Wednesday 22 September 2021

Business Bulletin Iris Ghnothaichean



Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Diversion from Prosecution

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: ScotRail

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-00792 Stuart McMillan: National Eye Health Week 2021

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

9:30am Education, Children and Young People Committee

10:00am Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

10:00am Economy and Fair Work Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business – Qs 3, 4 and 7

Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business

1. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government how its policies and actions across government will support Ayrshire's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. (<u>S6O-00167</u>)

2. Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government what actions it is taking to measure the progress of its COVID-19 recovery policies. (<u>S6O-00168</u>)

3. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government how it will monitor and review the COVID-19 vaccine certification scheme. (<u>S6O-00169</u>)

4. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements are in place for people to question their COVID-19 vaccine certification status if they believe their records are incorrect. (S60-00170)

5. Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government how its policies and actions across government will support Mid Scotland and Fife to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. (<u>S60-00171</u>)

6. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the Covid recovery secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding action to support the hospitality sector to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. (<u>S6O-00172</u>)

7. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the anticipated criteria for exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine certification scheme. (<u>S6O-00173</u>)

8. Dean Lockhart: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on crossgovernment co-ordination of COVID-19 recovery policies. (<u>S6O-00174</u>)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport

1. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the aspects of the Strategic Transport Projects Review regarding the Scottish Borders. (<u>S60-00175</u>)

2. Michelle Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is giving to young people in the run up to COP26 to ensure that their views on climate change are listened to. (S6O-00176)

3. Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making in meeting its target of planting 30 million trees by the end of 2021, and whether it achieved the 22 million target last year. (S60-00177)

4. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to improve journey times on the Dumfries-Glasgow and Stranraer-Ayr railway services, to help reduce emissions from the use of other modes of transport. (S6O-00178)

5. Sandesh Gulhane: [Not Lodged] (S6O-00179)

6. Fiona Hyslop: To ask the Scottish Government how the commitments in the Programme for Government will help secure a net zero nation. (<u>S6O-00180</u>)

7. Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government how it will support Scotland's move to a more circular economy. (<u>S60-00181</u>)

8. Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it remains supportive of Opportunity North East's ambition of establishing an energy transition zone adjacent to the new Aberdeen South Harbour. (<u>S6O-00182</u>) **R**

followed by Ministerial Statement: Diversion from Prosecution

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: ScotRail

<u>S6M-01300</u> Neil Bibby: ScotRail—That the Parliament considers that decisions taken in the coming months will shape the future of Scotland's railways for years to come; believes there should be no overall reduction in ScotRail services, compared with pre-pandemic levels, when new timetables are introduced in 2022; calls on Scottish ministers to reject overall service reductions; supports Scotland's railway workers in their current industrial disputes with ScotRail; calls on Scottish ministers to intervene to help resolve these disputes with fair settlements for workers; notes that 22 September 2021 is World Car Free Day, a day to promote alternatives to car use; calls on Scottish ministers to commit to an affordable, clean, green, reliable and modern railway that is publicly owned and accountable, with representation for trade unions and passengers in governance of a new public sector operator, and believes that the Scottish Government should set out a vision for the future of Scotland's railways based on service improvement, fair work and the decarbonisation of passenger rail services to help meet Scotland's net zero ambitions.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-01300.2 Graeme Dey: ScotRail—As an amendment to motion S6M-01300 in the name of Neil Bibby (ScotRail), leave out from "considers" to end and insert "welcomes the opportunity for decisions to be taken in the coming months that will shape the future of Scotland's railways; acknowledges the opportunity to create a national rail service that meets the country's needs and travel patterns by building back to pre-pandemic levels but also provides for expected future demand; thanks Scotland's railway workers and staff for their commitment to keeping services running during unprecedented circumstances; recognises the financial challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, but also believes that staff should be paid fairly and expects the employer to lead dialogue with trade unions to resolve current industrial disputes, with the aim of restoring rail services and re-establishing mutually acceptable industrial relations; welcomes that 22 September 2021 is World Car Free Day, a day to promote and undertake alternatives to car use; notes that Scottish ministers are committed to an affordable, clean, green, reliable and modern railway that is publicly owned and accountable, and founded on Fair Work First criteria, with representation for staff and passengers in the governance of a new public sector operator, and recognises that the Scottish Government will set out a vision for the future of Scotland's railways based on service improvement, fair work, the decarbonisation of passenger rail services and an increase in rail freight, to help meet Scotland's net zero ambitions."

<u>S6M-01300.1</u> Graham Simpson: ScotRail—As an amendment to motion S6M-01300 in the name of Neil Bibby (ScotRail), leave out from "supports" to end and insert "notes the disruption that the RMT strikes have been having on passengers across the country and calls on the Scottish Government to work to deliver a resolution; further notes the Scottish Government's intention to nationalise the service in March 2022 and therefore calls for the details and costs of its plans to be published urgently; believes that any operating model must put delivering a reliable and affordable service for passengers at the heart of its aim; notes the work of the Williams Rail Review and calls

upon the Scottish Government to consider its recommendations carefully; further calls for the Scottish Government to undertake a review of disused tracks and stations with a view to reopening those that would support local growth and connectivity, and notes that, for many people across Scotland, particularly in rural areas, car travel is a necessity not a choice."

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis

<u>S6M-01302</u> Jackie Baillie: Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis—That the Parliament thanks the Scottish Ambulance Service paramedics, technicians, call handlers and other frontline workers who are under significant stress as they cope with the current pressures on the health service; regrets the failure of the Scottish Government to address the underlying and systematic problems facing both the ambulance service and the wider health and social care service that predate the COVID-19 pandemic; welcomes the support of the British Army in helping alleviate the current pressures on NHS workers and patients; recommends that the Scottish Government adopt a 30-minute maximum turnaround time for ambulances from arrival at hospital, which will release paramedics to answer other calls, and protect staff welfare and wellbeing by reducing shift over-runs and guarding rest periods, and further calls on the Scottish Government to increase capacity in the health service ahead of winter by calling on recently retired staff to return temporarily and establishing temporary wards and field hospitals to ease the pressure on Accident and Emergency departments and manage the clinical backlog.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-01302.3 Humza Yousaf: Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis—As an amendment to motion S6M-01302 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis), leave out from "regrets" to end and insert "recognises that excessively long waits for an ambulance can lead to worse outcomes for patients, and that the Scottish Government and Scottish Ambulance Service have apologised to people who have experienced long waits; notes that the Scottish Government has previously invested an additional £20 million to increase staff capacity in the ambulance service by almost 300; welcomes that an extra £20 million is now being invested to increase capacity further, including funding military personnel, recruiting additional Hospital Ambulance Liaison Officers, working with NHS boards to create Temporary Admission Wards and aiming to recruit 100 paramedic students to help alleviate the current pressures on ambulance staff, NHS workers and patients; further notes that the steps outlined by the health secretary will help alleviate pressure on the service in the immediate term and looking ahead to the winter; commends military personnel and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, which are providing driving support to the ambulance service in order to free up paramedic and technician time; supports the additional investment of £500,000 to improve ambulance service staff welfare, and the ongoing discussions between the board and trade unions to develop a rest break action plan and put it in place as quickly as possible."

<u>S6M-01302.2</u> Sandesh Gulhane: Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis—As an amendment to motion S6M-01302 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis), insert at end "; recognises that A&E waiting times have reached record highs, and believes that the four-hour A&E treatment target should be followed regardless of the emergency care setting; calls for the publication of weekly ambulance response time data so that progress can be measured in every region, and further calls for this year's planned efficiency savings for the Scottish Ambulance Service to be halted."

followed by Business Motions

<u>S6M-01328</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business-

Tuesday 28 September 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Keeping the Lifeline - A Call to Cancel the Cut to Universal Credit

followed by Environmental Standards Scotland: Appointment of the Chief Executive

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 September 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Ministerial Statement: Autumn and Winter Vaccine Programme

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- Tuesday 5 October 2021
- 2.00 pm Time for Reflection
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
- followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update
- followed by Scottish Government Business
- followed by Committee Announcements
- followed by Business Motions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by Members' Business
- Wednesday 6 October 2021
- 2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy
- followed by Scottish Government Business
- followed by Business Motions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by Members' Business
- Thursday 7 October 2021
- 11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 11.40 am General Questions
- 12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
- followed by Members' Business
- 2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills
- followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 September 2021, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

<u>S6M-01328.1</u> Neil Bibby: Business Programme—As an amendment to motion S6M-01328 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), after "First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update" insert "followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19 Vaccine Certification Scheme".

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

<u>S6M-01329</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/299) be approved.

<u>S6M-01330</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

<u>S6M-01332</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that—

Katy Clark be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee;

Paul Sweeney be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Rhoda Grant be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Colin Smyth be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Claire Baker be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Paul O'Kane be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Carol Mochan be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee;

Rhoda Grant be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Jackie Baillie be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the COVID-19 Recovery Committee;

Jackie Baillie be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Martin Whitfield be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Mercedes Villalba be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee;

Daniel Johnson be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee;

Mark Griffin be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee;

Sarah Boyack be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace Tess White as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Russell Findlay be appointed to replace Sue Webber as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Sue Webber be appointed to replace Maurice Golden as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

<u>S6M-01333</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Office of the Clerk—That the Parliament agrees that, between 1 February 2022 and 31 January 2023, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 15 April, 18 April, 2 May, 27 May, 2 June, 3 June, 16 September, 2 December, 23 December, 26 December and 27 December 2022, and 2 and 3 January 2023.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-00792 Stuart McMillan: National Eye Health Week 2021

<u>S6M-00792</u> Stuart McMillan: National Eye Health Week 2021—That the Parliament notes National Eye Health Week, which it considers does great work in promoting the importance of maintaining good eye health and, in 2021, runs from 20 to 26 September; believes that it continues to be vital for people in Scotland to book their free eye health check every two years in order to pick up changes to the eyes before they affect the vision; understands that 50% of sight loss is avoidable; notes the measures put in place in optometry practices across Scotland by healthcare professionals to make attending an eye health check safe during the COVID-19 pandemic; commends the work of Optometry Scotland and RNIB Scotland to encourage people to return to practices and check their eye health; emphasises what it considers the need to not forget eye health checks, and notes the call for people in Greenock and Inverclyde, and across Scotland, to book their free eye health check if they have not attended an examination in the last two years.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee 5th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- 1. Farming and crofting: The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Beatrice Morrice, National Farmers Union Scotland; Davy McCracken, Professor, Scotland's Rural College; Mike Robinson; Sally Shortall, Professor;
 - and then from—

Stephen Young, Scottish Land and Estates; Christopher Nicholson, Scottish Tenant Farmers Association; Pete Ritchie, Scottish Environment LINK; Donald MacKinnon, Scottish Crofting Federation; Miranda Geelhoed, Landworkers' Alliance.

- Subordinate legislation: The Committee will take evidence on the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 from— Mairi Gougeon, John Nicolson, and Grant McLarty, Scottish Government.
- 3. **Subordinate legislation:** Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands to move—S6M-00997—That the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee recommends that the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.
- 4. **Farming and crofting (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 3rd Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- 2. Alternative Certification Model: The Committee will take evidence from—

Tony McDaid, and Audrey May, Association of Directors of Education in Scotland (ADES);

and then from—

Larry Flanagan, Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS); Seamus Searson, Scottish Secondary Teachers Association (SSTA); Tara Lillis, NASUWT.

- 3. **Evidence Session** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- 4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 4th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions— PE1869: Make it law for railway stations to have step free access;

PE1870: Ensure teachers of autistic pupils are appropriately qualified;

PE1871: Full review of mental health services;

PE1872: Improve the reliability of island ferry services;

PE1873: Provide hypnotherapy for the treatment of mental health, psychosomatic disorders and chronic pain;

PE1874: Introduce legislation to create artillery and firearms exclusion zones around places of spiritual importance and religious worship;

PE1875: Public inquiry into the Scottish Qualifications Authority;

PE1877: Provide body cameras for all frontline NHS staff;

PE1878: Investigate prosecutions under the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003;

PE1880: Introduce awareness and practical experience of litter picking and waste separation into the school curriculum;

PE1881: Longer sentences for paedophiles and sexual predators;

PE1882: Remand anyone charged with a sexual offence against a child;

PE1884: Make whole plant cannabis oil available on the NHS or alternative funding put in place; and

PE1886: Establish a specialist paediatric liver centre in Scotland.

Criminal Justice Committee 5th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- 2. Priorities for domestic abuse, gendered-violence and sexual offences in session 6:

The Committee will take evidence in a round-table discussion from-

Rabia Roshan, Amina - the Muslim Women's Resource Centre;

Moira Price, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;

Ronnie Renucci QC, Faculty of Advocates;

Sam Faulds, Detective Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland;

Sandy Brindley, Rape Crisis Scotland;

Marsha Scott, Dr, Scottish Women's Aid;

Michele Burman, Professor, and James Chalmers, Professor, University of Glasgow.

3. Victims' rights and victim support: The Committee will take evidence in a round-table discussion from—

Mary Glasgow, Children 1st;

John Watt, Parole Board for Scotland;

Colin Convery, Superintendent, Police Scotland;

Tim Barraclough, Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service;

Teresa Medhurst, Scottish Prison Service;

Kate Wallace, Victim Support Scotland;

Sean Duffy, The Wise Group.

 Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instruments— Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/282)

Other

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Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Rules 2021 (SSI 2021/289)

Evidence Sessions: The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under 5. agenda items 2 and 3.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 5th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 1. in private.
- 2. Economic recovery: The Committee will take evidence from— Charles Hammond, Forth Ports; Ewan MacDonald-Russell, Scottish Retail Consortium; Martin Reid, Road Haulage Association; Andrew Richards, Construction Scotland.
- Evidence Session: The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. 3.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 15 September 2021

Thursday 23 September 2021

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11:40 am General Questions
12:00 pm First Minister's Questions
12:45 pm Members' Business — S6M-01089 Siobhian Brown: FASD Awareness Day - 9 September
2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:30 pm Portfolio Questions Rural Affairs and Islands
followed by Ministerial Statement: Decarbonising Scotland's Transport
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Carers Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill
followed by Financial Resolution: Carers Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 September 2021

2:00 pm Time for Reflection followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions followed by Topical Questions (if selected) followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update followed by Scottish Government Business followed by Environmental Standards Scotland: Appointment of the Chief Executive followed by Committee Announcements followed by Business Motions followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions 5:00 pm Decision Time followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 September 2021

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:10 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 September 2021

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11:40 am General Questions
12:00 pm First Minister's Questions
12:45 pm Members' Business
2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 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

COVID-19 Recovery Committee 23 September 2021 5th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- 1. Work programme (in private): The Committee will consider its work programme.
- 2. **Committee advisers (in private):** The Committee will consider a list of candidates for the post of adviser.
- 3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
- 4. Vaccination certification: The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Jonathan Montgomery, Professor Sir, Ada Lovelace Institute;
 - Rob Gowans, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE);
 - Judith Robertson, Scottish Human Rights Commission.
- 5. **Ministerial statement on COVID-19; Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Ministerial statement on COVID-19; and the following instruments—

The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/301)

The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/307)

The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/319) from—

Michael Matheson, Jason Leitch, Professor, Angus Macleod, and Graham Fisher, Scottish Government.

6. **Subordinate legislation:** Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport to move—

S6M-01079—That the COVID-19 Recovery Committee recommends that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/301) be approved.

S6M-01186—That the COVID-19 Recovery Committee recommends that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/307) be approved.

S6M-01261—That the COVID-19 Recovery Committee recommends that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/319) be approved.

7. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Sigrid Robinson on 0131 348 6226 or at <u>covid19.committee@parliament.scot</u>

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 23 September 2021 5th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- 2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny: culture sector funding:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—

Fiona Sturgeon Shea, Federation of Scottish Theatre; Alison Reeves, Making Music; Lucy Casot, Museums Galleries Scotland;

John McVay, Producers Alliance for Cinema and Television.

3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny: culture sector funding:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—

Iain Munro, Creative Scotland; Isabel Davis, Screen Scotland.

4. **Evidence Session** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 2 and 3.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 0131 348 5215 or at <u>ceeac.committee@parliament.scot</u>

Public Audit Committee 23 September 2021 4th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. **Scotland's colleges 2020:** The Committee will take evidence from—

David Belsey, Educational Institute of Scotland; Stephen Boyle; Matt Crilly, National Union of Students Scotland; Audrey Cumberford, College Principals' Group; Gillian Ritchie, Education Scotland; Shona Struthers, Colleges Scotland; Karen Watt, Scottish Funding Council.

3. **Scotland's colleges 2020:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lynn Russell on or at publicaudit.committee@parliament.scot

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

23 September 2021 3rd Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- Scottish Parliament Election 2021: The Committee will take evidence from— Louise Edwards, Andy O'Neill, and Phil Thompson, Electoral Commission, Scotland; Malcolm Burr, and Chris Highcock, Electoral Management Board for Scotland.
- 3. **Scottish Parliament Election 2021:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katy Orr on 0131 348 6924 or at sppa.committee@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 23 September 2021 5th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. **Scottish Government's Priorities** The Committee will take evidence from— Shona Robison, Alison Byrne, and Paul Tyrer, Scottish Government.
- 3. **Scottish Government's Priorities:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Claire Menzies at siss.committee@parliament.scot

Motions

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

Motions for Debate

*S6M-01318 Ben Macpherson: Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill.

Supported by: Shona Robison*

S6M-01302 Jackie Baillie: Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis—That the Parliament thanks the Scottish Ambulance Service paramedics, technicians, call handlers and other frontline workers who are under significant stress as they cope with the current pressures on the health service; regrets the failure of the Scottish Government to address the underlying and systematic problems facing both the ambulance service and the wider health and social care service that predate the COVID-19 pandemic; welcomes the support of the British Army in helping alleviate the current pressures on NHS workers and patients; recommends that the Scottish Government adopt a 30-minute maximum turnaround time for ambulances from arrival at hospital, which will release paramedics to answer other calls, and protect staff welfare and wellbeing by reducing shift over-runs and guarding rest periods, and further calls on the Scottish Government to increase capacity in the health service ahead of winter by calling on recently retired staff to return temporarily and establishing temporary wards and field hospitals to ease the pressure on Accident and Emergency departments and manage the clinical backlog.

Supported by: Foysol Choudhury*, Paul Sweeney*

*S6M-01302.3 Humza Yousaf: Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis—As an amendment to motion S6M-01302 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis), leave out from "regrets" to end and insert "recognises that excessively long waits for an ambulance can lead to worse outcomes for patients, and that the Scottish Government and Scottish Ambulance Service have apologised to people who have experienced long waits; notes that the Scottish Government has previously invested an additional £20 million to increase staff capacity in the ambulance service by almost 300; welcomes that an extra £20 million is now being invested to increase capacity further, including funding military personnel, recruiting additional Hospital Ambulance Liaison Officers, working with NHS boards to create Temporary Admission Wards and aiming to recruit 100 paramedic students to help alleviate the current pressures on ambulance staff, NHS workers and patients; further notes that the steps

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outlined by the health secretary will help alleviate pressure on the service in the immediate term and looking ahead to the winter; commends military personnel and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, which are providing driving support to the ambulance service in order to free up paramedic and technician time; supports the additional investment of £500,000 to improve ambulance service staff welfare, and the ongoing discussions between the board and trade unions to develop a rest break action plan and put it in place as quickly as possible."

Supported by: Kevin Stewart*, Maree Todd*

*<u>S6M-01302.2</u> Sandesh Gulhane: Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis—As an amendment to motion S6M-01302 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis), insert at end "; recognises that A&E waiting times have reached record highs, and believes that the four-hour A&E treatment target should be followed regardless of the emergency care setting; calls for the publication of weekly ambulance response time data so that progress can be measured in every region, and further calls for this year's planned efficiency savings for the Scottish Ambulance Service to be halted."

*<u>S6M-01302.1</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis—As an amendment to motion S6M-01302 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis), insert at end "; urges full independent investigations into all unnecessary deaths connected to the ambulance waiting times crisis, with the findings published; further urges the Scottish Government to publish all the options for further contingency plans, including its plans for maximising hospital capacity and the plans under consideration for expanding their footprints on a temporary basis, and calls for weekly reporting of ambulance waiting times in line with A&E in order to ensure that the public is kept informed of progress."

<u>S6M-01300</u> Neil Bibby: ScotRail—That the Parliament considers that decisions taken in the coming months will shape the future of Scotland's railways for years to come; believes there should be no overall reduction in ScotRail services, compared with pre-pandemic levels, when new timetables are introduced in 2022; calls on Scottish ministers to reject overall service reductions; supports Scotland's railway workers in their current industrial disputes with ScotRail; calls on Scottish ministers to intervene to help resolve these disputes with fair settlements for workers; notes that 22 September 2021 is World Car Free Day, a day to promote alternatives to car use; calls on Scottish ministers to commit to an affordable, clean, green, reliable and modern railway that is publicly owned and accountable, with representation for trade unions and passengers in governance of a new public sector operator, and believes that the Scottish Government should set out a vision for the future of Scotland's railways based on service improvement, fair work and the decarbonisation of passenger rail services to help meet Scotland's net zero ambitions.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*<u>S6M-01300.2</u> Graeme Dey: ScotRail—As an amendment to motion S6M-01300 in the name of Neil Bibby (ScotRail), leave out from "considers" to end and insert "welcomes the opportunity for decisions to be taken in the coming months that will shape the future of Scotland's railways; acknowledges the opportunity to create a national rail service that meets the country's needs and travel patterns by building back to pre-pandemic levels but also provides for expected future demand; thanks Scotland's railway workers and staff for their commitment to keeping services running during unprecedented circumstances; recognises the financial challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, but also believes that staff should be paid fairly and expects the employer to lead dialogue with trade unions to resolve current industrial disputes, with the aim of restoring rail

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services and re-establishing mutually acceptable industrial relations; welcomes that 22 September 2021 is World Car Free Day, a day to promote and undertake alternatives to car use; notes that Scottish ministers are committed to an affordable, clean, green, reliable and modern railway that is publicly owned and accountable, and founded on Fair Work First criteria, with representation for staff and passengers in the governance of a new public sector operator, and recognises that the Scottish Government will set out a vision for the future of Scotland's railways based on service improvement, fair work, the decarbonisation of passenger rail services and an increase in rail freight, to help meet Scotland's net zero ambitions."

Supported by: Michael Matheson*, Richard Lochhead*, Patrick Harvie*, Màiri McAllan*

*<u>S6M-01300.1</u> Graham Simpson: ScotRail—As an amendment to motion S6M-01300 in the name of Neil Bibby (ScotRail), leave out from "supports" to end and insert "notes the disruption that the RMT strikes have been having on passengers across the country and calls on the Scottish Government to work to deliver a resolution; further notes the Scottish Government's intention to nationalise the service in March 2022 and therefore calls for the details and costs of its plans to be published urgently; believes that any operating model must put delivering a reliable and affordable service for passengers at the heart of its aim; notes the work of the Williams Rail Review and calls upon the Scottish Government to undertake a review of disused tracks and stations with a view to reopening those that would support local growth and connectivity, and notes that, for many people across Scotland, particularly in rural areas, car travel is a necessity not a choice."

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

*<u>S6M-01290</u> Katy Clark: Power of Attorney—That the Parliament notes that, in Scotland, if a person is incapable of managing their property, finances or of making decisions regarding their welfare, the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 provides protection for them; understands the importance of Power of Attorney as a method of advance planning in the event that someone is unable to make such decisions about themselves; notes the calls to encourage and promote awareness campaigns to inform everyone over 16 in the West Scotland region and across the country about the benefits of setting up a Power of Attorney; further notes the awareness campaigns targeting health and social care professionals to allow them to develop a good understanding of what Power of Attorney is and its relevance in health and social care settings, and understands that if no Power of Attorney in place, the process of applying for a guardianship order can be very stressful, emotionally demanding and potentially expensive, with ongoing, onerous, reporting requirements.

*<u>S6M-01281</u> Stephen Kerr: Road Safety in Falkirk—That the Parliament recognises efforts in Airth and Reddingmuirhead to introduce a 20mph speed limit; considers that, in busy areas, a 20mph speed limit is safer for pedestrians, in particular school children and cyclists, and notes the view that local councils should be empowered to make decisions on speed limits, acknowledging their local knowledge.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*<u>S6M-01333</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Office of the Clerk—That the Parliament agrees that, between 1 February 2022 and 31 January 2023, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 15 April, 18 April, 2 May, 27 May, 2 June,

3 June, 16 September, 2 December, 23 December, 26 December and 27 December 2022, and 2 and 3 January 2023.

*S6M-01332 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that—

Katy Clark be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee;

Paul Sweeney be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Rhoda Grant be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Colin Smyth be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Claire Baker be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Paul O'Kane be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Carol Mochan be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee;

Rhoda Grant be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Jackie Baillie be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the COVID-19 Recovery Committee;

Jackie Baillie be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Martin Whitfield be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Mercedes Villalba be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee;

Daniel Johnson be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee;

Mark Griffin be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee;

Sarah Boyack be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace Tess White as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Russell Findlay be appointed to replace Sue Webber as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Sue Webber be appointed to replace Maurice Golden as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

*<u>S6M-01331</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership —That the Parliament agrees that—

Sue Webber be appointed to replace Annie Wells as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Tess White as a member of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee;

Tess White be appointed to replace Alexander Stewart as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Maurice Golden be appointed to replace Sue Webber as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

*<u>S6M-01330</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

*<u>S6M-01329</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/299) be approved.

*<u>S6M-01328</u> George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme— That the Parliament agrees— (a) the following programme of business— Tuesday 28 September 2021 2.00 pm Time for Reflection *followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions *followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Keeping the Lifeline - A Call to Cancel the Cut to Universal Credit

followed by Environmental Standards Scotland: Appointment of the Chief Executive

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 September 2021

- 11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 11.40 am General Questions
- 12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
- followed by Members' Business
- 2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Ministerial Statement: Autumn and Winter Vaccine Programme

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 October 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 6 October 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 7 October 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 September 2021, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

*<u>S6M-01321</u> George Adam: Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2021 [draft]—That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: John Swinney*

*<u>S6M-01320</u> George Adam: Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] —That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: John Swinney*

*<u>S6M-01305</u> Audrey Nicoll: Greyhope Bay Project—That the Parliament congratulates the Greyhope Bay Project on its work in creating a community and educational centre at the Torry Battery in Aberdeen, where visitors will be able to view the spectacular population of bottlenose dolphins that make the bay their home; celebrates the ground being broken this week as the first digger begins its work on the site; recognises what it sees as the positive impact this project will

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have on the local area and its effect on bringing visitors to Torry; understands that it will have a positive impact on tourism and community education; commends the work of Dr Fiona Macintyre in making this project a reality, and wishes the project every success for the future.

*<u>S6M-01296</u> Alexander Burnett: Josh Quigley Sets New World Record for Greatest Distance Cycled in a Week Unpaced—That the Parliament congratulates Josh Quigley for setting a new world record for the greatest distance cycled in a week, unpaced; commends the 29-year-old, from Livingston, for breaking the record of Australian pro-cyclist, Jack Thompson, by cycling 2,179.66 miles around laps of an 80-mile route, between Aberdeen and the Cairngorms, and wishes Josh all the best in his future cycling adventures.

Supported by: Tess White*, Douglas Lumsden*, Pam Gosal*, Douglas Ross*, Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Donald Cameron*, Stuart McMillan*, Alexander Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Murdo Fraser*, Jamie Greene*, Karen Adam*, Finlay Carson*

*<u>S6M-01294</u> Gillian Martin: North East Open Studios (NEOS) 2021—That the Parliament congratulates the contributing artists and organising committee of North East Open Studios (NEOS) 2021 on this year's showcase; understands that NEOS has, since 2003, worked to highlight the work of creators and artists in a number of disciplines from across the north east by opening up studios across the region to visitors; notes that, this year, over 250 artists are involved, with over 50 of them located in Aberdeenshire East; recognises that NEOS is organised by a volunteer committee every year; commends the efforts of the organisers, applauds the talent of the participants across the north east, and wishes both the committee and the artists well for the future.

Supported by: Stephanie Callaghan*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Annabelle Ewing*, Siobhian Brown*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Karen Adam*, Audrey Nicoll*

*S6M-01292 Annie Wells: World Arthritis Day 2021—That the Parliament acknowledges that 12 October 2021 is World Arthritis Day, a global initiative that helps to raise awareness of rheumatic and musculoskeletal (MSK) diseases; understands that over 1.5 million people in Scotland are currently living with arthritis or a MSK condition; notes that arthritis and MSK conditions can cause severe, often debilitating, pain and fatigue, with significant impacts on a patient's quality of life; agrees that improving access to trauma and orthopaedic surgery is vital to improving the livelihoods of people living with arthritis in Scotland; notes that waiting times for joint replacement surgery have been disproportionately impacted because of the response to COVID-19; believes that priority should be given to supporting patients awaiting surgery; highlights the Versus Arthritis Six-Part Support Package for people waiting for joint replacement surgery as an adaptable model; recognises the vital work of the charity Versus Arthritis and organisations across Scotland in supporting people who are living with arthritis and other MSK conditions, and hopes that World Arthritis Day will lead to additional support and investment targeted at people waiting for surgery.

Supported by: Jamie Greene*, Douglas Lumsden*, Douglas Ross*, Monica Lennon*, Pam Gosal*, Craig Hoy*, Edward Mountain*, Sandesh Gulhane* **R**, Paul Sweeney*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Alexander Stewart*, Tess White*, Finlay Carson*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Donald Cameron*, Sue Webber*

*<u>S6M-01289</u> Siobhian Brown: Blue Bonnet Trails Bring Rabbie Burns Poem to Life—That the Parliament welcomes the creation of the Blue Bonnet Trails in Ayr, which have been revived to allow walkers to follow Burns' famous story of Tam O'Shanter's journey, thanks to the hard work of local volunteers; notes that the path has been funded by South Ayrshire Council and Paths for All, in partnership with Opportunities in Retirement, and with support from NatureScot, for the South

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Ayrshire Paths Initiative; highlights that the route lets visitors retrace the footsteps of Burns' character and his trusty steed, Meg, on their journey home after market day and a drink at an Ayrshire pub; notes that walking enthusiasts will be able to take the self-led route to explore renowned sights, such as Brig o' Doon and the Robert Burns Museum, using online and leaflet maps, as well as the Ayrshire Through the Ages app, and believes that the Blue Bonnet Trails will help promote Burns' legacy and the physical, mental and wider benefits of walking.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Karen Adam*, Colin Beattie*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Stuart McMillan*, Evelyn Tweed*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Finlay Carson*

*<u>S6M-01287</u> Daniel Johnson: University of St Andrews Ranked Number One in The Times' University Rankings—That the Parliament congratulates the University of St Andrews on being ranked number one in *The Times*' university rankings; notes that this is the first time any institution other than Oxford or Cambridge has achieved this accolade, and welcomes that Scotland's oldest university is recognised as the UK's best, given what it sees as the importance for the people of the Edinburgh Southern constituency and across Scotland of the country having world-class higher education institutions.

*S6M-01285 Jackie Dunbar: NHS Grampian Reaches 100th Robot-assisted Surgery

-That the Parliament congratulates NHS Grampian on carrying out its 100th robot-assisted surgery, just three months after it was installed; understands that earlier this year, surgeons at Woodend Hospital, in Aberdeen, became the first at a territorial health board in Scotland to undertake a robotic hip replacement; recognises that robot-assisted surgery has and will continue to benefit patients across the north east who require hip and knee replacements; understands that the robot allows for more accurate implant positioning, which minimises muscle damage and, ultimately, allows for quicker recovery times, and understands that currently there are six surgeons who are fully trained in the use of the robot, with training to be undertaken by others in the near future.

Supported by: Stephanie Callaghan*, Evelyn Tweed*, Colin Beattie*, Emma Harper*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Siobhian Brown*, David Torrance*, Karen Adam*, Sue Webber*

*<u>S6M-01284</u> Joe FitzPatrick: Caird Hall Vaccination Centre — That the Parliament recognises the massive effort of all staff at the Caird Hall vaccination centre, in Dundee; understands that 135,000 vaccines have been delivered in eight months; further understands that the last vaccinations at the Caird Hall took place on 20 September 2021; expresses its thanks to staff at NHS Tayside and all NHS boards for their continued efforts; notes the reports that all adults have now been offered both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, resulting in over 85% of adults being double-vaccinated in the NHS Tayside area, and encourages anyone who is yet to be vaccinated to do so as soon as possible at one of the local community drop-in centres.

Supported by: Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Emma Harper*, Siobhian Brown*, David Torrance*, Karen Adam*

*<u>S6M-01283</u> Ariane Burgess: Cumhachd Shlèite—That the Parliament congratulates the launch of Sleat Hydro Community Benefit Society's first project, Cumhachd Shlèite; recognises that the development aims to build and operate a 34 kW micro hydro scheme, which it is estimated will generate 148,000 kWh annually that will be sold to the National Grid; applauds these efforts to tackle fuel poverty, of which Gàidhealtachd is said to have one of the worst records in the UK; commends community funding efforts, with £200,000 of the £235,000 needed coming from the

Skye and Lochalsh area, and understands that this project is an opportunity to create community wealth with profits being invested back into the local area.

Supported by: Ross Greer*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*

*<u>S6M-01280</u> Evelyn Tweed: 25th Anniversary of Woodland Trust Caring for Glen Finglas — That the Parliament congratulates Woodland Trust Scotland on the 25th anniversary of taking into its care the property of Glen Finglas, in the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, in the Stirling constituency; notes that around 2,000 hectares of new native woodland were created through planting and natural regeneration, with plans to create more in order to link existing habitats; further notes that, in 2020, 100 hectares of peatland was restored, with plans to restore a further 134 hectares; appreciates that there are around 40,000 annual visits to Glen Finglas, where people enjoy nature, and applauds the tremendous progress that has been made with restoring, protecting and planting the landscape, including working with partners and neighbours, for over a quarter of a century, which will leave the landscape in a better state for future generations to enjoy.

*<u>S6M-01274</u> Alexander Stewart: LGBT Bronze Charter for Alva Academy—That the Parliament congratulates Alva Academy on achieving the LGBT Charter at Bronze level; recognises the hard work and dedication of pupils and staff in achieving this prestigious award from LGBT Youth Scotland; notes that pupils were actively involved in the charter journey, and welcomes the training and the review of policies, practice and resources that aim to ensure that Alva Academy goes beyond meeting legislative needs and is as inclusive as it can be for pupils, staff, parents and the wider community.

Supported by: Ross Greer*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Tess White*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Ross*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Donald Cameron*, Douglas Lumsden*, Finlay Carson*, Pam Gosal*, Annie Wells*, David Torrance*

*<u>S6M-01229</u> Siobhian Brown: Emmie Mitchell, 10-year-old Fundraiser from Ayr — That the Parliament recognises the outstanding fundraising efforts of 10-year-old Emmie Mitchell from Ayr, who, since the age of seven, has supported the annual Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal; understands that the Ayr Grammar pupil has collected 75 boxes over the past three years to give Christmas gifts to vulnerable communities across Eastern Europe; commends Emmie's efforts to put together charity shoeboxes with essential items and toys despite the COVID-19 pandemic; understands that Emmie designed posters, using her own money, in a bid to encourage others to pledge to the appeal; congratulates the 10-year-old on her efforts to raise funds by starting her own tie-dye shop, and wishes her every success for this year's collection and for the future.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bob Doris*, Natalie Don*, Stuart McMillan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, David Torrance*, Evelyn Tweed*, Colin Beattie*, Michelle Thomson*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*, Donald Cameron*

*<u>S6M-01224</u> Tess White: The 2021 AJ Bell Tour of Britain Final Stage in Aberdeenshire — That the Parliament commends the competitors and organisers of the AJ Bell Tour of Britain 2021, which is a multi-stage cycling race with eight stages taking place across the UK over a series of days; notes that the race this year took cyclists from Penzance all the way to Aberdeen, crossing England, Wales and Scotland on a scenic but challenging route; congratulates Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire on hosting the eighth and final stage, which, it believes, is the furthest north the race has ever visited; notes that this particular stage covered 173km of terrain, starting at Stonehaven Leisure Centre, and included an ascent of Cairn o'Mount, Corsedardar Hill and Queen's View, as well as sprints through Finzean, Aboyne and Ballater, with participants crossing

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the finish line at the Esplanade in Aberdeen; considers that the race served as a fantastic opportunity to showcase Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire to an international broadcast audience of more than 170 countries; congratulates the winner, Wout van Aert, on an excellent race and an exciting finish, and praises all involved for a hugely successful event after the COVID-19 pandemic prevented the race from taking place in 2020.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

<u>S6M-01319</u> Ben Macpherson: Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] (lodged on 21 September 2021)

New Support: Shona Robison*, Christina McKelvie*

<u>S6M-01315</u> Michael Matheson: The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (lodged on 21 September 2021)

New Support: John Swinney*, George Adam*

<u>S6M-01293.3</u> Monica Lennon: A Net Zero Nation (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*, Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-01286</u> Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Bus Routes Set to Power Up (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: David Torrance*

<u>S6M-01279</u> Marie McNair: 50th Anniversary of West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-01278</u> Liz Smith: University of St Andrews Highest-ranked in UK (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Jamie Greene*, Paul Sweeney*, Dean Lockhart*, David Torrance*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01277</u> Alexander Burnett: Woodend Hospital Carries Out 100th Robot-assisted Surgery (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Meghan Gallacher*, Dean Lockhart*, Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S6M-01276</u> Gillian Mackay: Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Climate Change Declaration (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Ross Greer*, Mark Ruskell*, Bill Kidd*, Natalie Don*, Stuart McMillan*, Ariane Burgess*, David Torrance*, Karen Adam*

<u>S6M-01273</u> Maurice Golden: Angus War Memorials Honoured (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Stephen Kerr*, Finlay Carson*, David Torrance*, Dean Lockhart*, Miles Briggs*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01272</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: Orkney Brewery Receives CAMRA Golden Award (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Finlay Carson*, Paul Sweeney*, Dean Lockhart*, Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01271</u> Audrey Nicoll: Light the North's Farewell Weekend (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: David Torrance*, Jackson Carlaw*

<u>S6M-01270</u> Bob Doris: Glasgow North Baby Food Bank (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Rona Mackay*, Siobhian Brown*, Evelyn Tweed*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*

<u>S6M-01269</u> Edward Mountain: Caithness Cycling Competition (lodged on 20 September 2021) New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Finlay Carson*, Meghan Gallacher*, Dean Lockhart*

<u>S6M-01268</u> Clare Adamson: Motherwell and Wishaw High Schools Participating in Future Fridays (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: David Torrance*

<u>S6M-01267</u> Clare Adamson: Wishaw's Artisan Restaurant's Owner Awarded Whisky Guru of the Year (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-01266</u> Douglas Lumsden: NHS Grampian Undertakes 100th Robotic-Arm Assisted Surgery (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Finlay Carson*, David Torrance*, Dean Lockhart*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01264</u> Liam McArthur: Macmillan Motorbike Run Fundraiser (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, David Torrance*, Emma Roddick*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*

<u>S6M-01263</u> Liam McArthur: Celebrating Orkney Viking Week (lodged on 20 September 2021) New Support: Finlay Carson*, David Torrance*, Emma Roddick*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*

<u>S6M-01262</u> Siobhian Brown: Netta Kennedy from Troon (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-01260</u> Pam Gosal: Congratulations to Alexandria's Gordon Reid and his Doubles Partner, Alfie Hewett (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Meghan Gallacher*, David Torrance*, Dean Lockhart*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sue Webber*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*

September 2021) Clare Adamson: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month 2021 (lodged on 16 September 2021)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

S6M-01257 James Dornan: Castlemilk High School (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-01256</u> Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Group, 6foot Lab, Awarded £140,000 to Transform Derelict Land (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Elena Whitham*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Ross Greer*, Kenneth Gibson*, Siobhian Brown*, Natalie Don*, David Torrance*, Karen Adam*, Emma Roddick*

<u>S6M-01255</u> Jackie Dunbar: Keith Elrick, Finalist in the Proud to be ASDA Awards (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: David Torrance*

<u>S6M-01254</u> Jackie Dunbar: Tesco Youth Hub Hailed Scottish First (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: David Torrance*

S6M-01253 John Mason: #SayThanks Campaign (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: David Torrance*

<u>S6M-01252</u> Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Albion Charity Challenge (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Dean Lockhart*

<u>S6M-01251</u> Edward Mountain: Inverness Primark Charity Climb (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Finlay Carson*, Meghan Gallacher*, Dean Lockhart*, Sue Webber*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*

<u>S6M-01250</u> Jackie Baillie: New Year's Day Trading Consultation (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Mark Griffin*, Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-01249</u> Dean Lockhart: Forth Valley Health Team Shortlisted for Scottish Health Awards (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Meghan Gallacher*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Lumsden*, Douglas Ross*, Michelle Thomson*, Colin Beattie*, Monica Lennon*, Tess White*, Annie Wells*, David Torrance*, Murdo Fraser*, Evelyn Tweed*, Bill Kidd*, Donald Cameron*, Edward Mountain*, Stuart McMillan*, Alexander Stewart*, Sue Webber*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Finlay Carson*

<u>S6M-01247</u> Emma Roddick: Oban Royal National Lifeboat Institution (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephanie Callaghan*, Donald Cameron*, Evelyn Tweed*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-01246</u> Emma Roddick: Christine Galbraith (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephanie Callaghan*, Donald Cameron*, Evelyn Tweed*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-01244</u> Rachael Hamilton: Back British Farming Day (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Meghan Gallacher*, Dean Lockhart*, Jackson Carlaw*, Jamie Halcro Johnston* R

<u>S6M-01241</u> Emma Roddick: Cru Holdings Real Living Wage Accreditation (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: David Torrance*

S6M-01230 Emma Roddick: RoKzKool Academy (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephanie Callaghan*, Donald Cameron*, Evelyn Tweed*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-01226</u> Mark Ruskell: FoES's Latest Report on North Sea Just Transition (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

<u>S6M-01225</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: Edinburgh Zoo Welcomes Scotland's First Sloths (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*, Finlay Carson*, Meghan Gallacher*, Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

<u>S6M-01223</u> Alexander Burnett: Banchory and District Talking Paper, Sound of Piper, Closes After 20 Years (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Finlay Carson*, Meghan Gallacher*, Paul Sweeney*, Dean Lockhart*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01222</u> Alexander Burnett: Paul Anderson Awarded Honorary Doctorate in Music (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Meghan Gallacher*, Paul Sweeney*, Dean Lockhart*

<u>S6M-01221</u> Alexander Stewart: Blood Cancer Awareness Month (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Stephen Kerr*, Finlay Carson*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jamie Greene*, Dean Lockhart*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sue Webber*

S6M-01220 Karen Adam: 2021 Foraging Fortnight (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Siobhian Brown*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Emma Roddick*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Jim Fairlie*, David Torrance*

S6M-01216 Emma Roddick: Vivid Roots Collective (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: David Torrance*

S6M-01215 Karen Adam: Provenance Festival 2021 (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Siobhian Brown*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Evelyn Tweed*, Michelle Thomson*

<u>S6M-01214</u> Karen Adam: Recognising the North East's Producers at the End of Food and Drink Fortnight (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Siobhian Brown*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Paul Sweeney*, Jim Fairlie*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-01213</u> Karen Adam: John Stuart and the Buckie Kindness Group's Outstanding COVID-19 Support in the Community (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-01210</u> Alexander Burnett: Scotland Win World Cup of Darts 2021 (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Finlay Carson*, Meghan Gallacher*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Dean Lockhart*, Jackson Carlaw*, Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01209</u> Jackie Baillie: Helensburgh Sailing Olympians Make Local Community Proud (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-01208</u> Jackie Baillie: Competition Success for Helensburgh and Lomond Highland Dancers (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-01207</u> Pam Gosal: 25th Anniversary of the Heartstart Project (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Meghan Gallacher*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Dean Lockhart*, Sue Webber*

S6M-01206 Clare Adamson: Gas Safety Week 2021 (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-01205</u> Tess White: Congratulations to Emma Raducanu on Winning the 2021 US Open (lodged on 14 September 2021)

New Support: Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01204</u> Marie McNair: St Peter the Apostle High School Wins Digital Schools Award Scotland (lodged on 20 September 2021)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

<u>S6M-01203</u> Douglas Lumsden: Wout van Aert Wins 2021 Tour of Britain (lodged on 15 September 2021)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*, Jackson Carlaw*

S6M-01191 Colin Smyth: IPF Week 2021 (lodged on 14 September 2021)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-01189</u> Murdo Fraser: Perth's Walled Garden Receives National Lottery Funding (lodged on 14 September 2021)

New Support: Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01187</u> Mercedes Villalba: Europe Must Act #NoMoreWalls #NoMoreMorias (lodged on 16 September 2021)

New Support: Alex Rowley*

<u>S6M-01182</u> Edward Mountain: Willie Pirie's Retirement (lodged on 14 September 2021)

New Support: Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01179</u> Liz Smith: Broke Not Broken Receives The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (lodged on 13 September 2021)

New Support: Sue Webber*

S6M-01177 Craig Hoy: Edington Hospital (lodged on 14 September 2021)

New Support: Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01174</u> Alexander Burnett: Darren Cocker Raises Money for Mental Health Aberdeen (lodged on 14 September 2021)

New Support: Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01148</u> Tess White: Nursing and Midwifery Vacancies in NHS Grampian (lodged on 14 September 2021)

New Support: Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01141</u> Jackie Dunbar: Fundraising in Aberdeen Donside by Derek Davidson (lodged on 09 September 2021)

New Support: Stephanie Callaghan*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-01137</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: Recognising the Importance of Scotland's Ferry Services (lodged on 10 September 2021)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Sue Webber*, Rhoda Grant*

<u>S6M-01136</u> Jamie Halcro Johnston: Ambulance Services Across Scotland (lodged on 10 September 2021)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Finlay Carson*, Sue Webber*, Rhoda Grant*

<u>S6M-01134</u> Finlay Carson: Positive Chapter in the Wigtown Book Festival Story (lodged on 14 September 2021) New Support: Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01129</u> Miles Briggs: National Racehorse Week, 12-19 September 2021 (lodged on 10 September 2021)

New Support: Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01127</u> Monica Lennon: Construction Industry Coronavirus (CICV) Forum (lodged on 09 September 2021)

New Support: Claire Baker*

<u>S6M-01060</u> Annie Wells: The International Week of the Deaf People 20 to 26 September 2021 (lodged on 07 September 2021)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01058</u> Annie Wells: Kiltwalk Glasgow 26 September 2021 (lodged on 07 September 2021)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Pam Gosal*, Edward Mountain*, Murdo Fraser*, Tess White*, Bill Kidd*, Jamie Greene*, Natalie Don*, Sharon Dowey*, Douglas Ross*, Stuart McMillan*, Donald Cameron*, Russell Findlay*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Jackie Baillie*, Finlay Carson*, David Torrance*, Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-01024</u> Annie Wells: Macmillan Coffee Morning 24 September 2021 (lodged on 06 September 2021)

New Support: Finlay Carson*

<u>S6M-01023</u> Annie Wells: National Eye Health Week 20 to 26 September 2021 (lodged on 06 September 2021)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Sue Webber*, Emma Harper*

<u>S6M-01020</u> Annie Wells: Alzheimer Scotland's Memory Walk is Back, 18-19 September 2021 (lodged on 06 September 2021)

New Support: Sue Webber*

<u>S6M-00792</u> Stuart McMillan: National Eye Health Week 2021 (lodged on 02 August 2021)

New Support: Emma Harper*

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 21 September 2021

<u>S6W-03083</u> Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government whether people living in Scotland and travelling abroad are experiencing difficulty accessing French QR codes to prove COVID-19 vaccination status and, if so, what action it is taking to resolve any reported issues.

<u>S6W-03084</u> Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to introduce a financial scheme to support the use of hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) fuel to run existing boilers, in an effort to reduce carbon emissions.

<u>S6W-03181</u> Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is offering to the pork processing industry.

<u>S6W-03183</u> Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has not included a crofting reform bill in the Programme for Government 2021-22.

<u>S6W-03184</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the comment in the Programme for Government that "Current plans are to fully dual the A96 from Inverness to Aberdeen; however, we will undertake a transparent, evidence-based review of that, to include a climate compatibility assessment to assess direct and indirect impacts on the climate and the environment, reporting by the end of 2022", whether the decision to hold a review arose as a consequence of the discussions that it held with the Scottish Green Party regarding reaching a cooperation agreement.

<u>S6W-03185</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the comment in the Programme for Government that "Current plans are to fully dual the A96 from Inverness to Aberdeen; however, we will undertake a transparent, evidence-based review of that, to include a climate compatibility assessment to assess direct and indirect impacts on the climate and the environment, reporting by the end of 2022", what the current expected date is for the upgrade work to begin, and what impact the planned review has had on this date.

<u>S6W-03186</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the comment in the Programme for Government that "Current plans are to fully dual the A96 from Inverness to Aberdeen; however, we will undertake a transparent, evidence-based review of that, to include a climate compatibility assessment to assess direct and indirect impacts on the climate and the environment, reporting by the end of 2022", under what circumstances the outcome of the review might lead to it deciding to withdraw the plans to carry out this work, and who will have responsibility for making the final decision.

<u>S6W-03187</u> Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government when the next round of the Scottish Crown Estate Net Revenue Allocation Scheme will be (a) determined and (b) dispersed. <u>S6W-03188</u> Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to establish the independent review to advise on the replacement for the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), and by what date the review will (a) commence, (b) conclude and (c) publish its findings. <u>S6W-03190</u> Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government, further to its news release of 1

December 2017, 800 more GPs for Scotland, whether it will confirm how many additional GPs (a) have subsequently been recruited each year and (b) it expects to recruit in each of the next six years.

<u>S6W-03192</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of what the impact would be of including a re-melt target for glass collected under the forthcoming deposit return scheme.

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<u>S6W-03193</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether 1 July 2022 continues to be the go-live date for the introduction of the deposit return scheme.

<u>S6W-03194</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government how much glass it anticipates would exit closed-loop recycling and be recycled as aggregate if the forthcoming deposit return scheme does not include a re-melt target.

<u>S6W-03195</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what options it is considering to ensure that glass does not exit closed-loop recycling, if the forthcoming deposit return scheme does not include a re-melt target.

<u>S6W-03196</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made of future opportunities for kerbside recycling of glass packaging containers that are not included in the forthcoming deposit return scheme.

<u>S6W-03197</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-02565 by Graeme Dey on 13 September 2021, what information it has regarding when Network Rail will conclude its assessment of the options identified; who will select the most effective options; what the criteria are for this selection; when this selection will be made, and how long it will take "to compile a detailed plan for delivering the project".

<u>S6W-03198</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to S6W-02398 by Patrick Harvie on 13 September 2021, by what date it will have completed "developing and implementing a bespoke public engagement strategy for heat in buildings".

<u>S6W-03199</u> Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-02355 by Graeme Dey on 13 September 2021, whether it will confirm that the answer means that there is currently no plan to fully electrify the railway between Edinburgh Haymarket and Aberdeen.

<u>S6W-03200</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is undertaking in partnership with the UK Government and telecoms companies to improve digital inclusion in the Glasgow region.

<u>S6W-03201</u> Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on whether there are any services in Scotland that provide assistance dogs for people with autism or autism spectrum disorders.

<u>S6W-03202</u> Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government how it assists people with autism or autism spectrum disorders to get an assistance dog for support.

<u>S6W-03203</u> Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to raise awareness of the symptoms of leukaemia among (a) the public and (b) healthcare professionals.

<u>S6W-03204</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that all nationally significant infrastructure projects deliver a net biodiversity gain.

<u>S6W-03205</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to develop a dedicated framework to support businesses to report and act on nature-related risks, and what funding it has committed to such work.

<u>S6W-03206</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on establishing an annual appraisal of waste crime impacts.

<u>S6W-03207</u> Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what material impact its policies and enforcement measures have had on incidences of waste crime over the last five years.

<u>S6W-03208</u> Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how many nursing training course places have been available in each year since 2007, broken down by institution, and how many were taken up.

<u>S6W-03209</u> Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how many nurses have (a) joined and (b) left the NHS in each year since 2007.

<u>S6W-03210</u> Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how many clinical nurse specialists have been employed by the NHS in each year since 2007.

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<u>S6W-03226</u> Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that, in NHS Grampian, the (a) average waiting time for the psychological therapy services is 28 weeks, with 240 people waiting and (b) current waiting for a first assessment for psychotherapy services is 32 weeks, with 124 people waiting, and what action it is taking to support the NHS board in reducing these times.

<u>S6W-03227</u> Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government what mechanisms, other than local authority byelaws, it would consider appropriate to create protest-free buffer zones outside clinics that provide abortion services.

<u>S6W-03228</u> Beatrice Wishart: To ask the Scottish Government how many of the registered suppliers of the R100 Broadband Voucher Scheme have confirmed that they are able to provide installations across all (a) areas in Shetland and (b) rural and island communities.

<u>S6W-03230</u> Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government how many times an ambulance has been dispatched single-crewed in each year since 2019, broken down by (a) Scottish Ambulance Service division and (b) NHS board area.

<u>S6W-03231</u> Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that people with asthma will be offered a COVID-19 booster vaccination.

<u>S6W-03232</u> Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what progress SEPA has made in ensuring that all operators comply with licence conditions requiring free passage of migratory fish at large impoundments.

<u>S6W-03233</u> Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how many pollution incidents related to the water environment have been reported to SEPA since 1 April 2021, and how many of these have resulted in regulatory action.

<u>S6W-03234</u> Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how many water scarcity incidents have been reported to SEPA since 1 April 2021, and how many of these have resulted in regulatory action.

<u>S6W-03235</u> Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how many times SEPA has used (a) fixed monetary penalties, (b) variable monetary penalties and (c) enforcement undertakings under the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 in each year since its enactment.

<u>S6W-03236</u> Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how many times SEPA has reported environmental incidents to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service under the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 in each year since its enactment, and how many subsequent (a) prosecutions and (b) convictions there were.

<u>S6W-03238</u> Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions have taken place between ministers and SEPA regarding the agency's role in addressing the biodiversity crisis. <u>S6W-03239</u> Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out of whether SEPA's approach to environmental protection is consistent with addressing the biodiversity crisis.

<u>S6W-03240</u> Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what progress SEPA has made in "driving all remaining businesses not yet meeting set standards into full compliance with the environmental laws in Scotland", as set out in the foreword to the agency's regulatory strategy. <u>S6W-03241</u> Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of SEPA staff are actively involved in site inspection and compliance assessment, and whether this has changed since the cyber-attack on 24 December 2020.

<u>S6W-03242</u> Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how many SEPA staff have been unable to undertake their duties each month following the cyber-attack on 24 December 2020. <u>S6W-03243</u> Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how many unannounced inspections SEPA has undertaken since April 2021 to assess compliance with General Binding Rules for diffuse pollution in (a) priority catchments identified in the first River Basin Management Plan, (b) Motions & Questions Gluasadan agus Ceistean

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priority catchments identified in the second River Basin Management Plan and (c) catchments not identified as "priority".

<u>S6W-03246</u> Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding how much the increase in employers' national insurance payments will have on (a) the NHS, (b) local government and (c) all other parts of the public sector in Scotland.

<u>S6W-03247</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on waiving the requirement for fully-vaccinated UK residents to take a COVID-19 PCR test on return to Scotland from international travel to amber list countries if their trip was for fewer than five days.

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Made Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 September 2021 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/328) Laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 September 2021 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) Laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Progress of Legislation

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

https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills

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.

Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 debate 23 September 2021 Stage 2 amendments cannot be lodged until Stage 1 debate is complete

Stage 2 amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Monday 27 September 2021 with the clerks in the Legislation Team

Stage 2 proceedings (Social Justice and Social Security Committee), Thursday 30 September 2021

Stage 3 amendments cannot be lodged until Stage 2 debate is complete

Stage 3 amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Monday 4 October 2021 with the clerks in the Legislation Team Stage 3 proceedings (meeting of the whole Parliament), Thursday 7 October 2021

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M) Passed, 23 March 2021

Wednesday 22 September 2021

The Bill has been referred to the Supreme Court under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland.

Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee, Health, Social Care and Sport), 31 August 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) Passed, 16 March 2021

The Bill has been referred to the Supreme Court under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland.

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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Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill LCM-S6-6

Lodged on 2 September 2021

Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill LCM-S6-1

Lodged on 22 June 2021

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

Environment Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-2

Lodged on 9 July 2021 Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 14 September 2021 (evidence) Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 7 September 2021

Health and Care Bill LCM-S6-5

Lodged on 31 August 2021 Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 21 September 2021

Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill LCM-S6-4 Lodged on 5 August 2021

Criminal Justice Committee, 1 September 2021 (evidence)

Professional Qualifications Bill LCM-S6-3

Lodged on 12 July 2021 Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 21 September 2021 Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 21 September 2021 Lead committee - Economy and Fair Work

Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill LCM-S6-7

Lodged on 10 September 2021 Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 16 September 2021

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Made affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 29 September 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/299) (2 September 2021) (COVID-19 Recovery Committee)

Subject to approval by 30 September 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/301) (2 September 2021) (COVID-19 Recovery Committee)

Subject to approval by 7 October 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/307) (10 September 2021) (COVID-19 Recovery Committee)

Subject to approval by 28 October 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/319) (15 September 2021) (COVID-19 Recovery Committee)

Subject to approval by 29 October 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/322) (16 September 2021) (COVID-19 Recovery Committee)

Subject to approval by 5 November 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/328) (16 September 2021) (COVID-19 Recovery Committee)

Affirmative instruments

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Subject to approval by 3 October 2021

Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (21 June 2021) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval by 8 October 2021

<u>Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change</u> (<u>Immunities and Privileges</u>) (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (20 August 2021) (Criminal Justice Committee)

European Union and European Atomic Energy Community (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (20 August 2021) (Criminal Justice Committee)

National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Young Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (23 August 2021) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

<u>Na h-Eileanan an Iar (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)</u> (26 August 2021) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Orkney Islands (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (26 August 2021) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

<u>Shetland Islands (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)</u> (26 August 2021) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

<u>Argyll and Bute (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)</u> (27 August 2021) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

<u>Highland (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)</u> (27 August 2021) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

North Ayrshire (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (27 August 2021) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

<u>Children's Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments and Consequential Provisions)</u> (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (30 August 2021) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (30 August 2021) (Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee)

Social Security (Advocacy Service Standards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (30 August 2021) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 31 October 2021

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Form and Content of Waiver etc.) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (6 September 2021) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 2 November 2021

Forestry (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (8 September 2021) (Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee)

Subject to approval by 4 November 2021

Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (10 September 2021) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 7 November 2021

Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Afghanistan) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (13 September 2021) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 8 November 2021

<u>Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland)</u> <u>Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)</u> (14 September 2021) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (14 September 2021) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to approval by 15 November 2021

Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) (21 September 2021) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 8 October 2021 Lead Committee report due by 4 October 2021

The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/282) (26 August 2021) (Criminal Justice Committee)

<u>Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/288)</u> (27 August 2021) (Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee)

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Rules 2021 (SSI 2021/289) (30 August 2021) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 25 October 2021 Lead Committee report due by 4 October 2021

Town and Country Planning (Cairnryan Border Control Posts) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Special Development Amendment Order 2021 (SSI 2021/293) (31 August 2021) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) <u>Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/292)</u> (*31 August 2021*) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 27 October 2021 Lead Committee report due by 25 October 2021

<u>Official Controls (Transitional Staging Period) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations</u> <u>2021 (SSI 2021/297)</u> (2 September 2021) (Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee)

Subject to annulment 4 November 2021 Lead Committee report due by 1 November 2021

Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/305) (10 September 2021) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 8 November 2021 Lead Committee report due by 1 November 2021

Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Local Government Election Expenses) (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/310) (14 September 2021) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

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

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Reimbursement of Costs and Expenses) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/312) (15 September 2021) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

<u>Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Payment of Legal Fees) (Scotland)</u> <u>Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/313)</u> (15 September 2021) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

<u>Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland)</u> <u>Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/317)</u> (15 September 2021) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

<u>Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/318)</u> (15 September 2021) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Instruments / Documents subject to consultation

Subject to annulment 27 October 2021

<u>Code of Conduct for Councillors (SG/2021/229)</u> (2 September 2021) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

<u>Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies</u> (SG/2021/230) *(2 September 2021)* (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

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Petitions

The following petitions were lodged with the Parliament on 21 September 2021:

PE1896: Provide every primary school child in Scotland with a reusable water bottle

A full list of petitions can be viewed on the Scottish Parliament website at:

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Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 21 September 2021 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Registers of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 SG/2021/228 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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