

Friday 26 February 2021

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

12:30pm Committee on the Scottish
Government Handling of Harassment
Complaints

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Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

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

Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints 13th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 12.30 pm in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints:** The Committee will take evidence from—
The Rt Hon. Alex Salmond, former First Minister.
2. **Review of Evidence (in private):** Committee will review the evidence taken as part of its inquiry.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 24 February 2021

Tuesday 2 March 2021

2:00 pm Mia Fallon and Nathaniel Sweeney, 'Living on £2' Campaign Project Representatives, St Aidan's High School, Wishaw

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Parliamentary Elections 2021

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Code of Conduct Rule changes – Treatment of Others

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:05 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — Rona Mackay: Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2021

Wednesday 3 March 2021

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities and Local Government

Social Security and Older People

followed by Health and Sport Committee Debate: What Should Primary Care Look Like for the Next Generation?

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Scotland's Recovery

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standing Order Rule Changes – Inquiry into the Resilience of the Scottish Parliament's Practices and Procedures in Relation to its Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:55 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — Alexander Burnett: Further Support for Autism and Learning Disabilities

Thursday 4 March 2021

12:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12:30 pm First Minister's Questions

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time

followed by Portfolio Questions
Finance

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day 2021:
#ChooseToChallenge

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:40 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 9 March 2021

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

followed by Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Debate: Climate Change Plan

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 March 2021

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: St Andrews University (Medical Degrees) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Financial Services Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill

followed by Approval of SSIs

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 11 March 2021

12:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12:30 pm First Minister's Questions

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Appointment

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

1 March 2021

3rd Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 11:00 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Sub-Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private. The Sub-Committee will also decide whether item 4, consideration of a draft report on remote piloted aircraft systems and body worn video cameras, should be taken in private at this meeting and at future meetings.
2. **Brexit and policing:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence from—
Deputy Chief Constable Will Kerr, Local Policing, and Assistant Chief Constable Patrick Campbell, Organised Crime, Counter Terrorism and Intelligence, Police Scotland.
3. **Brexit and policing:** The Sub-Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Remote piloted aircraft systems and body worn video cameras:** The Sub-Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Diane Barr at diane.barr@parliament.scot

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

2 March 2021

7th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 8:00 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 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Registers of Scotland (Fees) Amendment Order 2021 [draft] from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Trade, Innovation and Public Finance, Graham Fisher, Deputy Director, Legal Directorate, and Calum Ross, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government;
Kenny Crawford, Business Development Director, Registers of Scotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Trade, Innovation and Public Finance) to move—S5M-23985—That the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Registers of Scotland (Fees) Amendment Order 2021 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bankruptcy (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] from—

Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills, and Francesca Morton, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government;
Fiona Henry, Policy Manager, Accountant in Bankruptcy.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** James Hepburn (Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills) to move—S5M-24000—That the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Bankruptcy (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.
6. **Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).
7. **Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider its response to the Scottish Government.

Proposed future business

The Committee is likely to next meet on 2 March. For further information, contact Alison Walker the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are economy@parliament.scot.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

2 March 2021

9th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in a virtual meeting in private

1. **Climate Change Plan (in private):** The Committee will consider its response to the Scottish Government.
2. **Legacy report (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lynn Tullis at lynn.tullis@parliament.scot.

Health and Sport Committee

2 March 2021

8th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in a virtual meeting to be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **COVID-19 health protection travel regulations:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Mark Johnston, Chief Operating Officer, AGS Airports Ltd;
Willie Macleod, Executive Director for Scotland, UK Hospitality Scotland;
Gary Smith, Scotland Secretary, GMB Scotland;
Professor Devi Sridhar, Professor and Chair of Global Public Health, The University of Edinburgh.
2. **Audit Scotland - NHS in Scotland 2020:** The Committee will take evidence on Audit Scotland's 'NHS in Scotland 2020' report from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General, Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, and Eva Thomas-Tudo, Senior Auditor, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.
3. **COVID-19 health protection travel regulations (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Audit Scotland - NHS in Scotland 2020 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, David Cullum on 0131 348 5210 or by email HealthandSport@parliament.scot.

Justice Committee

2 March 2021

9th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Public petitions:** The Committee will consider the following petitions—
PE1370 by Dr Jim Swire, Professor Robert Black QC, Robert Forrester, Father Patrick Keegans and Iain McKie on Justice for Megrahi;
PE1458 by Peter Cherbi on a register of interests for members of Scotland's judiciary.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/56)

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie at stephen.imrie@parliament.scot

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

2 March 2021

8th Meeting, 2021

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following —
[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Managed Accommodation and Testing\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/74\);](#)
[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 6\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/81\);](#)
[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 16\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/86\);](#)
[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/89\).](#)
3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\);](#)
[Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Acts \(Amendment of Expiry Dates\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\).](#)
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Disability Assistance for Children and Young People \(Consequential Amendment and Transitional Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/73\);](#)
[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/76\);](#)

[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/77\);](#)
[Fireworks \(Scotland\) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/79\);](#)
[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2021 \(SSI 2021/80\);](#)
[Plant Health \(Export Certification\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/88\);](#)
[Bee Diseases and Pests Control \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/91\);](#)
[Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Acts \(Early Expiry and Suspension of Provisions\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/93\);](#)
[Social Security \(Industrial Injuries Benefit and Personal Independence Payment\) \(Telephone and Video Assessment\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/97\);](#)
[Town and Country Planning \(Cairnryan Border Control Posts\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) Special Development Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/98\);](#)
[Town and Country Planning \(Pre-Application Consultation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/99\);](#)
[National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/102\);](#)
[Looked After Children \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/103\);](#)
[Health and Care Professions Council \(Coronavirus\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Rules Order of Council 2021 \(SI 2021/167\);](#)
[Health and Care Professions Council \(Registration and Fees\) \(Amendment\) Rules Order of Council 2021 \(SI 2021/170\).](#)

5. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/101 \(C.4\)\).](#)
6. **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
7. **Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
8. **Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a letter from the Minister for Community Safety regarding proposed new delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 3.

Proposed future business

For further information on the work of the Committee, please contact Andrew Proudfoot, Clerk to the Committee via email at dpplr.committee@parliament.scot.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

2 March 2021

8th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 6.30 pm in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

Proposed future business

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The Committee is likely to next meet on 5 March. For further information, contact Alison Walker the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are economy@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-24232](#) Liam McArthur: Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme Resolution—**

That the Parliament, recognising that the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (the SPCB) carried out a review of the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme approved by Resolution of the Parliament of 12 June 2008 (as last amended by a Resolution of the Parliament on 24 April 2020)-

(a) in exercise of the powers conferred by section 81(2), (5)(b) and 85(5) of the Scotland Act 1998-

(i) confers functions on the SPCB to reimburse members in respect of expenses and cost incurred in each financial year in accordance with the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme (the Scheme) annexed as Annex 1 to this Resolution and confers other functions on the SPCB as specified in the Scheme;

(ii) determines that the various limits on expenses or costs under the Scheme are as set out in the Schedule of Rates annexed as Annex 2 to this Resolution and that such limits are applicable until the SPCB exercises its power under the Scheme to uprate or vary them;

(iii) confers other functions on the SPCB as specified in the Scheme; and

(iv) approves the Scheme;

(b) determines that the Scheme shall come into effect on 6 May 2021;

(c) rescinds, with effect from 6 May 2021, the Resolution of the Parliament of 12 June 2008 (as last amended on 24 April 2020).

Annex 1

Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme

Sgeama Ais-phàighidh Cuibhreannan nam Ball

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INTRODUCTION

The Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme as set out below is given effect by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.

The Scheme sets out the provisions available to support members in carrying out their parliamentary duties and the principles and rules members must abide by in making a claim for reimbursement under the Scheme.

Ro-ràdh

Tha Sgeama Ais-phàighidh Chuibhreannan nam Ball mar a thathar a' mìneachadh gu h-iseal ga thoirt gu buil le rùn le Pàrlamaid na h-Alba.

Tha an Sgeama a' mìneachadh nan ullachaidhean a tha ann gus taic a chur ri Buill nan cuid dhleastanasan pàrlamaideach agus prionnsapalan is riaghailtean an Sgeama ris am feum na Buill cumail nuair a nì iad tagradh airson ais-phàigheadh.

SECTION 1 - [GENERAL RULES](#)

1.1 [THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SCHEME](#)

1.1.1 In submitting a claim, a member shall:-

- (a) act in accordance with the Scheme Principles;
- (b) comply with the rules of the Scheme; and
- (c) have regard to any guidance issued by the SPCB under paragraph 1.2.2(c).

1.1.2 The Principles of the Scheme are:-

Objectivity

- A member is entitled to reimbursement of expenses which have been incurred only for the purpose of carrying out parliamentary duties.

- A member shall not submit a claim unless the member is satisfied that the expenses represent value for money and were incurred having due regard to efficiency and effectiveness.

Accountability

- A member is personally accountable for a claim, even if the member delegates the administration of the claim to others.
- A member is entitled to reimbursement of expenses only if the claim is supported by receipts or other documentation confirming the expenditure, unless otherwise determined by the SPCB.

Openness

- A member shall be open and transparent as respects expenses claimed under the Scheme.

Integrity

- A member shall ensure that a claim is in compliance with the Scheme.
- A member shall not submit a claim which relates to party political activity and a member shall not enter into any arrangement which could give rise to a benefit to a party political organisation.

Selflessness

- A member shall ensure that any claim is submitted solely in respect of the performance of parliamentary duties and is not submitted in order to gain financial or other benefit for the member or any other person.

Honesty

- A claim shall be made in good faith.

Leadership

- In complying with the rules of the Scheme and the Scheme Principles, a member shall lead by example to strengthen public trust in the Scheme.

Equality

- All members have equal formal and legal status

1.1.3 The SPCB shall exercise its functions under the Scheme so as best to promote and achieve conformity with the Scheme Principles.

1.2 [ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHEME](#)

1.2.1 The Scheme is to be administered by the SPCB.

1.2.2 In exercising its functions under the Scheme, the SPCB may make such arrangements as it sees fit for administration of the Scheme and for determining any claims and may, in particular:-

- (a) prescribe the form and manner in which claims are submitted and the manner in which claims are verified;
- (b) on the submission of a claim by a member, reimburse expenses incurred by that member;
- (c) issue guidance to members on the operation of the Scheme;

(d) prescribe time limits for the submission of claims and determine the consequences of failure to comply with any such time limits; and

(e) do anything else which the SPCB considers necessary or expedient in connection with the administration of the Scheme.

1.2.3 In determining any matter under the Scheme the SPCB shall, in particular, consider whether a member has had regard to guidance issued under paragraph 1.2.2(c).

1.2.4 For each financial year the SPCB shall uprate the various limits on expenses or costs which can be reimbursed under the Scheme, having regard to such indices as the SPCB considers appropriate. Such increases shall apply from 1 April in any financial year.

1.2.5 The limits on the reimbursement of accommodation costs under paragraph 2.1.7, staff salary costs under paragraph 3.2.1 and office costs under paragraphs 4.2.3 and 4.2.4 shall be rounded up to the nearest £100 at each uprating under paragraph 1.2.4.

1.2.6 The SPCB may at any time review the limits on the reimbursement of office costs under paragraphs 4.2.3, 4.2.4 and 4.2.7 and may, following such a review, apply such variation to those limits as it considers appropriate. Any such variation shall apply from 1 April in any financial year.

1.2.7 Where any changes are enacted in respect of constituencies or regions following a review by the Boundary Commission for Scotland, the SPCB may amend such references to constituencies and regions in this Scheme as it considers necessary to give effect to those changes.

1.3 PUBLICATION OF EXPENSES

1.3.1 The SPCB shall publish information on expenses reimbursed to members under the Scheme in such form and at such intervals as the SPCB may determine.

1.4 SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS AND VERIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE

1.4.1 Where a member is entitled to reimbursement of expenses or costs under the Scheme, the member shall complete and authenticate any form or other documentation provided or required by the SPCB.

1.4.2 Where a member is required to apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of any expenses or costs under the Scheme:-

(a) in advance of incurring any such expenses or costs, a member shall submit an application to the SPCB for approval of such expenses or costs in such form as the SPCB may require;

(b) the SPCB may grant its approval for reimbursement of such expenses or costs to such extent as it considers appropriate; and

(c) following such approval and once any such expenses or costs have been incurred by the member, the member shall complete and authenticate any form or other documentation provided or required by the SPCB and the SPCB shall reimburse such expenses or costs to the extent previously approved by it (or to the extent of expenses or costs actually incurred if that amount is less).

1.4.3 Subject to paragraph 1.4.4, the SPCB shall reimburse expenses or costs under this Scheme only on production of evidence of such expenses or costs in the form of supporting invoices or receipts or such other documentation as the SPCB may determine from time to time.

1.4.4 A member is not required to provide supporting invoices and receipts for the reimbursement of the cost of travel undertaken in the performance of, or in support of, the member's parliamentary duties:-

(a) in respect of a claim for an amount per mile for a journey, or part of a journey, by motor vehicle (excluding a hired motor vehicle), motor cycle, or bicycle; or

(b) in such other exceptional circumstances as the SPCB may determine.

1.4.5 The SPCB may determine that in certain circumstances a member shall provide written justification for the use of a taxi. The SPCB shall reimburse a member for taxi costs only to the extent that it is satisfied with the justification provided.

1.5 REVIEW OF DECISIONS AND IMPROPER CLAIMS

1.5.1 Where a member disputes a decision either not to reimburse expenses or costs or not to approve expenses or costs for reimbursement, the SPCB may review that decision. Any decision of the SPCB on review is final and it shall intimate the result of that review to the member.

1.5.2 The SPCB may investigate any claim. Where, following such an investigation, the SPCB finds that a member has submitted an improper claim, the SPCB may report to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee and may recommend the removal of all or part of the member's entitlement to reimbursement of expenses under this Scheme for such period and to such extent as the SPCB may specify.

1.6 VIREMENT

1.6.1 A member's entitlement to reimbursement of expenses or costs may not be transferred between the different categories of entitlement to reimbursement of expenses or costs in Sections 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 or 9.

1.7 POOLS

1.7.1 Any members who set up a pool with one or more other members shall give written notice to the SPCB of the setting up of the pool. Such notice shall be in the names of all of the members in the pool and shall include a copy of the pool employment framework as approved by the SPCB from time to time.

1.8 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1.8.1 A member is not entitled to reimbursement of expenses where those expenses have been, or will be, reimbursed or otherwise met from any other source.

1.8.2 Where a person becomes a member part way through a financial year, or where a member ceases to be a member part way through a financial year, any limit on the annual entitlement to reimbursement of expenses or costs is to be applied on a pro rata basis or on such other basis as the SPCB may determine.

SECTION 2 - ACCOMMODATION

2.1 ACCOMMODATION IN EDINBURGH

2.1.1 Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2.1.5 to 2.1.7 and 2.1.9, a member with a main residence in a constituency listed in Group Two of Annex A is entitled to reimbursement of the cost of overnight accommodation for each night which that member requires to stay in Edinburgh in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties.

2.1.2 A disabled Member or a Member with caring responsibilities for dependents, whose main residence is in a constituency listed in Group Two of Annex A, may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of the costs to lease a residential property as detailed in paragraphs 2.1.3 and 2.1.4. The SPCB may, in exceptional circumstances, approve such an application.

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2.1.3 Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2.1.5 to 2.1.7, a member with a main residence in a constituency listed in Group Three of Annex A is entitled to reimbursement of the cost of either:-

- (a) overnight accommodation for each night which that member requires to stay in Edinburgh in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties; or
- (b) leasing residential property in Edinburgh, other than from a close family member, another member or connected person.

2.1.4 Where a member is entitled to reimbursement of the cost of leasing residential property under paragraph 2.1.3(b), the member is entitled to reimbursement in respect of the following:-

- (a) rent;
- (b) council tax and water charges;
- (c) factoring charges, but excluding common repair costs;
- (d) utility costs and telecommunications costs; and
- (e) contents insurance.

2.1.5 Subject to paragraphs 2.1.6 a member who has either a main residence or any other residence in Edinburgh is not entitled to reimbursement of the cost of accommodation in Edinburgh under this Section.

2.1.6 A member who has a main residence in a constituency listed in either Group Two or Group Three of Annex A and who also has any other residence in Edinburgh may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of the cost of overnight accommodation in Edinburgh. The SPCB shall reimburse such costs only if it is satisfied that it would not be reasonable in all the circumstances to expect that member to use that member's other residence in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties.

2.1.7 Where:-

- (a) a member has a main residence in a constituency listed in Group Three of Annex A; and
- (b) the member also owns another residence in Edinburgh which the member uses in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties, the member is entitled to claim reimbursement of the actual costs specified in paragraph 2.1.4(b), (c) (d) and (e) in respect of that other residence

2.1.8 A member is entitled to reimbursement of costs for accommodation in Edinburgh under paragraphs 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.1.6, 2.1.7 and 2.1.9 subject to the limit in each financial year specified in the Schedule of Rates.

2.1.9 A Presiding Officer whose main residence is in a constituency listed in Group Two of Annex A will be treated as if that residence were in Group Three of Annex A and is entitled to reimbursement of Edinburgh accommodation costs in accordance with paragraphs 2.1.2 to 2.1.4 and 2.1.6 to 2.1.7.

2.2 OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION OUTSIDE EDINBURGH

2.2.1 A member is entitled to reimbursement of the cost of overnight accommodation:

- (a) subject to paragraph 2.2.2, outside Edinburgh (but within the UK) for each night when the performance of parliamentary duties prevents the member from using the member's main residence or any other residence; and
- (b) travel outwith the UK undertaken in the performance of parliamentary duties.

2.2.2 A member is not entitled to reimbursement under paragraph 2.2.1(a) in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties within the constituency or region from which the member has been returned unless:-

- (a) the member has been returned from one of the constituencies or regions listed in Annex B; or
- (b) in the case only of members returned either from the Cunninghame North Constituency or from the West of Scotland region, the requirement for overnight accommodation arises in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties on an island in the Cunninghame North constituency.

2.2.3 A member shall apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of the cost of overnight accommodation for each night which the member requires to stay outwith the UK in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties.

2.3 SHARED RESIDENTIAL LEASED ACCOMMODATION

2.3.1 Section 2.3 shall only apply to a member with a main residence in a constituency listed in Group Three of Annex A or a Presiding Officer to whom paragraph 2.1.9 applies.

2.3.2 Subject to paragraph 2.3.3, where a member leases the same residential property in Edinburgh together with another member or members, those members are entitled between or amongst them to reimbursement of the costs of leasing the residential property in accordance with paragraph 2.1.4.

2.3.3 The limit on the entitlement of each member to reimbursement of costs reimbursed under paragraph 2.3.2 is the limit in each financial year specified in the Schedule of Rates plus one third of that amount in respect of each additional member, apportioned equally between the members.

2.3.4 A member who submits a claim in respect of the cost of shared residential leased accommodation shall declare that arrangement to the SPCB. The declaration shall be in writing, include the name(s) of the other member or members with whom tenancy is shared, a copy of the letting agreement and or lease, and such other information as the SPCB shall determine.

SECTION 3 - STAFF COSTS

3.1 INTRODUCTION

3.1.1 A member may engage staff under a contract of employment (whether on a full-time or part-time basis), under a contract for services or by virtue of an arrangement with an agency.

3.1.2 A member of staff may be engaged either by a single member or jointly by two or more members through a pool.

3.1.3 This Section applies in respect of the following costs for staff who are engaged for the purpose of assisting in the performance of the member's parliamentary duties:-

- (a) staff salary costs;
- (b) employer's National Insurance and employer's pension contributions;
- (c) temporary staff cover costs;
- (d) incidental and ancillary employment costs; and
- (e) redundancy costs.

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3.1.4 Staff shall not undertake any significant party political activity during any hours of work which are included within claims submitted under this Section.

3.1.5 The SPCB shall:-

- (a) provide a payroll service for members' employees;
- (b) provide an arrangement for employer's pension contributions to be paid to an employee's choice of pension scheme, provided that such pension scheme has been approved by the SPCB; and
- (c) process any other benefits deemed appropriate under the model terms and conditions of employment approved by the SPCB from time to time.

3.1.6 A member shall provide to the SPCB sufficient details about their employees to allow the SPCB to provide the services specified in paragraph 3.1.5.

3.1.7 Subject to paragraph 3.1.8 a member may only submit a claim under this section in respect of staff who are engaged in accordance with such policies and under such terms and conditions as are approved by the SPCB from time to time.

3.1.8 A member's staff may only be employed within the pay ranges and in accordance with the job families approved by the SPCB from time to time.

3.1.9 Section 3 does not apply in relation to the employment of a close family member by a member, whether individually or through a pool.

3.2 STAFF SALARY COSTS

3.2.1 A member is entitled to reimbursement of staff salary costs subject to the limit in any financial year specified in the Schedule of Rates.

3.2.2 Staff salary costs comprise:-

- (a) in respect of employees, the employee's gross salary, including any overtime payments, and any necessary expenses (other than expenses in respect of the cost of travel or the cost of overnight accommodation) reimbursed to the employee by the member, but (subject to paragraph 3.3.1) excluding employer's National Insurance contributions or employer's pension contributions;
- (b) the amount of any redundancy payment payable to an employee or any costs which arise as a result of any other termination of an employee's contract;
- (c) in respect of self-employed or agency staff, the gross contracted payment to the member of staff or the agency; or
- (d) where members have set up a pool, incidental costs which arise from operation of the pool.

3.3 EMPLOYER'S NATIONAL INSURANCE AND EMPLOYER'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

3.3.1 Where a member is entitled to reimbursement of staff salary costs for an employee under paragraph 3.2.2(a), the SPCB may also reimburse any employer's National Insurance contributions and employer's pension contributions. The reimbursement of employer's pension contributions will be subject to a limit of 10% of the employee's gross basic annual salary, except in the case of employees in post as at 1 March 2001 where the actual contributions will be reimbursed.

3.4 TEMPORARY STAFF COVER COSTS

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3.4.1 A member may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of the additional cost of employing or otherwise engaging temporary staff when necessary due to the absence of a permanent or fixed term member of staff lasting in excess of two weeks. In exceptional circumstances the SPCB may reduce or suspend the qualifying period of absence and suspend the requirement in paragraph 3.4.2 for adequate medical certificates or other relevant documents.

3.4.2 An application under paragraph 3.4.1 shall be supported by adequate medical certificates or other relevant documents confirming the reason for absence.

3.4.3 Any costs reimbursed under paragraph 3.4.1 may include employer's National Insurance contributions and employer's pension contributions subject to a limit of 10% of the employee's gross basic annual salary.

3.4.4 The SPCB shall reimburse costs under paragraph 3.4.1 only if it is satisfied that the employment of temporary staff was reasonable in the circumstances.

3.5 INCIDENTAL AND ANCILLARY EMPLOYMENT COSTS

3.5.1 A member may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of the reasonable costs of advertising for recruitment of staff.

3.5.2 A member may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of:-

- (a) the fees incurred for the personal attendance of a member of staff, a volunteer or intern at a seminar or conference within the UK, or at virtual or other on-line training for the purpose of assisting the member in the performance of parliamentary duties;
- (b) the fees or other charges incurred in providing appropriate training for a member of staff; and
- (c) the cost of travel and overnight accommodation associated with sub-paragraphs (a) or (b) above.

3.5.3 A member who submits an application under paragraph 3.5.2 shall certify the reason for the attendance of the member of staff, volunteer or intern at the seminar or conference or the reason for the training for a member of staff. The SPCB shall approve an application under paragraph 3.5.2 only to the extent that it is satisfied with the reason given.

3.5.4 The SPCB may meet such expenses or costs in respect of such items of a kind which reflect good employment practices and facilities for members in their capacity as employers or for member's staff as the SPCB determines appropriate and subject to such conditions as the SPCB considers appropriate.

3.6 REDUNDANCY COSTS

3.6.1 Paragraphs 3.6.2 to 3.6.4 apply where a member dismisses an employee by reason of redundancy at any time other than when the member has ceased to be a member.

3.6.2 Subject to paragraphs 3.6.3 and 3.6.4, where in any financial year the limit on a member's entitlement to reimbursement of staff salary costs is or would be exceeded by reason of the making of a redundancy payment, the SPCB may, on an application by the member, reimburse such further amount (not exceeding the amount of the redundancy payment) as it considers appropriate.

3.6.3 The SPCB shall reimburse an amount under paragraph 3.6.2 only if it is satisfied that:-

- (a) the member was entitled under this Section to receive reimbursement of staff salary costs in respect of the employee concerned at the date of dismissal;
- (b) the employee was in fact dismissed by reason of redundancy;

(c) the member was under a legal obligation to make the payment; and

(d) where, under the terms of the contract between the member and the employee, the employee's entitlement to a redundancy payment exceeds the employee's statutory entitlement, the contractual provision was reasonable in all the circumstances.

3.6.4 If the SPCB determines under paragraph 3.6.3(d) that the contractual provision was not reasonable, the SPCB may restrict the application for reimbursement of the redundancy payment to such amount as the SPCB considers reasonable.

3.7 EMPLOYMENT OF CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS OF ANOTHER MEMBER

3.7.1 A member who submits a claim in respect of the cost of employing a close family member of another member, whether individually or through a pool, shall declare that relationship to the SPCB. The declaration shall be in writing and include the name of the close family member, the name of the other member, the relationship to that other member and such other information as the SPCB may determine.

3.7.2 The SPCB shall arrange for all such declarations to be registered in a register which is open to public inspection.

SECTION 4 - OFFICE COSTS

4.1 INTRODUCTION

4.1.1 A member is entitled to reimbursement of office costs reasonably incurred in the leasing and running of a local parliamentary office in the performance of the member's parliamentary duties, in so far as not available from the SPCB by way of central provision.

4.1.2 Office costs relate solely to the actual costs of having and running a local parliamentary office and include, but are not limited to:-

- (a) the cost of establishing and running a local parliamentary office, such as leasing and utility costs;
- (b) the purchase or lease of office furniture or equipment (including IT, telephony or photocopying equipment where such equipment is not provided centrally);
- (c) the cost of telecommunications;
- (d) the cost of annual subscriptions, office related services and insurances;
- (e) the cost of overnight accommodation for a member of staff, a volunteer or intern when the member of staff, volunteer or intern is required to accompany a member for the purpose of assisting the member in the performance of parliamentary duties;
- (f) the fees for a member attending a seminar or conference; and
- (g) any other costs which are ancillary to those specified in sub-paragraphs (a) to (f) above.

4.1.3 Subject to paragraph 4.3.5, a member may only submit a claim under this section in respect of a single local parliamentary office, within the constituency or region from which that member was returned. If a member has such an office, the member shall use it as the local parliamentary office and the office shall be the registered local address for correspondence.

4.1.4 A local parliamentary office shall not be used for party political activities of any kind.

4.2 START UP PROVISION

4.2.1 Within the first year of a new parliamentary session or following a by-election, a member setting up their first local parliamentary office is entitled to reimbursement of any one-off office start

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up costs reasonably incurred in doing so, in so far as support is not available from the SPCB by way of central provision.

4.2.2 Start up costs include, but are not limited to:-

- a) Reasonable remedial work to ensure the premises are suitable as an office for example carpeting the office or creating an accessible meeting space;
- b) Solicitors fees for negotiating the office lease and other legal costs such as recording of the lease or an application for a change of use of the premises;
- c) Survey costs; and
- d) Signage costs.

4.2.3 A member is entitled to reimbursement of one off start-up office costs subject to the limit specified in the Schedule of Rates.

4.3 REIMBURSEMENT OF OFFICE COSTS FOR MEMBERS WHO ESTABLISH AND RUN LOCAL PARLIAMENTARY OFFICES

4.3.1 A constituency member is entitled to reimbursement of office costs subject to the limit in each financial year specified in the Schedule of Rates. Members may vary the limit of the office cost provision up or down by a maximum of £5,000 each financial year, subject to the overall combined limit for the office cost and engagement cost provisions remaining within the overall agreed combined annual limit.

4.3.2 Members may only vary the maximum limits at set points in each financial year as determined by the SPCB.

4.3.3 Where in a particular region a single regional member is returned from a registered political party's regional list or where there is a regional member not aligned to any political party, that member is entitled to reimbursement of office costs subject to the limit in each financial year specified in the Schedule of Rates.

4.3.4 Subject to paragraph 4.3.5, where in a particular region more than one member is returned from a registered political party's regional list, those members are entitled between them only to reimbursement of office costs in respect of one regional office.

4.3.5 Where in the Highlands and Islands, North East Scotland, South of Scotland, West Scotland or Mid Scotland and Fife Regions more than one member is returned from a registered political party's regional list, the SPCB may, on the written application of all of the members concerned, determine that they are entitled to reimbursement of office costs in respect of an additional local parliamentary office within the region.

4.3.6 Where one or more local parliamentary office is shared by regional members as provided for in paragraph 4.3.4 or 4.3.5 then all costs associated with running the local parliamentary office(s) will be shared in equal proportions between participating members in accordance with paragraph 4.3.8.

4.3.7 The Office Cost Provision will be pro-rated to the period starting with the date a member enters the new local office to the end of the financial year for the first financial year of each new parliamentary session. This would also apply following any by-election.

4.3.8 The limit on the entitlement of each participating regional member to reimbursement of office costs in the circumstances set out in paragraphs 4.3.4 to 4.3.7 is calculated in accordance with the following table:-

Number of Regional Members	Percentage of Limit on Office Costs Applicable to a Single Regional Member	
	One Office in the Region (limit per member)	Two Offices in the Region (limit per member)
2	60%	100%
3	47%	80%
4	40%	65%
5	36%	56%

Any limit calculated in accordance with the table above shall be rounded up to the nearest £100.

4.3.9 On the application of a member the SPCB may, if satisfied that local variations in the market for office accommodation make it impracticable for the member to establish and run a suitable local parliamentary office within the limit of costs which can be reimbursed under this Section, increase by up to a maximum £2,500, the limit on entitlement to reimbursement which would otherwise be applicable to that member.

4.3.10 A member is not entitled to reimbursement of costs in respect of a local parliamentary office if the member leases office premises from or sub-lets any part of office premises to a close family member or connected person.

4.3.11 Subject to paragraph 4.3.13, a member who sub-lets any part of a local parliamentary office to any other person is entitled to reimbursement of the amount of rent paid by the member less the rent due under any sub-lease.

4.3.12 A member is not entitled to reimbursement of office costs in respect of a local parliamentary office which is shared with a Member of the House of Commons ("MP") unless the member has entered into a written agreement with the MP as to the apportionment of costs and the terms of the agreement have been approved by the SPCB.

4.3.13 A member is not entitled to reimbursement of costs in respect of a local parliamentary office which is: (a) leased from a party political organisation; or (b) sub-leased from or sub-let to a party political organisation.

4.4 REIMBURSEMENT OF OFFICE COSTS FOR MEMBERS WHO DO NOT ESTABLISH AND RUN LOCAL PARLIAMENTARY OFFICES

4.4.1 Where a member does not establish and run a local parliamentary office or where a member uses an office in the Parliament as a local parliamentary office, that member is entitled only to reimbursement of office costs up to a maximum amount of 50% of the limit on entitlement to reimbursement which would otherwise be applicable to that member.

4.5 MEMBERS WORKING FROM HOME

4.5.1 A member who does not establish a local Parliamentary office or a parliamentary office but works solely from home in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties is not entitled to reimbursement of any office costs arising from the use of the home for that purpose other than the cost of telecommunications.

SECTION 5 - ENGAGEMENT PROVISION

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5.1.1 A member is entitled to reimbursement of costs reasonably incurred in engaging with their constituents in the performance of the member's parliamentary duties.

5.1.2 Engagement costs relate to the actual costs of engaging with constituents and include, but are not limited to:-

- a) business meeting expenses,
- b) postage and mailing costs,
- c) advertising costs,
- d) the hire of premises for surgeries, public meetings and other meetings with constituents;
- e) the cost of the publication and distribution of newsletters, annual reports and surveys.

5.1.3 A member is entitled to reimbursement of engagement costs subject to the limit in each financial year specified in the Schedule of Rates. members shall be able to vary the limit of the Engagement Provision up or down up to a maximum limit of £5k each financial year, subject to the overall combined limit for the Engagement and Office Cost Provisions remaining within the overall set limit.

5.1.4 Members may only vary the maximum limits at set points each financial year as determined by the SPCB.

SECTION 6 - COST OF TRAVEL

6.1.1 A member is entitled to reimbursement of the cost of travel:

- (a) undertaken in the performance of parliamentary duties within the UK; or
- (b) subject to paragraph 6.1.5 in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties outwith the UK.

6.1.2 Subject to paragraph 6.1.3, travel undertaken in the performance of parliamentary duties may include journeys between any places at which parliamentary duties are performed or between such places and a member's residence or overnight accommodation.

6.1.3 Where a member's rent is reimbursed under paragraph 2.1.3(a), and where the property is situated outside the boundary of the City of Edinburgh, the member is not entitled to reimbursement of the cost of travel between that property and the Parliament.

6.1.4 A member is entitled to reimbursement of the cost of travel within the UK undertaken by a member of staff, volunteer or intern in support of the member's parliamentary duties. A member who submits a claim under this paragraph shall certify that the journeys undertaken were necessary to support them in their parliamentary duties. Travel shall not include the cost of daily commuting journeys by a member of staff, volunteer or intern to a normal place of work.

6.1.5 A member shall apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of the cost of travel outwith the UK undertaken in the performance of parliamentary duties prior to any travel being undertaken.

SECTION 7 - DISABILITY

7.1.1 A member who has a disability may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of expenses incurred in respect of additional resources reasonably required for the performance of that member's parliamentary duties.

7.1.2 In selecting premises for a local parliamentary office a member must ensure the premises are accessible or able to be made accessible. A member may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of expenses incurred by the member in respect of:-

- (a) making reasonable adjustments to the office to accommodate a disabled member of staff and/or facilitating access for disabled members of the public;
- (b) providing equipment and/or parking spaces for disabled persons; or
- (c) facilitating meetings involving disabled persons by hiring (on an occasional basis) alternative meeting premises.

SECTION 8 - ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

8.1 INTERPRETATION, TRANSLATION AND SIMILAR COSTS

8.1.1 A member may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of any expenses incurred in respect of:-

- (a) engaging an interpreter for a language other than English or engaging a sign language interpreter who in either case is required for a meeting with members of the public;
- (b) translation services required for correspondence with members of the public, to take part in parliamentary business or for inclusion of other languages in parliamentary funded publications; or
- (c) any other services required to facilitate equal access to members for disabled persons.

8.2 EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES

8.2.1 A member may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of any exceptional expenses to be incurred by that member in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties.

8.2.2 A member or their nominated representative, may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of the cost of employing or otherwise engaging an additional temporary member of staff in relation to the long-term absence of a member which is likely to impact on the performance of the member's parliamentary duties and support to constituents.

8.2.3 In determining any application under paragraph 8.2.1 or 8.2.2 the SPCB shall, where applicable, recognise the distinctive needs of members not aligned to any political party or members aligned to a political party with fewer than five members.

8.2.4 The SPCB may, in exceptional circumstances, approve exceptional expenses incurred by members where the Scheme does not otherwise provide for reimbursement.

SECTION 9 - WINDING UP

9.1 INTRODUCTION

9.1.1 This Section applies when a person (referred to as the "former member") ceases to be a member of the Parliament for any reason.

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9.1.2 On or after the date on which the former member ceased to be a member Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this Scheme continue to apply only in respect of any claim relating to expenses or costs incurred or committed to prior to that date. All such claims shall be submitted within such period as the SPCB may specify.

9.1.3 Unless paragraph 9.1.2 applies, paragraphs 9.2 to 9.5 apply in respect of any expenses or costs incurred after the date on which a former member ceased to be a member for the purpose of winding up the former member's office.

9.2 STAFF COSTS

9.2.1 A former member remains entitled to reimbursement of staff salary costs, employer's National Insurance contributions and employer's pension contributions, as provided for in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3, in order to retain the services of staff for the purposes of the winding up of the former member's office for a maximum of three months after the date on which the former member ceased to be a member.

9.3 STAFF REDUNDANCY

9.3.1 Where a former member dismisses an employee by reason of redundancy, the former member is entitled to reimbursement of any redundancy payment payable to the employee only if the SPCB is satisfied that:-

- (a) the former member was entitled to receive reimbursement of salary costs in respect of the employee concerned at the date of dismissal;
- (b) the employee was in fact dismissed by reason of redundancy;
- (c) the former member was under a legal obligation to make the payment; and
- (d) where, under the terms of the contract between the former member and the employee, the employee's entitlement to a redundancy payment exceeds the employee's statutory entitlement, the contractual provision was reasonable in all the circumstances.

9.3.2 If the SPCB determines under paragraph 9.3.1(d) that the contractual provision was not reasonable, the SPCB may restrict the application for reimbursement of the redundancy payment to such amount as the SPCB considers reasonable.

9.4 ACCOMMODATION, OFFICE AND ASSOCIATED COSTS

9.4.1 A former member is entitled to reimbursement of the costs reasonably incurred

- (a) in the closing down of a parliamentary office
- (b) in undertaking a survey of that office as required where potential dilapidation costs exceed £5,000;
- (c) in connection with the termination of any agreement pertaining to leasing residential property within Edinburgh under paragraph 2.1.2(b);
- (d) in connection with any ancillary obligations arising from paragraph 9.4.1(c);
- (e) for the purpose of travel within Scotland undertaken in connection with (a), (b), (c) or (d);

9.4.2 The reimbursements in paragraph 9.4.1 are subject to a limit equivalent to one third of the maximum limit of the office cost provision as set out in section 4;

9.4.3 Any costs reimbursed under paragraph 9.4.1 may include the costs of travel of the former member's staff provided that such costs are incurred for the purpose of paragraphs 9.4.1(a), (b) or (d).

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9.5 MEMBER CHANGE OF STATUS

9.5.1 A member is entitled to access the Winding Up Provision subject to the limits set out in paragraphs 9.4.1, 9.4.2 and 9.4.3 in circumstances when a member leaves a party or changes status from a regional member to constituency member or vice versa following a Scottish Parliamentary election to enable them to wind up their previous office and open a new office if necessary in accordance with section 4.3.

9.6 TIME LIMIT FOR SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS

9.6.1 A former member shall submit any claims under paragraph 9.4 within six months from the date on which the former member ceased to be a member, or, if that is not possible, within such longer period as the SPCB may allow.

9.6.2 A member shall submit any claims under paragraphs 9.2, 9.3 and 9.5 within three months from the date on which the members' status changed, or, if that is not possible, within such longer period as the SPCB may allow.

SECTION 10 - DEFINITIONS

10.1.1 The following definitions apply to the Scheme:-

"claim" means a claim or application under the Scheme for reimbursement of expenses or costs;

"close family member", in relation to a member, means-

- (a) a spouse, civil partner or cohabiting partner of the member; or
- (b) a parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece of the member or of a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (a);

"connected person", in relation to a member, means a business partner or a business associate of the member or any organisation (other than a party political organisation) in which the member concerned, or a close family member has an interest;

"cost of overnight accommodation" means the actual cost incurred by the member, or, as the case may be, member of staff, volunteer or intern (inclusive of the cost of any evening meal and breakfast) subject to the limit per night specified in the Schedule of Rates;

"cost of travel" means-

- (a) the actual cost of any travel ticket purchased, or fare paid in making a journey, or part of a journey, by public transport;
- (b) in respect of a journey, or part of a journey, by means of a motor vehicle (excluding a hired motor vehicle), motor cycle or bicycle, such amount per mile as is prescribed from time to time as the rate applicable for vehicles of those kinds in section 230(2) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 (or any re-enactment of that provision);
- (c) in exceptional circumstances, with the approval of the SPCB, the actual cost of motor vehicle hire and associated fuel costs;
- (d) tolls and car parking charges;

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“constituency” and “region” refer to the constituencies and regions provided for by Schedule 1 to the Scotland Act 1998 (or any re-enactment of that provision);

“constituency member” means a member of the Parliament for a constituency;

“disability” has the same meaning as in The Equality Act 2010 (or any re-enactment of that provision), and “disabled” is to be construed accordingly;

“Edinburgh” (except in paragraph 6.1.3) means a constituency listed in Group One of Annex A;

“financial year” means the year from 1 April to 31 March;

“improper claim” means a claim in respect of expenses or costs which have either not in fact been incurred or have not been incurred for a purpose permitted by the Scheme;

“member”, except where the context otherwise requires, means a member of the Scottish Parliament;

“other residence” means any residential property (other than a member’s main residence) which is owned by a member and which that member has regularly occupied as a residence;

“Parliament” means the Scottish Parliament;

"parliamentary duties" means any task or function which a member could reasonably be expected to carry out in that member’s capacity as a member, including but not limited to:-

- (a) attending a meeting of the Parliament;
- (b) attending a meeting of a committee or sub-committee of the Parliament on which the member sits or which the member is required to attend, or attending such a meeting for some other valid reason relating only to the business of the committee or sub-committee;
- (c) undertaking research or administrative functions which relate directly to, or are in connection with, the business of the Parliament;
- (d) attending meetings for the purpose of representing electors or explaining the application of policy or meeting a member of the public residing in the constituency or region from which that member was returned;
- (e) attending parliamentary party group meetings in Edinburgh or, with the prior approval of the SPCB, any other place in Scotland;
- (f) attending a meeting, ceremony or official function which relates directly to, or is in connection with, the business of the Parliament;
- (g) attending an international conference which relates directly to, or is in connection with, the business of the Parliament with the prior approval of the SPCB;

but does not include a member's activities which are in relation to that member's role as a party spokesperson or representative;

“pool” means any arrangement by which two or more members jointly engage staff;

“Presiding Officer” means the member who is elected as the Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament;

"public transport" means any service or services provided to the public at large for the carriage of passengers by road, rail, air or sea;

“regional member” means a member of the Parliament for a region;

“reimbursement” means either a payment by the SPCB to a member in respect of an expense or cost incurred by that member, or a payment made by the SPCB on behalf of a member either to a third party to whom that member has an obligation to make payment or to a member of staff to whom that member has requested that payment be made;

“Schedule of Rates” means the schedule published from time to time by the SPCB specifying the various limits on expenses or costs which can be reimbursed under this Scheme;

“Scheme” of “the Scheme” means the Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme;

“Scheme Principles” means the principles in paragraph 1.1.2;

“SPCB” means the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body;

“staff” means any person or persons in respect of whom a member is entitled to reimbursement of staff costs under Section 3 and a “member of staff” is to be construed accordingly.

[ANNEX A: GROUPS OF CONSTITUENCIES FOR ENTITLEMENT TO ACCOMMODATION IN EDINBURGH](#)

Group One	Group Two	Group Three
Edinburgh Central	Airdrie and Shotts	Aberdeen Central
Edinburgh Eastern	Clackmannanshire & Dunblane	Aberdeen Donside
Edinburgh Northern and Leith	Coatbridge and Chryston	Aberdeen South and North
Edinburgh Pentlands	Cowdenbeath	Kincardine
Edinburgh Southern	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	Aberdeen East
Edinburgh Western	Dunfermline	Aberdeen West
Linlithgow	Dundee City East	Angus North and Mearns
Midlothian, North & Musselburgh	Dundee City West	Angus South
Almond Valley	East Lothian	Argyll and Bute
Ward ML6 Midlothian South – (Midlothian South, Tweeddale & Lauderdale)	Falkirk East	Ayr
	Falkirk West	Banffshire and Buchan Coast
	Glasgow Anniesland	Caithness, Sutherland and Ross
	Glasgow Cathcart	Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley
	Glasgow Kelvin	Clydebank & Milngavie
	Glasgow Maryhill & Springburn	Clydesdale

Glasgow Provan	Ward 5 Avondale and Stonehouse (Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse)
Glasgow Shettleston	
Glasgow Southside	Cunninghame North
Hamilton Larkhall & Stonehouse (excluding ward 5 Avondale & Stonehouse)	Cunninghame South
	Dumbarton
	Dumfriesshire
Kirkcaldy	East Kilbride
Mid Fife & Glenrothes	Eastwood
Midlothian South, Tweeddale & Lauderdale (excluding electoral Ward ML6 – Midlothian)	Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire
Motherwell and Wishaw	Galloway and West Dumfries
North East Fife	Greenock and Inverclyde
Paisley	Inverness and Nairn
Ward1 Carse of Gowrie and Ward12 Perth City Centre (Perthshire North)	Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley
Ward R1 Renfrew North and West and Ward R2 Renfrew South and Gallowhill (Renfrewshire North & West)	Moray
Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	Na h-Eileanan an Iar (Western Isles)
Stirling	Orkney
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	Perthshire North (Excluding Ward1 Carse of Gowrie and Ward12 Perth City Centre)
Uddingston and Bellshill	Renfrewshire South
Rutherglen	Renfrewshire North and West (Excluding Ward R1 Renfrew North and West and Ward R2 Renfrew South and Gallowhill)
	Shetland
	Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch

ANNEX B: CONSTITUENCIES AND REGIONS FOR ENTITLEMENT TO OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION OUTSIDE EDINBURGH

Constituencies

Argyll and Bute

Caithness, Sutherland and Ross

Galloway and West Dumfries

Inverness & Nairn

Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch

Perthshire North

Orkney Islands

Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire

Shetland Islands

Aberdeenshire West

Na h-Eileanan an Iar (Western Isles)

Regions

Highlands & Islands

Mid Scotland and Fife

North East Scotland

South of Scotland

Annex 2

SCHEDULE OF RATES

PARAGRAPH	DESCRIPTION	LIMIT								
2.1	Annual limit on entitlement to reimbursement of overnight accommodation or leased accommodation in Edinburgh	<table> <tr> <td>Full Year</td> <td>£16,000 (Returned members)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>01/04/21 to 05/05/21</td> <td>£1,534</td> </tr> <tr> <td>06/05/21 to 31/03/22</td> <td>£14,466 (New Members)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Overnight Limit</td> <td>£175</td> </tr> </table>	Full Year	£16,000 (Returned members)	01/04/21 to 05/05/21	£1,534	06/05/21 to 31/03/22	£14,466 (New Members)	Overnight Limit	£175
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4.2	Annual limit on entitlement to Start up provision	<p>£5,000 per constituency Member for first year following an election only.</p> <p>Regional Members will be advised on an individual basis.</p>								
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	constituency member	Members able to flex up to £5,000 from Engagement Provision to Office Cost Provision.
4.3	Annual limit on entitlement to reimbursement of office costs for a single regional member or for a non-aligned regional member	Regional Members will be advised on an individual basis.
5.1	Annual limit on entitlement to reimbursement of engagement costs	Full year: £13,392 06/05/21 to 31/03/22 £12,108 (New Members) This new Provision does not come into force until 06/05/2021. Members able to flex up to £5,000 from Office Cost Provision to Engagement Provision.
	Surgery Advertising Provision	01/04/21 to 05/05/21 = £193 Provision ceases after 5 May 2021
	Telecommunication Provision	01/04/21 to 05/05/21 = £146 Provision ceases after 5 May 2021
2.2	Overnight Accommodation in UK (excluding Greater London)	£175 per night
2.2	Overnight accommodation in Greater London and elsewhere outside UK	£204 per night

Supported by: David Stewart, Jackson Carlaw

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-24244 Clare Adamson: Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2021**—That the Parliament notes that 1 to 5 March 2021 is Scottish Apprenticeship Week, the annual campaign co-ordinated by

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Skills Development Scotland; understands that this year's theme is Business Backing Talent, which aims to showcase the great things that happen when employers back talent through apprenticeships and to share the value apprenticeships can bring to individuals, employers and the economy; notes the additional support for employers and individuals which has been put in place as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic to support apprenticeships, and encourages Members to get involved in the week and to attend the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards on 4 March 2021, which will recognise the resilience and hard work of foundation, modern and graduate apprentices and shine a spotlight on those employers, providers and individuals who champion apprenticeships.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Monica Lennon*, Annabelle Ewing*, Richard Lyle*, James Kelly*, Iain Gray*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Sandra White*

***S5M-24243 Gil Paterson: Clydebank Woman Commended by the Scottish Women's Convention**—That the Parliament congratulates the Clydebank woman, Rose Sehakizinka, who has received recognition for her services to BAME people during the COVID-19 lockdown; understands that Rose has been commended by the Scottish Women's Convention ahead of International Women's Day on 8 March 2021; recognises the hard work of Rose, who has been working as the project co-ordinator for the Isaro Community Initiative, a Whitecreek-based organisation which promotes the integration of new Scots in West Dunbartonshire, since it was established; notes that the organisation set up a mini foodbank with culturally appropriate food to ensure people could access food they were used to eating and was delivering around 20-30 packages each week throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; recognises that Rose and the team of volunteers have also been working to improve digital connectivity in Clydebank; acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Rose and the ISARO Community Initiative, and wishes them every success for the future.

***S5M-24242 Gail Ross: Dunnet Forestry Trust Launches Plans to Develop Community Assets**—That the Parliament commends the plans laid out by The Dunnet Forestry Trust in order to launch a number of community projects in Dunnet Forest; understands the projects include a new children's play area, a larger car park and establishing volunteering opportunities for interested persons; notes that these projects were suggested by local residents of the community; acknowledges that the 105-acre forest will be transformed into an excellent natural asset for the community, and wishes the project the best of luck as it progresses.

Supported by: Richard Lyle*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Joan McAlpine*, Bill Kidd*, Sandra White*

***S5M-24240 Richard Leonard: Solidarity to the Striking BT Openreach Repayment Project Engineers**—That the Parliament offers support and solidarity to the striking BT Openreach Repayment Project Engineers, who have been forced into action following an attempt by the company to re-grade their roles; recognises that this is the first time that industrial action has taken place anywhere in the BT Group in more than 20 years and was a last resort following the company's refusal to respond constructively to concerns from employees and their trade union, the CWU; further recognises that 86% voted in favour of industrial action, on a 94% turnout; notes that the industrial action, involving 170 employees began at midnight on Wednesday and will take place for 48-hours, will include virtual picket lines and also included a 'solidarity session' attended by hundreds of supporters on Wednesday, and calls on BT Openreach to enter meaningful negotiations with workers' and their union to resolve this dispute.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Richard Lyle*, Iain Gray*, Sarah Boyack*, Elaine Smith*

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***S5M-24239 Sandra White: Gray Day: A Celebration of Alasdair Gray**—That the Parliament welcomes the first Gray Day on 25 February 2021, a celebration of Glasgow-born writer and artist Alasdair Gray; notes this date also marks the 40th anniversary of his landmark novel *Lanark*, which will be marked with a Gray Day Broadcast, hosted by the Alasdair Gray Archive, his publisher Canongate and Neu Reekie and featuring a number of prominent authors and creative artists for an hour of online readings, conversation and music; further notes that this day will also coincide with the launch of a new website, a podcast entitled Gray Matters, and a new online film; believes that this is a fitting tribute to Alasdair and his incredible body of work, and commends the commitment of the Alasdair Gray Archive and Canongate in both safeguarding and celebrating Alasdair's incredible creative legacy.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*, James Dornan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Rona Mackay*, Liam McArthur*, Stuart McMillan*, Bob Doris*, Sarah Boyack*, Mark Ruskell*, Alasdair Allan*, Richard Lyle*, Joan McAlpine*, Mark McDonald*, Jackie Baillie*, Monica Lennon*, Bill Kidd*

***S5M-24238 Andy Wightman: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

***S5M-24237 Alison Johnstone: Report of the Independent Review on the Economics of Biodiversity**—That the Parliament recognises the publication of the *Final Report of the Independent Review on the Economics of Biodiversity*, which was led by Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta; believes this independent, global review presents the first comprehensive economic framework of its kind for biodiversity; understands that biodiversity is declining faster than at any time in human history and that current extinction rates are around 100 to 1,000 times higher than the baseline rate and increasing; believes that the report demonstrates how economies, livelihoods and wellbeing depend on everyone's most precious asset, nature, and that the current unsustainable relationship with the natural world endangers wildlife and human existence and prosperity; considers that the transformative change proposed by the report is a necessary response to the interlinked crises facing biodiversity and the climate, and believes that reversing what it sees as these devastating trends requires concerted action now.

***S5M-24231 Mary Fee: Congratulating the Welsh Government on its Changing Places Toilets Consultation**—That the Parliament welcomes the Welsh Government's decision to launch a consultation on improving the provision of Changing Places toilets throughout Wales; understands that access to public sanitation facilities should be a basic right for all; notes that access to Changing Places toilets means that disabled people and their carers can have greater access to activities and experiences outside of their homes including more opportunities to take part in community groups and events, travel further from their homes and access tourism locations; acknowledges that there are 190 Changing Places toilets in Scotland; recognises that there has been increased investment from larger companies such as Tesco and Asda to introduce Changing Places toilets to their stores but that this is not enough if public facilities are to be fully accessible; considers that the Scottish Government can do more to encourage companies to make their facilities more accessible and to make their spaces more disability-friendly; recognises that none of these changes would have been realised without the tireless work of a variety of campaigners, including Lorna Fillingham, who has established a framework that groups throughout the UK can work from, and calls on the Scottish Government to redouble its efforts to make Scotland a more accessible place for those living with disabilities.

Supported by: Iain Gray*, Monica Lennon*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Jeremy Balfour*, Elaine Smith*, Mark McDonald*

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***[S5M-24202](#) Neil Findlay: Supreme Court Ruling on Uber's Treatment of its Drivers**—That the Parliament welcomes reports that the Supreme Court has ruled that Uber drivers must be treated as workers rather than self-employed; notes that two drivers won an employment tribunal in October 2016, Uber appealed against this ruling but it was upheld in November 2017; further notes that the company then took the case to the Court of Appeal, but that it was upheld again in December 2018, and that the Supreme Court ruling was Uber's last appeal; considers that workers are entitled to the minimum wage and holiday pay and believes that this is a massive victory for workers' rights, and hopes that this is a landmark case in the struggle to end what it sees as the exploitation of workers in the gig economy.

Supported by: Lewis Macdonald*, Monica Lennon*, Mark McDonald*, Iain Gray*, Bill Kidd*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S5M-24230](#) Fulton MacGregor: Victims Awareness Week (lodged on 24 February 2021)

New Support: John Mason*, Gil Paterson*, Stewart Stevenson*, Elaine Smith*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S5M-24229](#) Neil Findlay: Death Rates Among Homeless People (lodged on 24 February 2021)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Iain Gray*, Monica Lennon*, Jackie Baillie*, Elaine Smith*, Sarah Boyack* R

[S5M-24211](#) David Stewart: Together We Help Report (lodged on 24 February 2021)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, John Mason*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S5M-24210](#) George Adam: The Tannahill Centre Wins at the SURF Awards 2020 (lodged on 23 February 2021)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-24209](#) Bruce Crawford: Scottish Apprenticeship Week, Build Your Future (lodged on 23 February 2021)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-24207](#) Keith Brown: Meals@TheGate (lodged on 23 February 2021)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-24204](#) Rona Mackay: Conviction Records CIC, Giving a Voice to Ex-Offenders (lodged on 23 February 2021)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-24203](#) Neil Findlay: Winchburgh Food Store Provides Vital Support to Locals During the Pandemic (lodged on 23 February 2021)

New Support: Miles Briggs*

[S5M-24201](#) Rona Mackay: Pupils' Climate Change Funding in Strathkelvin and Bearsden (lodged on 23 February 2021)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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[S5M-24200](#) Emma Harper: Behind the Mask (lodged on 22 February 2021)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-24193](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Scotland's Mental Health Partnership Launches Promote, Prevent, Provide (lodged on 22 February 2021)

New Support: Willie Rennie*

[S5M-24144.1](#) Joan McAlpine: Threats of Violence Against Elected Representatives (lodged on 19 February 2021)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Maureen Watt* R

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Oral Questions

SPCB Oral Questions selected for answer on 04 March 2021

1. Alex Neil: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body how much it spends annually on the provision of legal advice for the Parliament and its committees. ([S5O-05089](#))

Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 25 February 2021

[S5W-35385](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered (a) any evidence that the new generation of low frequency acoustic startle devices disturb and elicit the so-called startle reflex in (i) bottlenose dolphins and (ii) any cetacean, and (b) any evidence that the hearing thresholds of cetaceans and pinnipeds overlap.

[S5W-35386](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to revise its model for determining whether cetaceans can be restored to, or maintained at, Favourable Conservation Status, in light of any evidence that almost all farms which use acoustic deterrent devices (ADDs), use multiple ADDs and that the time for hearing injury to occur at a certain distance decreases pro rata with the number of ADDs used.

[S5W-35387](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to revise its model for determining whether cetaceans can be restored to, or maintained at, Favourable Conservation Status to allow for situations where acoustic deterrent devices within a narrow channel may restrict migration and access to feeding and nursery grounds of a much greater area than that ensonified by the acoustic deterrent devices.

[S5W-35389](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will revise its model for determining whether cetaceans can be restored to, or maintained at, Favourable Conservation Status, in light of any evidence that porpoises are not evenly distributed and that the habitats predicted to be of most importance to porpoises are also the areas where acoustic deterrent devices are used.

[S5W-35390](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government (a) for what reasons it has not published the European Protected Species (EPS) licence applications for fish farm acoustic deterrent devices (ADDs) submitted by the 15 January 2021 deadline for public scrutiny, but has published EPS licence applications for ADDs used for other purposes, (b) whether it will publish the EPS licence applications for fish farm ADDs, (c) how much time after publishing the EPS licence applications it will allow for public and scientific scrutiny, and (d) whether it still intends to complete the licencing process by 1 March 2021.

[S5W-35394](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on the salmon aquaculture sector in Scotland for the period October 2018 to September 2019 for (a) Cooke Aquaculture and (b) the Scottish Salmon Company in regard to how many farms (i) used acoustic deterrent devices (ADDs), (ii) did not use ADDs and (A) used either double skinned anti-predator nets or single nets of stronger, more rigid materials such as Seal Pro nets and (B) used traditional single nets.

[S5W-35403](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that all people with the condition, medication refractory essential tremor, can access transcranial magnetic resonance guided focused ultrasound at the earliest opportunity; what recent (a) representations and (b) discussions it has had with (i) the NHS, (ii) clinicians, (iii) patients, (iv)

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family carers, (v) patient organisations and (vi) disabled people's organisations regarding this, and what timescale it has set to achieve this.

S5W-35407 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of what impact essential tremor has on the (a) mental health, (b) quality of life and (c) employment opportunities of people living with the condition.

S5W-35487 Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government which "mild to moderate" learning disabilities people must have to be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination as part of priority group 6, and what analysis it has undertaken to determine this.

S5W-35488 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government how many episodes of venous thromboembolism (VTE) occurred between 1 April 2020 and 1 December 2020, also broken down by how many were associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

S5W-35490 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support primary care in the prevention of venous thromboembolism (VTE) for those at risk in the community.

S5W-35492 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether any FFP3 masks that are branded as "Fang Tian" and marked as FT-045, and which the Department of Health has advised should be withdrawn due to safety concerns, are in use in Scotland.

S5W-35493 Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what support is in place for people with autism or additional support needs, who may require further assistance when receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

S5W-35494 Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what support is being provided during the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme to people who are needle-phobic.

S5W-35495 Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made with the 50 mph speed limit trial for HGVs on the A9 between Dunblane and Inverness, and when the results of the trial will be published.

S5W-35496 Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with external organisations regarding extending the 50 mph speed limit trial for HGVs on the A9 to other single-carriageway trunk roads.

S5W-35497 Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the impact of a 50 mph speed limit for HGVs on single-carriageway trunk roads in England and Wales.

S5W-35507 Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the impact that the (a) COVID-19 pandemic and (b) public contract with the Ferguson Marine for the Hull 801 has had on the delivery of the Ardrrossan Harbour upgrade project.

S5W-35508 Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will discuss the Islands Connectivity Plan directly with the trade unions that organise public ferry workers.

S5W-35509 Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the most recent evaluation report on road equivalent tariff (RET), and which members of the working group produced the report.

S5W-35510 Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government for how long it expects CalMac Ferries to operate the service to Arran from Troon Harbour during the construction phase of the Ardrrossan Harbour upgrade project.

S5W-35515 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government whether referral to treatment waiting times for NHS Lothian are publicly available; if not, when they will be available, and what the reasons are for its position on this matter.

S5W-35516 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government when a thrombectomy pilot scheme will be launched by NHS Lothian.

S5W-35519 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what the occupancy rate of the 418 rehabilitation beds in the NHS is.

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[S5W-35520](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on local authorities paying different payment percentages for suspended school bus contracts, and what action it plans to take on this.

[S5W-35521](#) Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government how it engages with people who have lived experienced of long-term COVID-19 symptoms when devising support for people with long-COVID.

[S5W-35522](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to questions S5W-26493 and S5W-34944 by Claire Haughey on 9 December 2020 and 11 February 2021 respectively, whether it will provide the same information for 2019-20.

[S5W-35523](#) Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government whether people living with HIV will be able to access the COVID-19 vaccine through their HIV clinic, as is the case in England and Wales.

[S5W-35524](#) Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what financial support is being provided to English language schools that have had to close as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[S5W-35525](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding how many people in each week since 4 January 2021 entered Scotland from abroad (a) directly and (b) via England.

[S5W-35526](#) Joan McAlpine: To ask the Scottish Government whether people who were rejected by the Close Contact Services Fund or the Newly Self-Employed Hardship Fund due to technical errors will be given more time to re-apply, or be able to appeal the rejection.

[S5W-35527](#) Joan McAlpine: To ask the Scottish Government when people who were rejected by the Close Contact Fund or Newly Self-Employed Hardship Fund due to technical errors will be reconsidered for assistance.

[S5W-35529](#) Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it has produced regarding offering hospital patients aged (a) 60 to 69, (b) 70 to 79 and (c) 80 or over a COVID-19 vaccination prior to discharge, and under what circumstances it (i) must and (ii) must not be offered.

[S5W-35530](#) Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to reports that the mental health of BAME men has been the most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

[S5W-35531](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government whether the information ordinarily included in the Pupil Census Supplementary Statistics 2020 will be published before 25 March 2021.

[S5W-35532](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-28271 by John Swinney on 20 April 2020, whether it will provide the information for 2020 regarding the number of additional support for learning (a) teachers and (b) classroom assistants there were in each local authority.

[S5W-35533](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-03736 by Keith Brown on 31 October 2016, whether it will provide the information for 2020-21, also broken down by what information it has regarding which companies received funding; how much they received, and the purpose of their award.

[S5W-35543](#) Mary Fee: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body how it assesses the Parliament's cyber security measures to ensure that they are reviewed and updated.

[S5W-35544](#) Angus MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made with research on the feasibility of the introduction of mobile abattoirs to assist farmers and crofters in rural areas.

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[S5W-35545 Alex Cole-Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether significant regional variation in COVID-19 infection rates, such as that between the West of Scotland and Lothian, will have a factor on the speed and levels at which lockdown is released.

[S5W-35547 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on corroboration in relation to criminal offences, and whether it is still considering abolishing the requirement following Lord Bonomy's Review of post-corroboration safeguards.

[S5W-35548 Neil Bibby:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that people with learning disabilities who are living in supported accommodation will receive the COVID-19 vaccination as part of priority group 6, and when this group will begin to be vaccinated.

[S5W-35549 Dean Lockhart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what support it plans to give to (a) the Trossachs Search and Rescue Team and (b) all other search and rescue teams this spring and summer as demand for their services increases following the end of COVID-19 restrictions.

[S5W-35551 Dean Lockhart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what support (a) Scottish Enterprise and (b) Scottish Development International offers to companies to increase their trade via e-commerce and whether this has been adapted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[S5W-35552 Dean Lockhart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of the budget allocated to (a) Scottish Enterprise, (b) Highlands and Islands Enterprise, (c) South of Scotland Enterprise and (d) the Scottish National Investment Bank in the (i) current and (ii) next financial year will be spent on assisting existing businesses to survive the COVID-19 pandemic.

[S5W-35553 Dean Lockhart:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to promote (a) domestic and (b) international routes from Scottish airports to support the aviation industry's recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic.

[S5W-35557 Alexander Burnett:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the £120 million Mental Health Recovery and Renewal Fund will be directly invested into specialist CAMHS.

[S5W-35558 Willie Coffey:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to see a significant impact on the COVID-19 pandemic-induced backlog of elective surgery activity and a return to pre-COVID-19 levels of hospital waiting times, in light of the recent announcement of a further £60 million investment in waiting times recovery.

[S5W-35560 Willie Coffey:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when COVID-19 testing kits will be supplied to standalone nurseries.

[S5W-35562 Alex Cole-Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when theory test centres for HGVs and other heavy duty vehicles will be re-opening under the new strategic framework, *COVID-19 Scotland's Strategic Framework Update February 2021*.

[S5W-35570 Rhoda Grant:](#) To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what measures have been put in place to allow Members and their staff to pack up their offices before the election recess.

[S5W-35574 Alison Johnstone:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what data it is collecting regarding how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of BAME people.

New Subordinate Legislation

New Subordinate Legislation

Made Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 25 February 2021 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Managed Accommodation and Testing etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/107)

Laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008.

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 25 February 2021 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)

Laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2020.

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 25 February 2021 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Food, Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/109)

Laid under paragraph 21(b) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

Laid Only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 25 February 2021 and is subject to no parliamentary procedure—

Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/104 (C.5))

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

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Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Members' Bills

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

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

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

Final Proposals for Member's Bills

Elaine Smith: Proposed Right to Food (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to incorporate the human right to food into Scots law (lodged 11 February 2021).

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

Supported by: Iain Gray, Mark Griffin, Johann Lamont, Alex Rowley, David Stewart, Rhoda Grant, John Finnie, James Kelly, Pauline McNeill, Monica Lennon, Jackie Baillie, Jenny Marra, Andy Wightman, Neil Bibby, Alison Johnstone, *Sarah Boyack, *Richard Leonard, *Anas Sarwar, *Mary Fee, *Mark McDonald, *Claire Baker

Jamie Halcro Johnston: Proposed Electricians (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to provide for the protection of title and registration of electricians (lodged 24 February 2021).

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

Supported by:

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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.

Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 25 February 2021

Stage 2 amendments should be lodged by 4:30pm on Friday 5 March 2021 with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Stage 3 Proceedings, 9 March 2021

Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 Proceedings, 2 March 2021

Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education and Skills)), 24 February 2021

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

Stage 2 completed, 24 February 2021

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

Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill

Stage 2 completed, 23 February 2021

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Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 completed, 24 February 2021

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

Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Communities)), 24 February 2021

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

Stage 3 Proceedings, 10 March 2021

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 3 March 2021 with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 23 February 2021

Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill (C)

Stage 3 Proceedings, 4 March 2021

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 Proceedings, 11 March 2021

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 4 March 2021 with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill (C)

Passed, 2 February 2021

Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill (C)

Stage 3 Proceedings, 4 March 2021

Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 (Day 2) (Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee), 2 March 2021

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Communities)), 3 February 2021

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.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 February 2021

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill (G)

Stage 3 Proceedings, 10 March 2021

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 3 March 2021 with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 1 June 2020

Lead committee – Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

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

Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill LCM-S5-52

Lodged on 29 January 2021

Justice Committee, 23 February 2021

Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill LCM-S5-48

Lodged on 4 December 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 19 January 2021

Domestic Abuse Bill LCM-S5-35

Lodged on 16 March 2020

Justice Committee, 2 June 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 17 June 2020

Environment Bill LCM-S5-39

Lodged on 27 May 2020

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 29 September 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 12 November 2020

European Union (Future Relationship) Bill LCM-S5-50

Lodged on 29 December 2020

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee Report, 30 December 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 30 December 2020

Financial Services Bill LCM-S5-51

Lodged on 20 January 2021
Justice Committee, 23 February 2021

Fisheries Bill LCM-S5-41

Lodged on 15 June 2020
Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee Report, 24 August 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 9 September 2020

Medicines and Medical Devices Bill LCM-S5-43

Lodged on 18 August 2020
Health and Sport Committee report published, 29 October 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 12 November 2020

Medicines and Medical Devices Bill Supplementary LCM-S5-43a

Lodged on 19 October 2020
Health and Sport Committee report published, 29 October 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 12 November 2020

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

Lodged on 30 March 2020
Justice Committee, 2 June 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 17 June 2020

Sentencing Bill LCM-S5-45

Lodged on 22 September 2020
Justice Committee, 29 September 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 29 September 2020

Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill LCM-S5-46

Lodged on 24 September 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 30 September 2020

Trade Bill LCM-S5-44

Lodged on 18 August 2020
Finance and Constitution Committee, 6 and 7 October 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 8 October 2020

United Kingdom Internal Market Bill LCM-S5-47

Lodged on 28 September 2020
Finance and Constitution Committee, 6 and 7 October 2020
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 6 October 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 7 October 2020

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

Made affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 10 March 2021

[Rural Support \(Controls\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/72\)](#) (*11 February 2021*) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Subject to approval by 14 March 2021

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Managed Accommodation and Testing\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/74\)](#) (*15 February 2021*) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 17 March 2021

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 6\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/81\)](#) (*18 February 2021*) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 18 March 2021

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 16\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/86\)](#) (*19 February 2021*) (COVID-19 Committee)

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/89\)](#) (*19 February 2021*) (Finance and Constitution Committee)

Subject to approval by 24 March 2021

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Managed Accommodation and Testing etc.\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/107\)](#) (*25 February 2021*) (Health and Sport Committee)

Affirmative instruments

Lead Committee approval by 28 February 2021

[Low Emission Zones \(Emission Standards, Exemptions and Enforcement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (*20 January 2021*) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Lead Committee approval by 1 March 2021

[National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Young Persons \(Scotland\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (*21 January 2021*) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

[Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Modification\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (*22 January 2021*) (Education and Skills Committee)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Registers of Scotland \(Fees\) Amendment Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (22 January 2021)
(Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee)

Lead Committee approval by 6 March 2021

[Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Supplemental Provisions\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (26 January 2021) (Justice Committee)

[Carers \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Adult Carers and Young Carers of Terminally Ill Persons: Timescales for Adult Carer Support Plans and Young Carer Statements etc.\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (26 January 2021) (Health and Sport Committee)

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (26 January 2021) (Health and Sport Committee)

Lead Committee approval by 8 March 2021

[Bankruptcy \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (28 January 2021) (Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee)

Lead Committee approval by 9 March 2021

[Community Orders \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI/draft\)](#) (29 January 2021) (Justice Committee)

Lead Committee approval by 15 March 2021

[Sea Fishing \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (4 February 2021) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Lead Committee approval by 16 March 2021

[Plant Health \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) 5 February 2021) (5 February 2021) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee) (Withdrawn and re-laid 15 February 2021)

Lead Committee approval by 20 March 2021

[Trade in Animals and Related Products \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (9 February 2021) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Lead Committee approval by 21 March 2021

[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (10 February 2021) (Social Security Committee)

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (10 February 2021) (Social Security Committee)

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Lead Committee approval by 23 March 2021

[Disability Assistance for Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (12 February 2021) (Social Security Committee)

[Social Security Information-sharing \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (12 February 2021) (Social Security Committee)

Lead Committee approval by 28 March 2021

[Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Amendment \(Coronavirus\) Order 2021 \(2021/draft\)](#) (17 February 2021) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Lead Committee approval by 4 April 2021

[Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Acts \(Amendment of Expiry Dates\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (24 February 2021) COVID-19 Committee

Lead Committee approval by 5 April 2021

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2020 Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#) (25 February 2021) (Finance and Constitution Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 26 February 2021

Lead Committee report due by 22 February 2021

[Civil Partnership \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No.3, Saving and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/23\)](#) (18 January 2021) (Equalities and Human Rights Committee)

Subject to annulment 28 February 2021

Lead Committee report due by 22 February 2021

[Civil Partnership Between Persons of Different Sexes \(Prescribed Bodies\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/24\)](#) (20 January 2021) (Equalities and Human Rights Committee)

[Low Emission Zones \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/26\)](#) (20 January 2021) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

[Crofting Community Right to Buy \(Procedure, Ballots and Forms\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/27\)](#) (20 January 2021) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Subject to annulment by 1 March 2021

Lead Committee report due by 22 February 2021

[Education \(Fees and Student Support\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/28\)](#) (21 January 2020) (Education and Skills Committee)

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[Town and Country Planning \(General Permitted Development\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/29\)](#) (21 January 2021) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment 2 March 2021
Lead Committee report due by 1 March 2021

[Special Restrictions on Adoptions from Nigeria \(Scotland\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/30\)](#) (22 January 2020) (Education and Skills Committee)

[Education \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/31\)](#) (22 January 2021) (Education and Skills Committee)

Subject to annulment 5 March 2021
Lead Committee report due by 1 March 2021

[Rural Development \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/33\)](#) (25 January 2021) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Subject to annulment 6 March 2021
Lead Committee report due by 1 March 2021

[Restorative Justice \(Prescribed Persons\) \(Scotland\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/40\)](#) (26 January 2021) (Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 8 March 2021
Lead Committee report due by 8 March 2021

[M8 and M9 Trunk Roads \(Newbridge to Hermiston Gait\) \(Actively Managed Hard Shoulder and Speed Limit Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/43\)](#) (28 January 2021) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

[Forestry and Land Management \(Scotland\) Act 2018 \(Consequential, Saving and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/44\)](#) (28 January 2021) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Subject to annulment 9 March 2021
Lead Committee report due by 8 March 2021

[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/48\)](#) (29 January 2021) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Subject to annulment 12 March 2021
Lead Committee report due by 8 March 2021

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/51\)](#) (1 February 2021) (Social Security Committee)

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[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/56\)](#) (1 February 2021) (Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 15 March 2021
Lead Committee report due by 8 March 2021

[Non-Domestic Rating \(Valuation of Utilities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/59\)](#) (4 February 2021) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/60\)](#) (4 February 2021) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 19 March 2021
Lead Committee report due by 15 March 2021

[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/63\)](#) (8 February 2021) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(District Heating Relief and Renewable Energy Generation Relief\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/64\)](#) (8 February 2021) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying and Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/65\)](#) (8 February 2021) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment 21 March 2021
Lead Committee report due by 15 March 2021

[Food, Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/66\)](#) (10 February 2021) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 22 March 2021
Lead Committee report due by 15 March 2021

[Food Information \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/70\)](#) (11 February 2021) (Health and Sport Committee)

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Agency Arrangements\) \(Specification\) \(Overseas Production Orders\) Order 2021 \(SI 2021/144\)](#) (11 February 2021) (Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 23 March 2021
Lead Committee report due by 22 March 2021

[Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(Fees\) \(Coronavirus\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/71\)](#) (12 February 2021) (Justice Committee)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Disability Assistance for Children and Young People \(Consequential Amendment and Transitional Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/73\)](#) (12 February 2021) (Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 29 March 2021
Lead Committee report due by 22 March 2021

[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/76\)](#) (18 February 2021) (Health and Sport Committee)

[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/77\)](#) (18 February 2021) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 30 March 2021
Lead Committee report due by 22 March 2021

[Fireworks \(Scotland\) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/79\)](#) (19 February 2021) (Justice Committee)

[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2021 \(SSI 2021/80\)](#) (19 February 2021) (Justice Committee)

[Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/82\)](#) (19 February 2021) (Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 2 April 2021
Lead Committee report due by 22 March 2021

[Plant Health and Plant Propagating Material \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations \(SSI 2021/87\)](#) (22 February 2021) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

[Plant Health \(Export Certification\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/88\)](#) (22 February 2021) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Subject to annulment 3 April 2021
Lead Committee report due by 22 March 2021

[Bee Diseases and Pests Control \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/91\)](#) (23 February 2021) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

[National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/102\)](#) (23 February 2021) (Health and Sport Committee)

[Health and Care Professions Council \(Coronavirus\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Rules Order of Council 2021 \(SI 2021/167\)](#) (23 February 2021) (Health and Sport Committee)

[Health and Care Professions Council \(Registration and Fees\) \(Amendment\) Rules Order of Council 2021 \(SI 2021/70\)](#)

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Subject to annulment 3 April 2021
Lead Committee report due by 22 March 2021

[Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Acts \(Early Expiry and Suspension of Provisions\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/93\) \(24 February 2021\) \(Committee\)](#)

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[Food, Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/109\) \(25 February 2021\) \(Health and Sport Committee\)](#)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 25 February 2021—

Justice Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Justice Committee on 23 February 2021 (SP Paper 956)

Justice Committee, 5th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Financial Services Bill (SP Paper 960)

Justice Committee, 6th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill (SP Paper 961)

The following report will be published on 26 February 2021—

Local Government and Communities Committee, 8th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Community Empowerment: Taking Stock of Participation Requests and Asset Transfers Four Years On (SP Paper 959)

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 25 February 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Young Start Annual Report 2019-2020 SG/2021/37 laid under Paragraph 9, Part 3, Schedule 3 of the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2020-21 Spring Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2021 SG/2021/28 laid under at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

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