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Business Bulletin

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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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 - Please refer to the pdf for the full text of the motion

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

Committee Meetings

8:00am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

8:30am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

10:00am Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints

10:00am Health and Sport Committee

10:30am Justice Committee

11:45am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

6:30pm Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: 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

1. Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the detection of the so-called Brazilian variant of COVID-19 in Scotland. ([S5T-02690](#))

2. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the legal advice that it received regarding the judicial review into the handling of harassment complaints against the former First Minister, Alex Salmond. ([S5T-02691](#))

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

[S5M-24259](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 5: 45 minutes.

[S5M-24257](#) **Ash Denham: Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

[S5M-24177](#) **Bill Kidd on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Code of Conduct Rule changes – Treatment of Others**—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 1st report 2021 (Session 5), *Code of Conduct Rule changes - Treatment of Others* (SP Paper 940), and agrees that the changes to the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 6 May 2021.

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme - Please refer to the pdf for the full text of the motion

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 March 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.

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.

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

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 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

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.

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).

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;

"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	Cunninghame North
	Glasgow Southside	Cunninghame South
	Hamilton Larkhall & Stonehouse (excluding ward 5 Avondale & Stonehouse)	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	<p>Full Year £16,000 (Returned members)</p> <p>01/04/21 to 05/05/21 £1,534</p> <p>06/05/21 to 31/03/22 £14,466 (New Members)</p> <p>Overnight Limit £175</p>
3.2	Annual limit on entitlement to reimbursement of staff salary costs	<p>£133,200 (from 6th May)</p> <p>Full Year £129,681 (Returned Members)</p> <p>01/04/21 to 05/05/21 £9,254</p> <p>06/05/21 to 31/03/22 £120,428 (New Members)</p>
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>
4.3	Annual limit on entitlement to reimbursement of office costs for a constituency member	<p>Full Year £16,775 (Returned Members)</p> <p>01/04/21 to 05/05/21 £1,976</p> <p>06/05/21 to 31/03/22 £14,799 (New Members)</p> <p>Members able to flex up to £5,000 from Engagement Provision to Office Cost Provision.</p>
4.3	Annual limit on entitlement to reimbursement of office costs for a single regional member or for a	<p>Regional Members will be advised on an individual basis.</p>

	non-aligned regional member	
5.1	Annual limit on entitlement to reimbursement of engagement costs	<p>Full year: £13,392</p> <p>06/05/21 to 31/03/22 £12,108 (New Members)</p> <p>This new Provision does not come into force until 06/05/2021.</p> <p>Members able to flex up to £5,000 from Office Cost Provision to Engagement Provision.</p>
	Surgery Advertising Provision	<p>01/04/21 to 05/05/21 = £193</p> <p>Provision ceases after 5 May 2021</p>
	Telecommunication Provision	<p>01/04/21 to 05/05/21 = £146</p> <p>Provision ceases after 5 May 2021</p>
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

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

[S5M-24181](#) Rona Mackay: Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2021—That the Parliament notes that 1 to 7 March 2021 is Eating Disorder Awareness Week; understands that more people lose their lives from eating disorders than any other psychiatric condition; recognises that people and organisations throughout Scotland and across the world, will mark the week by raising awareness and understanding of the issue; believes that the vast majority of people with these conditions are treated in the community; welcomes, therefore, the announcement of £120 million for a mental health recovery and renewal fund, with a focus on additional support for mental health in primary

care settings and enhanced community support; notes the publication of the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland's report into the care, treatment and support for people with an eating disorder, which forms the foundation of a review of services; believes that this review will be a crucial first step in a programme of work to improve these services, and guided by the review's findings, looks forward to work in the next parliamentary session to improve support for people living with an eating disorder.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 7th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 8:00 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).
- Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider its response to the Scottish Government.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 9th Meeting, 2021

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

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

Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints 14th Meeting, 2021

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda item 2 in private.
- Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints:** The Committee will take evidence from—
James Wolffe QC, Lord Advocate, Scottish Government;

- David Harvie, Crown Agent, and Alex Prentice QC, Principal Crown Counsel, COPFS.
- Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints:** The Committee will take evidence from—
James Wolffe QC, Lord Advocate, Scottish Government;
David Harvie, Crown Agent, COPFS.
 - Work Programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Health and Sport Committee 8th Meeting, 2021

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

- 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;
Professor Devi Sridhar, Professor and Chair of Global Public Health, The University of Edinburgh.
- 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.
- COVID-19 health protection travel regulations (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Audit Scotland - NHS in Scotland 2020 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Justice Committee 9th Meeting, 2021

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

- 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.
- 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)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 8th Meeting, 2021

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

- 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 \(SSI 2021/draft\);](#)
 - [Disability Assistance for Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\) \(Withdrawn and re-laid\).](#)
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 \(SSI 2021/98\);](#)
 - [National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/102\);](#)
 - [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.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 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).

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 24 February 2021

Wednesday 3 March 2021

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions - The Presiding Officer has selected the following groupings: Social Security and Older People: Q1 and Q8; Finance Q3 and Q7

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

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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>

Local Government and Communities Committee

3 March 2021

10th Meeting, 2021

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning, Amanda Callaghan, Head of Private Housing Services Unit, Housing and Social Justice Directorate, Yvonne Gavan, Legislation and Strategy Team Leader, Housing and Social Justice Directorate, and Craig McGuffie, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government;
and then from—
Pauline McNeill, Member in charge of the Bill, Scottish Labour Party;
Mike Dailly, Principal Solicitor and Solicitor Advocate, Govan Law Centre;
Kate Spence, Researcher, MSP staff, Scottish Labour Party.
3. **Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 10 March, the Committee will take evidence from organisations that work with individuals that have no recourse to public funds. The Committee also expects to consider 2 Public Petitions: PE1743: Amend the law to protect the rights of pre-1989 Scottish Secure Tenant and PE1778: Review the Scottish Landlords Register scheme. The Committee will also consider Subordinate Legislation on Planning and an analysis of responses to the call for views on licensing of static mobile homes with permanent residents.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

3 March 2021

8th Meeting, 2021

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

1. **Agriculture and Fisheries update:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism, John Kerr, Head of Agricultural Policy Division, George Burgess, Deputy Director of Food and Drink, and Jane MacPherson, Team Leader for Catching Policy and Future Fisheries Management, Scottish Government.

2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following affirmative instruments have been laid under the appropriate procedure—
The Sea Fishing (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

The Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

The Trade in Animals and Related Products (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Sea Fishing (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, the Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, the Trade in Animals and Related Products (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 and the Rural Support (Controls) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] from—
Ben Macpherson, Minister for Rural Affairs and Natural Environment, Lynne Stewart, Head of Direct Payments, Andrew Crawley, Lawyer, Jesus Gallego, Head of Agriculture and Rural Economy EU Exit Unit & Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer (Scotland), Keith White, Lawyer, Owen D. Griffiths, Marine Scotland Legislation Manager, Lucy McMichael, Lawyer, Debbie Kessel, Branch Head of Plant Health Policy, and Rachel Coutts, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Ben Macpherson (Minister for Rural Affairs and Natural Environment) to move—
S5M-24228—That the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that the Sea Fishing (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Ben Macpherson (Minister for Rural Affairs and Natural Environment) to move—
S5M-24145—That the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that the Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** Ben Macpherson (Minister for Rural Affairs and Natural Environment) to move—
S5M-24226—That Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that the Trade in Animals and Related Products (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.
7. **Subordinate legislation:** Ben Macpherson (Minister for Rural Affairs and Natural Environment) to move—
S5M-24227—That Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that the Rural Support (Controls) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.
8. **Construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands, and Chris Wilcock, Head of Ferries Unit, Scottish Government;
Tim Hair, Turnaround Director, Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Ltd.

Proposed future business

The Committee is likely to next meet on 10 March 2021. For further information, contact Steve Farrell the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are rec.committee@parliament.scot.

Education and Skills Committee

3 March 2021

8th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in a virtual meeting

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument-SSI 2021/71: The Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees) (Coronavirus) Amendment Regulations 2021
3. **Coronavirus and Education :** The Committee will take evidence from-

Carrie Lindsay, President, and Steven Quinn, Chair of the Curriculum, Assessment and Qualifications Network, Association of Directors of Education in Scotland;
Gayle Gorman, Chief Inspector of Education and Chief Executive, and Janie McManus, Strategic Director for Scrutiny, Education Scotland;
Fiona Robertson, Chief Executive, and Jean Blair, Director of Operations, Scottish Qualifications Authority.

4. **Review of evidence** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.
5. **Legacy paper:** The Committee will consider a draft legacy paper.

Proposed future business

For further information regarding the Committees work please contact Gary Cocker the Clerk to the Committee, whose contact details are es.committee@parliament.scot

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

4 March 2021

8th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in a virtual meeting that will be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **EU trade and co-operation agreement:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Stephen Phillips, Partner, CMS;
Professor Andrea Nolan, Principal, Edinburgh Napier University and Convener, Universities Scotland International Committee;
William Bain, Trade Policy Adviser, British Retail Consortium;

and then from—

Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs,
David Barnes, Deputy Director, EU Exit Strategy and Negotiations, and Justin

McKenzie Smith, Deputy Director, EU Exit and Economy, Directorate for International Trade and Investment, Scottish Government.

2. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
3. **Correspondence (in private):** The Committee will consider draft correspondence.

Proposed future business

The next meeting of the Committee is on 11 March. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Herbert, on europe@parliament.scot.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

4 March 2021

8th Meeting, 2021

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of Bòrd na Gàidhlig: Governance and transparency:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Paul Johnston, Director-General, Education, Communities and Justice, and Graeme Logan, Director of Learning, Scottish Government.

3. **Key audit themes - Scottish Government support for public bodies:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Paul Johnston, Director-General, Education, Communities and Justice, Sharon Fairweather, Director of Internal Audit and Assurance, and Catriona McLean, Deputy Director Public Sector Reform, Public Sector and Third Sector, Scottish Government.

4. **Key audit themes - Scottish Government support for public bodies:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Michael Oliphant, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.
5. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of Bòrd na Gàidhlig: Governance and transparency:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Michael Oliphant, Audit Director, Audit Scotland;
Pat Kenny, Director, and Conor Healy, Manager, Audit and Assurance, Deloitte LLP.
6. **Post-legislative scrutiny - The Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Minister for Community Safety.
7. **Section 22 report - The 2019/20 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Scottish Government.
8. **Post-legislative scrutiny - The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to its report.
9. **Legacy paper:** The Committee will consider revisions to a draft Legacy paper.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lucy Scharbert at papls.committee@parliament.scot

Social Security Committee

4 March 2021

6th Meeting, 2021

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

- 1. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2021 from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Scottish Government;
David George, Disability Benefits Policy Team Leader;
Kirsten Simonnet-Lefevre, Principal Legal Officer, and David Hilber, Case Transfer Policy Lead, Scottish Government.
- 2. Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move—S5M-24149—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.
- 3. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—The Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Consequential Amendment and Transitional Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2020/73)
- 4. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Regulations 2021 from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Scottish Government;
Andrew Hiskett, Information Governance Policy Officer;
Ryan Laurenson, Product Owner;
Susan Robb, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
- 5. Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move— S5M-24148—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.
- 6. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2021 and The Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, and Camilo Arredondo, Solicitor, Scottish Government;
Vana Anastasiadou, Economic Adviser, Social Security Policy Analysis and Modelling;
Veronica Smith, Cross-cutting Policy Adviser, Social Security Policy.
- 7. Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move—S5M-24124—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.
- 8. Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move—S5M-24125—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.
- 9. Social Security response to Covid (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft inquiry report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 11 March, the Committee expects to receive a presentation from Dr Simon Roberts, Associate Professor of Public and Social Policy at the University of Nottingham on the impact of Brexit on devolved social security. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

4 March 2021

6th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Amendment (Coronavirus) Order 2021 [draft] and the Scottish Parliament General Election from—
Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans;
Iain Hockenhull, Elections Policy Adviser, Roddy Angus, Elections Policy Advisor, and Colin Brown, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Graeme Dey (Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans) to move—S5M-24190—That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Amendment (Coronavirus) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.
4. **Scottish Parliament practices and procedures:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Parliament practices and procedures in relation to its business in session 5 from—
Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans;
Steven Macgregor, Head of Parliament and Legislation Unit, and Al Gibson, Policy Adviser, Scottish Government.
5. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 12 May 2020 to 24 March 2021
6. **Scottish Parliament practices and procedures:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Standing Order Rule Changes (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report and draft Standing Order Rule Changes to Private and Hybrid Bill procedures.
8. **Standing Order Rule Changes (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report and draft Standing Order Rule Changes in relation to the Public Petitions system.
9. **Standing Order Rule Changes (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report and a draft Standing Order Rule Change in relation to SPCB urgent questions.
10. **Code of Conduct Rule changes (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report and draft Code of Conduct Rule changes in relation to the Register of Interests.

Proposed future business

The Committee will next meet on 11 March.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katy Orr, at SPPACcommittee@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:

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

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

Motions for Debate

***[S5M-24263](#) Monica Lennon: Scotland's Recovery**—That the Parliament believes that the next parliamentary session must be focused on rebuilding the economy for all of Scotland after the COVID-19 pandemic and addressing the structural inequalities that the pandemic has exposed in society and the opportunities that have been continually missed to deliver for workers and transform the exploitative, low-wage economy; calls therefore on the Scottish Government to recognise the need for a bold system change and for urgent action to make Scotland a Fair Work Nation, including prioritising greater support for disabled workers, ethnic minorities, women and young workers who often experience poorer work outcomes and are often more heavily concentrated in precarious and low-paid work; adhering to fair work principles, calls for further support for businesses and sectors hit hardest, to protect and create jobs, and agrees that the green economic recovery must be people-centred and incorporate community wealth building opportunities in order to drive success, wellbeing and prosperity for individuals, businesses and communities across the whole of Scotland.

***[S5M-24257](#) Ash Denham: Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Supported by: Humza Yousaf*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S5M-24264](#) Neil Findlay: Growing Together Community Project in Craigshill Supports People Through the Pandemic**—That the Parliament commends the efforts of the Growing Together community project in Craigshill; understands that the project supports local residents to access healthy and fresh produce, and runs online cooking and gardening workshops, and believes that this is an excellent community initiative to help people through these difficult times.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Ruth Maguire*, Bill Kidd*

***[S5M-24262](#) Michael Matheson: Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Managed Accommodation and Testing) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/107)**—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that the Health Protection (Coronavirus)

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(International Travel) (Managed Accommodation and Testing etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/107) be approved.

Supported by: Paul Wheelhouse*

***[S5M-24261](#) Alex Rowley: Targeted Funding for Scottish Cleaners**—That the Parliament supports calls from members and non-members of the Domestic Cleaning Business Network trade association to make financial support available specifically to the cleaning industry in Scotland; understands that the Domestic Cleaning Business Network is the largest trade association for domestic cleaners in the UK; recognises that domestic cleaners have been massively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of Scottish Government restrictions and that Scotland is the only UK nation to restrict domestic cleaning activities; believes that as a result of these measures, targeted financial support is needed from the Scottish Government, especially given reports that the industry has been refused specific funding or access to the Strategic Business Framework Funding as the cleaners are not recognised as either being deemed essential or part of the supply chain to those businesses prohibited by law to open under the tiered restriction levels; notes that affected cleaning service providers have been directed to the Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (SEIS) funding or discretionary funding, for which they are often not eligible; recognises that whilst furlough funding has been provided to many businesses, this does not consider the overheads for insurance, premises, legal and accounting fees, pensions, and national insurance contributions or rent; is aware that the criteria for discretionary funding as well as payments varies from local authority to local authority and is not specifically targeted towards the cleaning industry, with the exception of one council; is further aware that many applications have been rejected by individual local authorities or the criteria excludes the businesses from even applying in the first instance; listens to the calls from the industry that cleaning businesses throughout Scotland are now in an untenable position where job losses and business closures are inevitable, and as such, believes that targeted funding is essential to ensure the survival of the industry and the jobs and livelihoods it supports.

***[S5M-24260](#) Miles Briggs: Motion of No Confidence**—That the Parliament has no confidence in the Deputy First Minister, in light of the Scottish Government's continued failure to publish legal advice called for in two resolutions of the Parliament on 4 and 25 November 2020.

Supported by: Oliver Mundell*, Bill Bowman*, Jackson Carlaw*, Maurice Corry*, Tom Mason*, Liam Kerr*, Rachael Hamilton*, Annie Wells*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Jamie Greene*, Brian Whittle*, Alison Harris*, Donald Cameron*, Peter Chapman*, Liz Smith*, Dean Lockhart*, Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*, Graham Simpson*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Alexander Burnett*, Edward Mountain*, John Scott*, Maurice Golden*

***[S5M-24259](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 5: 45 minutes.

***[S5M-24258](#) Murdo Fraser: St Johnstone FC winning Betfred Cup**—That the Parliament congratulates St Johnstone FC on winning this year's Betfred Cup by beating Livingston 1-0 at

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Hampden Park on 28 February 2021; notes that this is the Perth club's second major national trophy in their 137-year history, following winning the Scottish Cup in 2014, and wishes St Johnstone FC all the best for the future.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Peter Chapman*, Richard Lyle*, Kenneth Gibson*, Alexander Stewart*, Liz Smith*, Edward Mountain*, Liam Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*, Brian Whittle*, Donald Cameron*, Ruth Maguire*, Margaret Mitchell*

***S5M-24256 Kenneth Gibson: Going Further for Student Carers Recognition Award for Ayrshire College**—That the Parliament congratulates Ayrshire College on achieving the Going Further for Student Carers Recognition Award; acknowledges the commitment required and the challenges faced by student carers; understands that this award from Carers Trust Scotland incentivises and encourages colleges to adopt a sustainable, whole-institution approach to supporting student carers; commends the hard work of staff from Ayrshire college in identifying and supporting carers, and wishes students and staff all the best as they continue to build on this success.

***S5M-24255 Colin Beattie: Congratulations to Environmental Placement Programme** —That the Parliament congratulates all those who were involved in the Environmental Placement Programme (EPP) over the last year, which offers placements to graduates to allow them to promote behavioural change in relation to climate change within a professional environment; recognises that the EPP Awards 2020 took place on 23 February 2021 in a virtual capacity and that the EPP and the Awards Ceremony are organised by Bright Green Business; congratulates this year's winner, Rowan Stanforth, who won the award of 'Most Enterprising Environmental Intern 2020', and also the runner up, Kathleen Painter; recognises that these winners have gone the extra mile in finding innovative routes to making their host organisations even more environmentally friendly; notes that the EPP has placed over 1,000 students into organisations across Scotland and that this has generated long term employment for young people, with 60% of EPP graduates being hired by their host organisation following their placement last year; highlights that in the face of a global Climate Emergency, it is vital to have innovative thinkers who are minded towards how we can make Scotland more environmentally friendly; thanks all organisations who have offered placements, and understands that the EPP welcome any businesses who wish to meet environmental goals to get involved in the scheme; congratulates the EPP on another successful year of placements, and celebrates all those who were involved with the programme this year who have worked towards a more sustainable Scotland.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Kenneth Gibson*, Richard Lyle*, Stewart Stevenson*, Stuart McMillan*, Sandra White*, Ruth Maguire*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-24252 Beatrice Wishart: Upstart Scotland (lodged on 26 February 2021)

New Support: Liam McArthur*, Iain Gray*

S5M-24251 Alasdair Allan: Police Bravery Award for Donald MacPhee (lodged on 26 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

S5M-24250 Mark McDonald: Charities and Community Organisations Welcome FAIRER Aberdeen's Funding (lodged on 26 February 2021)

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New Support: Bob Doris*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24249](#) Monica Lennon: Two-minute Silence in Memory of the People who have Lost their Lives to COVID-19 (lodged on 26 February 2021)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Elaine Smith*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24248](#) Alexander Stewart: Alloa First's Alloa Marketplace Online Initiative (lodged on 26 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24244](#) Clare Adamson: Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2021 (lodged on 25 February 2021)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Mark Griffin*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24242](#) Gail Ross: Dunnet Forestry Trust Launches Plans to Develop Community Assets (lodged on 25 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24240](#) Richard Leonard: Solidarity to the Striking BT Openreach Repayment Project Engineers (lodged on 25 February 2021)

New Support: Neil Findlay*

[S5M-24239](#) Sandra White: Gray Day: A Celebration of Alasdair Gray (lodged on 25 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24233](#) Bob Doris: Christine Murray's Inspirational Service of Asylum Seekers and Refugees (lodged on 26 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24214](#) Alison Johnstone: General Practice during the Pandemic (lodged on 23 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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

New Support: Johann Lamont*, Elaine Smith*, Liam McArthur*, Ruth Maguire*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire*, Mark Griffin*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24199](#) Alexander Burnett: Further Support for Autism and Learning Disabilities (lodged on 22 February 2021)

New Support: Iain Gray*, Brian Whittle*, Johann Lamont*

[S5M-24197](#) Sandra White: Glasgow, the World's Friendliest City (lodged on 22 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24195](#) Jamie Greene: The Carer Aware at University Programme (lodged on 23 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24194](#) Alexander Stewart: Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month 2021 (lodged on 22 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24191](#) Alexander Stewart: Brain Tumour Awareness Month 2021 (lodged on 22 February 2021)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24186](#) Mary Fee: Tesco Installing Changing Places Toilets (lodged on 22 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24185](#) Mark Griffin: Launch of Carer Aware at University (lodged on 22 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24184](#) Donald Cameron: Campbeltown Town Centre Wins Scotland's Most Improved Place Award (lodged on 22 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24183](#) Gil Paterson: East Dunbartonshire One of the Best Places in the UK to Live and Work (lodged on 19 February 2021)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24182](#) Gil Paterson: Milngavie Resident Pushes for a Greener Scotland with Sustainable Local Delivery Service (lodged on 19 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24181](#) Rona Mackay: Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2021 (lodged on 19 February 2021)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Neil Findlay*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24180](#) Mark McDonald: Friends of ANCHOR Pledges £100,000 for Cancer Research in the North East (lodged on 19 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24178](#) John Finnie: The Highland Charter for Responsible Investment (lodged on 18 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24176](#) Angus MacDonald: 80th Anniversary of 470 (Falkirk) Squadron Air Training Corps (lodged on 18 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24175](#) Gil Paterson: Golden Friendship Group Spread the Love this Valentine's Day (lodged on 18 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24174](#) Claudia Beamish: NHS Lanarkshire Bike Appeal (lodged on 17 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24172](#) Bob Doris: Advice Direct, Scotland's new Scotland-specific Benefits Calculator (lodged on 17 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24169](#) Sandra White: Increase in Support for Pro-independence Parties at the Catalan Election (lodged on 17 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24154](#) Gail Ross: Scotland's Potential to be a Rewilding Nation (lodged on 17 February 2021)

New Support: Neil Findlay*, Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24152](#) Alex Rowley: National Centres of Excellence in Low Carbon Skills (lodged on 16 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24150](#) Alexander Burnett: Huntly Community Spirit (lodged on 16 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S5M-24147](#) Rona Mackay: Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus and Orchestra Raises £390,000 for CHAS (lodged on 16 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24144](#) Jenny Marra: Threats of Violence Against Elected Representatives (lodged on 16 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24143](#) Murdo Fraser: Sir William Macpherson (lodged on 16 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24142](#) Kenneth Gibson: Scotland's Industrial Biotechnology Sector Exceeds Growth Expectations (lodged on 16 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24141](#) Clare Adamson: In Memory of Sydney Devine (lodged on 16 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24140](#) Rona Mackay: Fairtrade Fortnight in Strathkelvin and Bearsden (lodged on 16 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24139](#) John Finnie: Investing in Scotland's Railways (lodged on 16 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24135](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: NatWest Bank's Campaign, Supporting Female Entrepreneurship (lodged on 15 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24133](#) Gillian Martin: Keenan Recycling Wins Sustainability Award (lodged on 15 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24132](#) Bill Kidd: Chinese Year of the Ox (lodged on 15 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24131](#) Jeremy Balfour: Edinburgh Maggie's 50 Miles in January Running Challenge (lodged on 15 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24130](#) John Finnie: Recovery of Inshore Seas (lodged on 15 February 2021)

New Support: Ross Greer*

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[S5M-24129](#) Lewis Macdonald: World's First Hydrogen Double-decker Bus Launched into service in Aberdeen (lodged on 12 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24128](#) Christine Grahame: Broughton Village Store, Supporting Communities (lodged on 12 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24127](#) Gordon MacDonald: Heriot-Watt University Celebrates Bicentenary (lodged on 12 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24126](#) Gil Paterson: 1st Bearsden Rainbow Unit, Staying Connected During Lockdown (lodged on 11 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24122](#) Colin Beattie: Musselburgh Rugby Club receives £50,000 (lodged on 11 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24120](#) Angus MacDonald: Funding for Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway (lodged on 11 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24119](#) Annabelle Ewing: Alexander Gillan, Veteran of the Arctic Convoys (lodged on 11 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24117](#) Liam McArthur: Commonwealth Day 2021 (lodged on 11 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24116](#) Andy Wightman: Astley Ainslie Community Trust (lodged on 11 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24114](#) Annabelle Ewing: Congratulations to Joanne Saurin, Empty Homes Officer, Fife Council (lodged on 11 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24113](#) Gil Paterson: Bankie Josie's Support for NHSGGC Appeal is "From the Heart" (lodged on 10 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24112](#) Neil Findlay: Tesco (lodged on 10 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[S5M-24111](#) Gil Paterson: 80th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz (lodged on 10 February 2021)

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New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[**S5M-24110**](#) **Brian Whittle: Police Horse, Orkney** (lodged on 11 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[**S5M-24101**](#) **Rachael Hamilton: NHS Borders Maternity Ward Award** (lodged on 11 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

[**S5M-24077**](#) **Neil Findlay: Rachel Kennedy and her Family and Friends Raise Funds for Cervical Cancer Awareness** (lodged on 11 February 2021)

New Support: Ruth Maguire*

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Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 02 March 2021

1. Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the detection of the so-called Brazilian variant of COVID-19 in Scotland. ([S5T-02690](#))

2. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the legal advice that it received regarding the judicial review into the handling of harassment complaints against the former First Minister, Alex Salmond. ([S5T-02691](#))

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 04 March 2021

1. Ruth Davidson: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04857](#))

2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04863](#))

3. Patrick Harvie: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04859](#))

4. Willie Rennie: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04860](#))

5. John Mason: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the UK Budget. ([S5F-04877](#))

6. Brian Whittle: To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to protect and strengthen social connection in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S5F-04870](#))

7. David Stewart: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that Scotland faces a penalty of up to £190 million because of irregularities in its EU structural fund spending. ([S5F-04866](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 10 March 2021

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 03 March 2021. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 04 March 2021.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

1. James Dornan
2. Mark Ruskell
3. Alison Johnstone
4. Iain Gray
5. Neil Findlay
6. Edward Mountain
7. Fulton MacGregor
8. David Torrance

Rural Economy and Tourism

1. Lewis Macdonald

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2. Liam Kerr
3. Stuart McMillan
4. Stewart Stevenson
5. Alasdair Allan
6. Christine Grahame
7. Keith Brown
8. Jamie Halcro Johnston

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 11 March 2021

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 03 March 2021. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 04 March 2021.

Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

1. Joan McAlpine
2. Shona Robison
3. Alex Cole-Hamilton
4. Gail Ross
5. James Kelly
6. Jeremy Balfour
7. Tom Mason
8. Annabelle Ewing

Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 01 March 2021

[S5W-35591](#) John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government what level of damage to the marine environment it would support in furtherance of the economic interests of the salmon farming industry.

[S5W-35593](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the potential impact on Scotland of the UK Government's consultation on changes to the Electronic Communications Code.

[S5W-35594](#) James Kelly: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to target COVID-19 vaccinations in deprived areas following the completion of vaccination roll-out for medically-vulnerable groups.

[S5W-35595](#) James Kelly: To ask the Scottish Government how it will support the recovery of deprived areas from the COVID-19 pandemic.

[S5W-35596](#) Elaine Smith: To ask the Scottish Government when the Ministerial Working Group on Food will provide an update on the Statement of Policy on Food, and how it will ensure the maximum level of stakeholder engagement in the development and implementation of a national food policy.

[S5W-35597](#) James Kelly: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the reported increase in retail crime during the COVID-19 pandemic, whether it will establish a fund to support retailers seeking to improve their CCTV and security systems.

[S5W-35602](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what further temporary measures will be put in place to sustain the current Old Military Road and the Rest and Be Thankful while the replacement of the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful is being agreed and built.

[S5W-35603](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government by what date in Spring 2021 a new corridor for the Rest and Be Thankful will be agreed and announced.

[S5W-35604](#) Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government how long after a preferred new corridor for the Rest and Be Thankful has been agreed and announced, a full timetable for the replacement of the Rest and Be Thankful will be published.

[S5W-35605](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when afterschool and breakfast clubs will be able to reopen under its revised COVID-19 Strategic Framework.

[S5W-35606](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when day centres that allow unpaid carers to get respite will be able to reopen under its revised COVID-19 Strategic Framework.

[S5W-35607](#) Johann Lamont: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of any meetings it has had with the Leader of Glasgow City Council in the last three months, including what was discussed at each meeting.

[S5W-35608](#) Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the feasibility study for the former Ayr Station Hotel.

[S5W-35609](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of data on deaths from COVID-19 to assess how many of the people who died were disabled, and whether it will publish any figures it has on this matter.

[S5W-35610](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what actions are available to Police Scotland when a person or organisation deliberately withholds materials that are subject to a search warrant.

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S5W-35611 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of including obesity as one of the indicators of health inequalities as part of its annual monitoring of measures to reduce inequalities across the country.

S5W-35612 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of COVID-19 on the provision of weight management services.

S5W-35613 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the impact of COVID-19 on people diagnosed with obesity, what consideration it has given to publishing an updated obesity strategy.

S5W-35614 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it supports the aims of World Obesity Day 2021, and whether it plans to tackle weight stigma as part of its obesity strategy, *A healthier future: Scotland's diet and healthy weight delivery plan*.

S5W-35615 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many people in managed isolation have tested positive for COVID-19 since their arrival in Scotland, and which variants of COVID-19 they have tested positive for.

S5W-35617 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the experience of Victoria in Australia in tackling COVID-19 to a point where no new cases were being reported and restrictions could be lifted.

S5W-35618 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when vocational and practical classes and training such as cooking classes will be able to restart under its revised COVID-19 Strategic Framework.

S5W-35619 Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-35095 by Michael Matheson on 25 February 2021, how much has been (a) spent on each operator of last resort contingency plan for both franchises and (b) paid to (i) MacRoberts, (ii) Ove Arup and Partners Ltd and (iii) Bramble Hub.

S5W-35620 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when prison officers will be offered the COVID-19 vaccine.

S5W-35621 Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will permit the use of transparent face coverings, in line with other parts of the UK, and, if so, by what date.

S5W-35622 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government when contact sports for 12- to 17-year-olds will be allowed to restart under its revised COVID-19 Strategic Framework.

S5W-35623 Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) of the 2017 COPD best practice guide, and what additional resources have been made available to (a) NHS boards and (b) integration joint boards to implement the guide's recommendations.

S5W-35625 Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government whether the respiratory care action plan will supersede the 2017 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) best practice guide.

S5W-35626 Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government how many emergency hospital attendances there have been for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in each year since 2017, broken down by the average (a) length of stay and (b) cost of treatment per patient.

S5W-35638 Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the UK Government regarding (a) people and (b) businesses who have been unable to access (i) the Self Employment Income Support Scheme, (ii) the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and (iii) other HMRC-issued financial assistance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

S5W-35639 Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will extend the eligibility criteria for the Strategic Framework Business Fund to include non-ratepaying businesses across a wider range of circumstances than current criteria allow for.

S5W-35640 Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will include co-working offices and studio spaces on Level 4 Strategic Framework Business Grant eligibility list, in light of

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the impact on their businesses of the instruction to work from home wherever possible that was issued on 4 January 2021.

[S5W-35641](#) Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the closure of non-essential click and collect retail, what its position is on whether businesses that sell a mixture of essential and non-essential items and are permitted to remain open during the COVID-19 lockdown should continue to sell non-essential items.

[S5W-35642](#) Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress with the Managed Isolation Welfare Fund.

[S5W-35643](#) Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government what the proposed timescale is for the allocation of financial support to (a) buildings with the greatest and (b) all other buildings with cladding replacement needs.

[S5W-35644](#) Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to have completed its assessment of the funding required for the replacement of unsafe cladding on buildings.

[S5W-35645](#) Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the steps it is taking to ensure that (a) developers take at least partial financial responsibility for the replacement of unsafe cladding and (b) the cost of replacing unsafe cladding is affordable for all home owners.

[S5W-35646](#) Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage higher education institutions to enrol more young people from Scotland.

[S5W-35647](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether it would consider opening non-contact horse-related events such as endurance riding from 15 March 2021, in light of the safety measures that the Scottish Endurance Riding Club and other equine event organisers have put in place to allow their events to go ahead.

[S5W-35648](#) Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will reconsider using mass vaccination venues as the main premises for administering the COVID-19 vaccine to people with learning disabilities and autism, and whether it will consider offering the vaccine to these groups through their GPs, in light of this offering a more familiar environment for people who may experience sensory overload.

[S5W-35651](#) Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government on what date further COVID-19 grant support for bed and breakfasts will become available.

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 1 March 2021

Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3

Section 3

Adam Tomkins

1 In section 3, page 4, line 22, at end insert—

<() For the purposes of subsection (4), in determining whether behaviour or communication was reasonable, particular regard must be had to the importance of the right to freedom of expression by virtue of Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights, including the general principle that the right applies to the expression of information or ideas that offend, shock or disturb.>

Adam Tomkins

2 In section 3, page 5, line 2, at end insert—

<() This section should be read and given effect subject to the general principle that the right to freedom of expression applies to the expression of information or ideas that offend, shock or disturb.>

Adam Tomkins

3 In section 3, page 5, line 2, at end insert—

<() For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this section qualifies or modifies the general principle that the right to freedom of expression applies to the expression of information or ideas that offend, shock or disturb.>

New Subordinate Legislation

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Not laid instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 March 2021 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/108 (C.6))

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, Colin Smyth, Neil Findlay

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).

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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

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Stage 2 completed, 23 February 2021

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)), 3 March 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 (lead committee (Local Government and Communities)), 3 March 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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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:

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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

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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

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

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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)

Subject to approval by 25 March 2021

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 7\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/111\)](#) (26 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)

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

[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)

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

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) (*withdrawn and re-laid, 26 February 2021*)

[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

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

[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

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

[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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[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)

[Social Security \(Industrial Injuries Benefit and Personal Independence Payment\) \(Telephone and Video Assessment\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/97\)](#) (24 February 2021) (Committee)

[Town and Country Planning \(Cairnryan Border Control Posts\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) Special Development Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/98\)](#) (24 February 2021) (Committee)

[Town and Country Planning \(Pre-Application Consultation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/99\)](#) (24 February 2021) (Committee)

[Town and Country Planning \(Emergency Period and Extended Period\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/100\)](#) (24 February 2021) (Committee)

[Looked After Children \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021 SSI 2021/103](#) (SSI 2021/103) (24 February 2021) (Committee)

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

[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 report was published on 1 March 2021—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 12th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 962)

The following reports will be published on 2 March 2021—

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Key audit themes: Managing public sector ICT projects (SP Paper 963)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Standing Order Rule changes on the financial scrutiny of bills (SP Paper 964)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Standing Order Rule changes - Equalities and Human Rights Committee remit (SP Paper 965)

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 1 March 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: Scrutiny Report on the Draft Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2021 SCoSS/2021/02 laid under 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Acoustic Deterrent Device (ADD) Use in the Aquaculture Sector Parliamentary Report: SG/2021/41 laid under section 15 of the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protection and Powers) (Scotland) Act 2020

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