Social Security and Older People**

**1. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak, how it is working to tackle social isolation and loneliness across the country. (S50-04364)

**2. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is giving to older people who are facing increased fuel bills during the COVID-19 lockdown period. (<u>S50-04365</u>)

**3. Peter Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether there has been an increase in the number of benefit claims made to Social Security Scotland during the COVID-19 lockdown. (<u>S50-04366</u>)

**4. Maureen Watt:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had regarding the easing of lockdown measures for older people, particularly those who are shielding. (<u>S50-04367</u>)

**5. Bill Bowman:** To ask the Scottish Government how older people in the North East Scotland region will be supported as the country enters the next phase of lifting the COVID-19 lockdown. (S50-04368)

**6. Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what further advice it can provide for people aged over 70 who have no medical conditions on how the easing of lockdown restrictions applies to them. (S50-04369)

**7. Alison Harris:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to continue volunteer contact with older people who have been identified and supported during the COVID-19 outbreak beyond the current lockdown. (S50-04370)

**8. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support older people during the COVID-19 outbreak. (<u>S50-04371</u>)

#### Finance

**1. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has made available to support businesses in North Ayrshire during the COVID-19 pandemic. (<u>S50-04372</u>)

**2. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government what extended financial support the finance secretary will make available for the tourism sector should the lockdown measures directly impact on the summer season. (S50-04373)

**3. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what specific funding the finance secretary is providing to ensure that dental practices remain viable during the COVID-19 pandemic and are able to meet any increase in demand when the outbreak is over. (S50-04374)

**4. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what projection it has made of the estimated tax shortfall for the current financial year as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. (<u>S50-04375</u>)

**5. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding the finance secretary plans to allocate to support the regeneration of town centres in the aftermath of the COVID-19 outbreak. (S50-04376)

**6. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what the finance secretary's response is to reports that extra funding commitments pledged by the UK Government to assist with the response to the COVID-19 outbreak have not been fulfilled. (S50-04377)

**7. Alasdair Allan:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the UK Government regarding the funding consequentials following from recent extensions to business grants and the charity support direct grant. (S50-04378)

**8. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the eligibility criteria for the Newly Self-Employed Hardship Fund exclude those who have applied for Universal Credit. (<u>S50-04379</u>)

# **Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform**

**1. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government how its climate change targets could be supported by the recommendations in SSE's report, *A Greenprint for Building a Cleaner More Resilient Economy*. (S50-04380)

**2. Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what the current fine is for illegally dumping rubbish in the countryside, and whether it will increase this as soon as possible to deter this behaviour. (<u>S50-04381</u>)

**3. Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government when a review will be carried out of the impact that the COVID-19 outbreak has had on it meeting its environmental targets. (S50-04382)

**4. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the reported increase in incidents of flytipping in the countryside. (<u>S50-04383</u>)

**5. Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to continue the Solway Barnacle Goose Management Scheme beyond 2020. (S50-04384)

**6. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it can offer local authorities to address reported increases in flytipping and promote waste management as recycling centres begin to reopen. (<u>S50-04385</u>)

**7. Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to help reduce flytipping and littering. (S50-04386)

**8. Tom Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has delayed the deadline for the creation of a nitrogen balance sheet. (<u>S50-04387</u>)

# **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 27 May 2020

<u>S5W-29445</u> Gillian Martin: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will delay the publication of the Heat Decarbonisation Policy Statement and Energy Efficient Scotland Routemap update and the launch of its Heat Transition Deal in light of the COVID-19 crisis.

#### Written questions lodged on 27 May 2020

<u>S5W-29235</u> Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government what guidelines it has set out regarding online mental health counselling during the COVID-19 outbreak; what easing of these guidelines has taken place or is planned, and whether it expects the people providing these services to carry out any specific training.

<u>S5W-29308</u> Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what research it is (a) carrying out and (b) supporting on vitamin D deficiency and its impact on COVID-19 severity and mortality. <u>S5W-29309</u> Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what research it is (a) carrying out and (b) supporting on the impact of low levels of vitamin D on high-risk COVID-19 groups, including (i) black and minority ethnic people, (ii) obese people and (iii) older people (A) in and (B) outwith care homes.

<u>S5W-29310</u> Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of recent international research on the links between low vitamin D levels and COVID-19 severity, what consideration it has given to testing vitamin D levels in (a) hospital patients and (b) care home residents.
 <u>S5W-29311</u> Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase the provision of free vitamin D supplementation to include all high-risk groups for COVID-19.
 <u>S5W-29312</u> Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of recent research, including in connection with the COVID-19 outbreak, what action it is taking to update public health guidance on vitamin D supplementation, and how it will promote this as widely as possible.
 <u>S5W-29313</u> Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government how many COVID-19 tests can be carried out each day at the test centre at Aberdeen Airport, and whether it is currently working at, or close to, full capacity.

<u>S5W-29314</u> Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is responsible for determining who can access the COVID-19 test centre at Aberdeen Airport, and what responsibility it has for any decision to extend access to other groups of key workers.

<u>S5W-29315</u> Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will support access to the COVID-19 test centre at Aberdeen Airport for asymptomatic offshore workers who (a) live in the North East Scotland region and (b) travel to and from work through the airport.

<u>S5W-29364</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how many self-catering units have (a) applied for and (b) received a Small Business Grant, broken down by local authority.

<u>S5W-29365</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether there is a timescale target for local authorities between receiving a Small Business Grant application and providing the business with the grant, if it is approved.

<u>S5W-29372</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government how many unique visitors have been recorded to the managingourwaste.scot/ website on each day since it launched. **R** 

**<u>S5W-29398</u>** Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many expectant mothers have attended pregnancy scans in each week in 2019 and 2020.

<u>S5W-29399</u> Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many expectant mothers have been registered with GPs in each week in 2019 and 2020.

<u>S5W-29401</u> Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many outbreaks of COVID-19 it has reported to other UK Home Nations, and on what dates.

<u>S5W-29402</u> Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what advice it has provided on DNR (do not resuscitate) forms put in place for individual patients during the COVID-19 outbreak.

**<u>S5W-29403</u>** Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many DNR (do not resuscitate) forms have been signed in each year since 1999.

<u>S5W-29404</u> Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it had with professional representational organisations regarding the guidelines for DNR (do not resuscitate) forms put in place for individual patients during the COVID-19 outbreak.

<u>S5W-29405</u> Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what legal advice it sought regarding DNR (do not resuscitate) forms put in place for individual patients during the COVID-19 outbreak. <u>S5W-29406</u> Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions ministers have had regarding DNR (do not resuscitate) forms being put in place for individual patients during the COVID-19 outbreak.

<u>S5W-29408</u> Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many retired medics have expressed an interest in returning to support the NHS during the COVID-19 outbreak.

<u>S5W-29409</u> Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many retired medics returning to support the NHS have been employed during the COVID-19 outbreak.

<u>S5W-29410</u> Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of ministers stating that the Scottish Government does not know what the COVID-19 R number is in care homes, what steps are being taken to monitor the R number in care homes.

<u>S5W-29411</u> Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many care home beds the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport instructed to be purchased, broken down by the (a) care home and (b) NHS board area they were purchased for.

<u>S5W-29412</u> Neil Findlay: To as the Scottish Government what its position is on deep cleaning as a strategy to tackle COVID-19.

<u>S5W-29414</u> Beatrice Wishart: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to permitting maritime activities such as recreational (a) boating, (b) fishing and (c) sailing to resume, given COVID-19 restrictions.

<u>S5W-29415</u> Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a list of central contact numbers for people returning to work who have questions about issues related to the COVID-19 outbreak, such as health, safety and the furlough scheme, to ensure that they receive consistent reliable advice.

<u>S5W-29416</u> Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) monitoring and (b) analysis has been undertaken by (a) it and (b) its agencies and partners regarding the (i) quantity, (ii) quality and (iii) relevance of school-initiated engagement with pupils during the COVID-19 lockdown. <u>S5W-29418</u> Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) monitoring and (b) analysis has been undertaken by (a) it and (b) its agencies and partners regarding pupil response and engagement with schools during the COVID-19 lockdown.

<u>S5W-29419</u> Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) monitoring and (b) analysis has been undertaken by (a) it and (b) its agencies and partners regarding the comparative effect on learning and attainment during the COVID-19 lockdown between school pupils who have had access to computers and online learning and those without.

<u>S5W-29420</u> Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) monitoring and (b) analysis has been undertaken by (a) it and (b) its agencies and partners regarding the efficacy of Glow as a platform for online learning and teaching during the COVID-19 lockdown.

<u>S5W-29421</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £60 million in support for meeting business water bills that it announced on 23 March 2020 will be paid for by (a) businesses and (b) licensed providers.

<u>S5W-29422</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how much financial support it has provided specifically to meet the cost of the £60 million of support for meeting business water bills that it announced on 23 March 2020.

<u>S5W-29423</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the granting of temporary vacant status to businesses in England affected by the COVID-19 lockdown is more immediately beneficial to the cash demands on those businesses than firms similarly affected by lockdown in Scotland, and what steps it will take to ensure that businesses in Scotland can have the same financial benefits on water charges as all those in England.

<u>S5W-29424</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what additional borrowing it has provided to Scottish Water to address the impact of the COVID-19 emergency since the lockdown began.

<u>S5W-29425</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what consultation the Water Industry Commission had with business organisations prior to implementing temporary changes to water charges for businesses in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

<u>S5W-29426</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether the borrowing it makes available to Scottish Water is specifically to support capital expenditure or is general revenue support, and whether the aims of this is to benefit customers or households or business customers only.

<u>S5W-29427</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether any of the additional finance provided to it by the UK Government in response to the COVID-19 emergency will be used to support the impacts of the outbreak on Scottish Water and its customers, or whether the customers will be expected to meet any additional costs.

<u>S5W-29428</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the Water Industry Commission's ethical business principles referred to in the paper, COVID-19 Response and Decision on Measures in Support of Non-household Customers and to protect Household Customers.

<u>S5W-29429</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether licensed providers are required by the Water Industry Commission as part of their license to abide by its ethical business principles and, if so, whether imposing such a requirement is of itself consistent with these principles in securing the confidence and trust of stakeholders.

<u>S5W-29430</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what its response to the stakeholders that were consulted by the Water Industry Commission on a temporary relief scheme for business water charges in response to the COVID-19 emergency who claim that the actions were not consistent with the commission's own ethical business principles.

<u>S5W-29431</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what additional financial support it has provided to Highlands and Islands Airports Limited to allow it to respond to the financial pressures arising from a loss of customer income as a result of COVID-19, and in what form any such support was provided.

<u>S5W-29432</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what additional financial support it has provided to CalMac to allow it to respond to the financial pressures arising from a loss of customer income as a result of COVID-19, and in what form any such support was provided. <u>S5W-29433</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what additional financial support it has given to its rail franchise operators to allow them to respond to the financial pressures arising

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from a loss of customer income as a result of COVID-19, and in what form any such support was provided.

<u>S5W-29434</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what additional financial support it has given to bus operators to allow them to respond to the loss of concessionary fare and other customers as a result of COVID-19, and in what form any such support was provided.

<u>S5W-29435</u> Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many people in each NHS board area have received emergency dental treatment during each month of the COVID-19 lockdown, and, if it does not hold this information, whether NHS boards can provide it with this.

<u>S5W-29436</u> Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many deaths have occurred in each care home since 1 March 2020 and who owns each of these homes, and if it does not hold this information, whether it will provide details of who does and if it can obtain the information from that source.

<u>S5W-29437</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can confirm that, on school buses, social distancing measures would mean these running at 15% of normal capacity, and, if so, whether this means that only 15% of children can travel each day; whether, in light of that, and in order to accommodate all children, this would require an increase in school transport provision, and, if that is the case, which body or bodies would be expected to pay for this, or which budgets would be reduced to cross-fund this.

<u>S5W-29438</u> Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the resumption of oneto-one tennis coaching on 29 May 2020, whether one-to-one tennis playing is also permitted, and, if not, for what reason.

<u>S5W-29439</u> Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the partial easing of the Job Retention Scheme in July 2020. <u>S5W-29441</u> Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak,

what financial support is available to people who are long-term self-employed, and whether it plans to expand this.

<u>S5W-29442</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how the COVID-19 R number is calculated, and what the number is for care homes.

<u>S5W-29444</u> Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what contingency planning it has carried out to respond to any second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

<u>S5W-29446</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what level of routine COVID-19 testing takes place in hospital dormitory dementia wards.

<u>S5W-29447</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government how many people in hospital dormitory dementia wards have been (a) infected with and (b) died from COVId-19.

<u>S5W-29448</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason hospital dormitory wards are not referred to in the COVID-19 infection control guidelines.

<u>S5W-29449</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported claims that the only mention of hospital dormitory wards in response to the COVID-19 outbreak is on the RCPsych website, and that the advice for infection control is vague and brief. <u>S5W-29450</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason there are no specific rules to review detention promptly for people who remain in hospital dormitory wards during the COVID-19 outbreak.

<u>S5W-29455</u> Beatrice Wishart: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the announcement by the First Minister on 21 May 2020 that £30 million in funding is to be used to provide laptops for disadvantaged children and young people, to enable them to study online, whether any of this funding will be used to provide broadband to families without a connection.

<u>S5W-29456</u> Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what research it is undertaking or supporting to understand the main causes behind brain cancer and tumours.

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**<u>S5W-29457</u>** Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what risk assessment it undertook of the opening of daycare centres during phase 1 of the COVID-19 route map.

<u>S5W-29458</u> Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what additional requirements and advice are in place for local authorities and parents on the re-opening of daycare centres during phase 1 of the COVID-19 route map.

<u>S5W-29459</u> Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government whether the NHS Louisa Jordan will be used as part of the phased reopening of NHS services and, if so, on what date it will be made operational for such services.

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# **New Bills and Accompanying Documents**

# New Bills introduced or reprinted on 27 May 2020

#### Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill—The Bill was

republished as amended at Stage 2 (SP Bill 56A) (Government Bill).

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# Amendments

## New amendments to Bills lodged on 27 May 2020

#### Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill – Stage 3

#### After section 6

#### **Colin Smyth**

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<Feasibility study: form of ballot papers

#### Feasibility study: form of ballot papers

- (1) The Scottish Minsters may, by regulations provide for a feasibility study for indents on ballot papers or any other identification method for voters who are blind or partially-sighted.
- (2) A local authority may submit a proposal to the Scottish Minister to carry out a feasibility study as mentioned in subsection (1) in the local authority's area.
- (3) On receiving a proposal under subsection (2), the Scottish Ministers may by regulations authorise a local authority to carry out a feasibility study.
- (4) Regulations made under this section may—
  - (a) specify how a local authority is to submit a proposal to carry out a feasibility study to the Scottish Ministers,
  - (b) confer on a local authority the power to carry out a feasibility study,
  - (c) make different provisions for different purposes.
- (5) Before making regulations, the Scottish Minsters must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (6) Within three years of the date on which regulations under this section first come into force, the Scottish Ministers must lay before the Scottish Parliament a report on the result of the feasibility study.
- (7) Regulations under this section are subject to the negative procedure.>

# **New Subordinate Legislation**

#### **New Subordinate Legislation**

#### Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 27 May 2020 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft) Laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2020.

# **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 2 (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee), 17 June 2020 All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 11 June with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 2 completed, 26 May 2020 Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

# Children (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 27 May 2020 Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

# Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Equalities and Human Rights Committee), 11 June 2020 All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 5th June with the clerks in the Legislation Team (<u>LegislationTeam@parliament.scot</u>)

# **Consumer Scotland Bill (G)**

Passed, 6 May 2020

# Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice Committee)), 17 March 2020

# Disclosure (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 debate (meeting of the Parliament), 10 June 2020 Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 3 June with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

#### Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 14 May 2020

#### European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M) Introduced, 5 May 2020

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health and Sport Committee)), 20 May 2020

#### Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 23 April 2020 Lead committee – Justice

# Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 2 March 2020 Lead committee – Economy, Energy and Fair Work

#### Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill (M) Introduced, 9 March 2020

#### **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill (M)** Stage 1 completed, 25 February 2020 Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

# Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 21 May 2020

Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill (M) Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy, Energy and Fair Work)), 13 May 2020

# Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 3 proceedings, 3 June 2020

Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill (G) Stage 1 (evidence, Social Security Committee), 21 May 2020

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

Preliminary Stage Report, 15 January 2020

# Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 3 February 2020 Lead committee – Economy, Energy and Fair Work

# Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 29 April 2020

# 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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# Agriculture Bill LCM-S5-38

Lodged on 4 May 2020

Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill LCM-S5-34

Lodged on 26 February 2020 Lead committee – Justice Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2020

# Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill LCM-S5-31

Lodged on 30 January 2020 Lead committee – Health and Sport Meeting of the Parliament, 4 March 2020

**Domestic Abuse Bill LCM-S5-35** 

Lodged on 16 March 2020 Justice Committee, 19 May 2020

Environment Bill LCM-S5-39

Lodged 27 May 2020

# Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill LCM-S5-37

Lodged on 30 March 2020 Justice Committee, 19 May 2020

#### Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill LCM-S5-32

Lodged on 5 February 2020 Lead committee – Justice Meeting of the Parliament, 17 March 2020

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

# Affirmative instruments

# Lead Committee report due 9 June 2020

<u>Scottish Animal Welfare Commission Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)</u> (1 May 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Supplementary Provision) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft) (1 May 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

# Lead Committee report due 12 June 2020

Release of Prisoners (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/138) (4 May 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

<u>Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)</u> (4 May 2020) (Standards Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

<u>Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)</u> (4 May 2020) (Standards Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

# Lead Committee report due 26 June 2020

Registration of Independent Schools (Prescribed Person) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft) (18 May 2020) (Education and Skills Committee)

Lead Committee report due 8 September 2020

Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft) (27 May 2020) (Finance and the Constitution Committee)

#### **Negative instruments**

Subject to annulment by 20 May 2020 Lead Committee report due by 18 May 2020

Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus Reliefs) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/1010) (26 March 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

#### Subject to annulment by 26 May 2020 Lead Committee report due by 25 May 2020

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/108) (1 April 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment by 27 May 2020 Lead Committee report due by 25 May 2020

<u>Carer's Allowance (Coronavirus) (Breaks in Care) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/117)</u> (2 April 2020) (Social Security Committee)

#### Subject to annulment by 29 May 2020 Lead Committee report due by 25 May 2020

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2020 (SSI 2020/122) (7 April 2020) (Justice Committee)

Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) <u>Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/124)</u> (14 April 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

#### Subject to annulment by 31 May 2020 Lead Committee report due by 25 May 2020

Education (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/128) (22 April 2020) (Education and Skills Committee)

#### Subject to annulment by 1 June 2020 Lead Committee report due by 1 June 2020

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/129) (23 April 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment by 12 June 2020 Lead Committee report due by 8 June 2020

Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) (SSI 2020/137) (5 May 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to annulment by 12 June 2020 Lead Committee report due by 8 June 2020

Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/139) (5 May 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

#### Subject to annulment by 15 June 2020 Lead Committee report due by 15 June 2020

Census (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/143) (7 May 2020) (Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Committee)

# Subject to annulment by 22 June 2020 Lead Committee report due by 22 June 2020

Education (Deemed Decisions) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/149) (14 May 2020) (Education and Skills Committee)

## Subject to annulment by 23 June 2020 Lead Committee report due by 22 June 2020

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Scottish Public Authorities) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/146) (15 May 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

<u>Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/148)</u> (15 May 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/150) (15 May 2020) (Education and Skills)

Adults with Incapacity (Ethics Committee) (Scotland) (Coronavirus) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/151) (15 May 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/152) (15 May 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

#### Subject to annulment by 26 June 2020 Lead Committee report due by 22 June 2020

Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in Schools (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/153) (18 May 2020) (Education and Skills Committee)

Subject to annulment by 1 September 2020 Lead Committee report due by 31 August 2020

<u>Marine Works and Marine Licensing (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus)</u> (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/157) (20 May 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

#### Subject to annulment by 2 September 2020 Lead Committee report due by 31 August 2020

Food Information and Addition of Vitamins, Minerals and Other Substances (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/156) (21 May 2020) (Health and Sport Committee) Documents | Sgrìobhainnean

# **New Documents**

#### **Committee Reports**

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#### **Legislative Consent Memorandum**

The following memorandum was lodged on 27 May 2020-

Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Environment Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-39)

#### **Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 27 May 2020 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2020-21 Summer Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2021 SG/2020/78 laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power Contact Information | Fios Conaltraidh

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