

Wednesday 6 December 2023

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
Fiscal Framework Review

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
11352 Sue Webber: Charitable Hospice Care
to Meet Future Need

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public
Petitions Committee

9:45am Economy and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Deputy Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture – Questions 2 and 5.

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

- 1. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it is supporting the arts sector. ([S6O-02830](#))
- 2. Marie McNair:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the impact of its funding for humanitarian aid to Palestine. ([S6O-02831](#))
- 3. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of introducing ticket levy schemes at large music venues in Scotland. ([S6O-02832](#))
- 4. Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government when the constitution secretary last met the UK Government, and what was discussed. ([S6O-02833](#))
- 5. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the vote on motion S6M-11342 on the Situation in the Middle East, on 21 November, whether it will provide an update on what action it has taken with the UK Government and international bodies to support the humanitarian response. ([S6O-02834](#))
- 6. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the reopening of sites that are currently closed due to inspections by Historic Environment Scotland. ([S6O-02835](#))
- 7. Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what it is doing to support the arts and culture sector in Glasgow. ([S6O-02836](#))
- 8. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to promote and support cultural activities in the Rutherglen constituency. ([S6O-02837](#))

Justice and Home Affairs

- 1. Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that all fire and rescue officers in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have access to decontamination facilities. ([S6O-02838](#))
- 2. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available for people in contact with the justice system who may be dealing with vulnerabilities such as mental health issues, problematic substance use or homelessness. ([S6O-02839](#))
- 3. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is regarding the maximum time that a family should be expected to wait for a post-mortem report following the death of a loved one. ([S6O-02840](#))
- 4. David Torrance:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-02841](#))
- 5. Kaukab Stewart:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-02842](#))
- 6. Ivan McKee:** To ask the Scottish Government what work it is doing with the Scottish Prison Service to provide inmates, including those on remand, with vocational skills to help them secure employment when they leave prison and address any skills shortages. ([S6O-02843](#))

7. James Dornan: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the SFA and SPFL regarding the recent upsurge in the use of pyrotechnics within football stadia. ([S6O-02844](#))

8. Audrey Nicoll: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with Police Scotland and criminal justice stakeholders to prevent criminal gangs from using so-called county lines for illegal business activities. ([S6O-02845](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Fiscal Framework Review

[S6M-11546](#) Shona Robison: Fiscal Framework Review—That the Parliament recognises the limited improvements to the Scottish Fiscal Framework, following a joint review with the UK Government; welcomes the outcome of the review, which provides an increase in the Scottish Government's borrowing and reserve capacity, and also confirms the Indexed Per Capita methodology as the permanent basis for calculating Block Grant Adjustments for devolved tax and security spend; notes that, while the limited progress is welcome, the Framework cannot protect Scotland from the UK Government's austerity-driven budget decisions; understands that the Autumn Statement saw real-terms cuts to frontline spending in NHS England and on justice, and that these cuts have impacts on the finances that are consequently available to Scotland; calls for the UK Government spending plans for 2024-25 to be urgently revisited to invest in services and provide the funding necessary to meet the costs of public sector pay deals, not least in the NHS, and believes that the Scottish Parliament should have all the fiscal levers to prevent Scotland being subject to the austerity policies that harm efforts to reduce poverty, develop a growing wellbeing economy, tackle climate change and invest in public services.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

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followed by Business Motions

[S6M-11560](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 December 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

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followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Literacy and Numeracy

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11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

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2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Application of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 December 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 20 December 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

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followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 21 December 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

1.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 11 December 2023, 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.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-11561](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-11562](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-11563](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Quality Meat Scotland (Amendment) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-11564](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Scottish Languages Bill at stage 1.

[S6M-11565](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-11352](#) Sue Webber: Charitable Hospice Care to Meet Future Need—That the Parliament thanks charitable hospices, across both adult and children's services, for providing vital palliative and end of life care and bereavement support to an estimated 21,000 people in Scotland in 2022-23; commends the care that they deliver, which reaches out into communities and people's homes, through services such as hospice care at home, supporting not only patients but also their families and loved ones; understands that demand for palliative care is predicted to increase by 20% by 2040, and that the care that people need will be more complex; further understands that

around 8,200 people die in poverty every year in Scotland; considers that people impacted by poverty face barriers in accessing hospice care; believes that everyone should have access to hospice care if they require it; considers that hospice care reduces pressure on NHS services by supporting people to stay at home and avoid unnecessary hospital admissions; notes reports that unscheduled care costs the NHS £190 million per year for those in the last year of life; understands that the use of unscheduled care services by those in the last year of life in the most deprived areas of Scotland is almost double that of those in the least deprived areas; welcomes that charitable hospices work in partnership with colleagues in the NHS and across the health and care sector; understands with concern, however, that the impact of matching the recent NHS pay awards, alongside rising running costs, is expected to leave the hospice care sector £16 million in deficit in 2023-24, meaning that hospices may need to make tough decisions about the services that they can provide to patients and families in the future, and notes the belief, therefore, that a new national funding framework for hospice care is vital to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the sector and to allow charitable hospices to continue to support the NHS and provide high-quality palliative care to people in the Lothian region and across Scotland.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 32nd Meeting, 2023

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

- Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Dr Liz Barron-Majerik, Scotland Director, Lantra Scotland;
Dr Lorna Cole, Senior Consultant, Scotland's Rural College;
Professor Cathy Dwyer, Chair, Scottish Animal Welfare Commission;
Dr Vera Eory, Researcher, Scotland's Rural College;
Kirsty Jenkins, Policy Officer, OneKind;
Donald MacKinnon, Chair, Scottish Crofting Federation;
David McKay, Head of Policy Scotland, Soil Association;
Nigel Miller, Co-Chair, Farming for 1.5;
Ross Paton, Chair, Scottish Organic Stakeholders Group;
Dr Tara Wight, Scotland Policy and Campaigns Coordinator, Landworkers' Alliance.
- UK subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating in a devolved area as set out in the following UK statutory instrument proposal—
Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) Regulations 2023
- Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the written evidence received.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 18th Meeting, 2023

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
- Consideration of continued petitions** The Committee will consider the following petition PE1876: Accurately record the sex of people charged or convicted of rape or attempted rape, taking evidence from—
Dr Lucy Hunter Blackburn, Petitioner
Lisa Mackenzie, Petitioner
and then consider—
PE1928: Provide free rail travel for disabled people who meet the qualifications for free bus travel
PE1985: Evaluate Garages to Homes Developments
PE1989: Increase defibrillators in public spaces and workplaces
PE1995: Improve support for victims of spiking
PE2000: Ensure universities are held accountable to students under consumer law
PE2001: Withdraw the 'Supporting transgender young people in schools' guidance from Scottish schools
- Consideration of new petitions** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE2041: Exempt community healthcare staff from parking charges

PE2043: Change the way gender theory is presented in schools

PE2046: Provide birth certificates for stillborn babies

PE2048: Review the FAST stroke awareness campaign

PE2049: Introduce buffer zones outside migrant accommodation

4. **Consideration of evidence** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard on PE1876: Accurately record the sex of people charged or convicted of rape or attempted rape.
5. **Written submissions** The Committee will consider revised guidance on written submissions.

Economy and Fair Work Committee

31st Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:45 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. **Glasgow Prestwick Airport:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ian Forgie, Chief Executive, and Forsyth Black, Non-Executive Chairman, Glasgow Prestwick Airport;
and then from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy, and Colin Cook, Director of Economic Development, Scottish Government.
3. **Glasgow Prestwick Airport:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Criminal Justice Committee

33rd Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on part 4 of the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Sandy Brindley, Chief Executive, Rape Crisis Scotland;
Joe Duffy.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 29 November 2023

Thursday 7 December 2023

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-09401 John Swinney: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Katharine Stewart-Murray, Duchess of Atholl's Election to the UK Parliament

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills

followed by Reconsideration Stage Proceedings: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

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Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Public Audit Committee

7 December 2023

32nd Meeting, 2023

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 items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carole Grant, Audit Director, Helen Russell, Senior Audit Manager, and Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carole Grant, Audit Director, Helen Russell, Senior Audit Manager, and Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lynn Russell at

Lynn.Russell@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

7 December 2023

32nd Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Mark Griffin MSP, Member in Charge;
Neil Stewart, Senior Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, and Ailidh Callander, Senior Solicitor, Legal Services Office, Scottish Parliament.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 from—

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Kelly Donohoe, Cross Cutting Benefits Policy Official, and Camilo Arredondo, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice) to move—S6M-11172—That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.
5. **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, Claire Menzies on 85219 or at claire.menzies@parliament.scot

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

7 December 2023

34th Meeting, 2023

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 3 in private.
2. **Historic Environment Strategy:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Christina McKelvie MSP, Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development, Callum Grigor, Team Leader of Sponsorship and Historic Environment, and Chris Raftery, Head of Sponsorship and Historic Environment, Scottish Government.
3. **Consideration of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at james.johnston@parliament.scot

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

7 December 2023

20th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 2 and 3 in private.
2. **Standing Order Rule Changes: Proxy Voting:** The Committee will consider its draft report.
3. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85176 or at catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Motions for Debate

***[S6M-11573](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (Reconsideration)**—That the Parliament agrees that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill be approved.

Supported by: Paul McLennan*, Emma Roddick*

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

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***[S6M-11564](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Scottish Languages Bill at stage 1.

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Wednesday 13 December 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 14 December 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

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followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Application of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 December 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

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 20 December 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 21 December 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

1.10 pm Decision Time

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 11 December 2023, 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.

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***[S6M-11543](#) Michelle Thomson: Forth Valley College Named Winners at CDN College**

Awards 2023—That the Parliament congratulates Forth Valley College on its award success at the recent CDN College Awards 2023; understands that the awards took place on 30 November 2023 in Glasgow; notes what it sees as the importance of these awards in recognising talent, innovation and success of colleges, their staff and their students; further notes that Forth Valley College was named as winner of the Professional Services Colleague of the Year Award, highly commended in the Sustainability Action Award, and commended in the Digital Learning Award; congratulates Forth Valley College staff and learners on their three awards, and looks forward to further successes in future.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*, Alexander Stewart*, Kevin Stewart*, Pam Gosal*

***[S6M-11542](#) Christine Grahame: Congratulating the Winners of the Scottish Thistle**

Awards—That the Parliament congratulates all of the tourism and hospitality businesses that won awards at the Scottish Thistle Awards 2023; notes that the first ever dedicated regional Thistle Awards for South of Scotland businesses took place in October 2023, where winners included Cringletie for Best Hotel Experience, Borders Book Festival for Outstanding Cultural Event or Festival, and the Trimontium Museum for Best Visitor Attraction; further notes that the recent national final saw Airhouses in Oxton win the Best Luxury Experience in Scotland award, and congratulates all of the winners on this well-deserved recognition, celebrating the best of the tourism and events industry in Scotland.

***[S6M-11541](#) Marie McNair: St Margaret of Scotland Hospice Shop Opens New Premises in**

Clydebank Shopping Centre—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the dedication of volunteers and staff at St Margaret's Hospice Shop; is pleased to hear of a new, more central location in Clydebank Shopping Centre, where patrons can drop off donations to help to continue to fundraise for what it considers to be the important specialist palliative care services that St Margaret of Scotland Hospice provides; wishes the staff well in their new premises, and encourages the public to be charitable this winter.

***[S6M-11540](#) Marie McNair: Milngavie Restaurant Comes Highly Recommended in Italian**

Awards Gala—That the Parliament recognises Andiamo Restaurant, in Milngavie, for reaching the finals of the Scottish Italian Awards; understands that the 10th annual event celebrated the very best of Italian hospitality across Scotland; congratulates Andiamo staff on receiving the recognition of Highly Recommended in the Scotland's Best Restaurant in the West category, and wishes local diners "buon appetito" at this beloved establishment.

***[S6M-11539](#) Evelyn Tweed: McLaren High School, Callander, Named Scottish Secondary**

School of the Year 2024—That the Parliament congratulates McLaren High School in Callander on being named *The Sunday Times* Scottish Secondary School of the Year 2024; notes that McLaren High School was recognised for a persistent drive to raise attainment levels, while still championing the wider talents and ambitions of pupils both in and out of the classroom; commends the staff and pupils at McLaren for all of their hard work, and wishes the whole school community well for the future.

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***[S6M-11536](#) Annie Wells: MasterChef Winner Visits Glasgow Primary School to Unveil New Room**—That the Parliament acknowledges Glaswegian MasterChef winner, Gary Maclean, for paying a special visit to a Glasgow primary school, after it opened its brand new STEM room; understands that St Mungo's Primary School, in the city centre, welcomed Gary Maclean to be part of the grand opening, with the top chef looking to pass on his knowledge within the industry to the pupils; recognises that, after starting his cooking career when he was a teenager, the chef from Knightswood was appointed as the head chef of the 55BC restaurant in Glasgow at the age of 22, after developing a love for cooking at Knightswood Secondary School, and understands that the school room was transformed from a carpeted classroom with a blackboard into a multi-function room that can be used to teach children a host of different subjects, including a smartboard, microwaves, additional sinks and kitchen utensils, following a year of consultation with both pupils and the pupil council.

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***[S6M-11535](#) Colin Beattie: Midlothian Library Services Awarded the 2023 SLIC Service Excellence Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Midlothian Library Services, which was awarded the 2023 Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) Service Excellence Award for its outstanding contributions to its local communities during the cost of living crisis; celebrates the hard work done by staff and volunteers in its nine libraries and its mobile library services in achieving this recognition; acknowledges the role that Midlothian Library Services plays in helping young people to develop technology skills, and recognises the role of the wider services, such as Braw Blether, Warm Spaces, and a range of cultural events, in leading to a significant increase in visits to the libraries and book issues within Midlothian Library Services.

***[S6M-11531](#) Kevin Stewart: Import and Export Data**—That the Parliament agrees that businesses across the UK have expressed difficulties in navigating the gov.uk website to extract the import/export information; believes that gov.uk does not provide exporters with access to holistic high-quality market intelligence and trade advice; considers that the UK's trade policy, including trade deals and a national tariff scheme, would benefit from being better promoted and explained; believes that devolved leaders across the UK should be involved in developing a streamlined portal and be able to make full use of it to promote and attract investment to critical projects and opportunities in their area; further believes that improved data collection on services trade would enable policymakers to better understand where growth opportunities lie; considers that services trade data is far less reliable than goods trade data, blurring the services trade picture and obscuring policymakers' sight of where opportunities can be maximised; believes that if the UK could source data that captured the full extent of the UK's regional strengths in services trade, then policymakers would be better equipped to prioritise government efforts and support, and further believes that this includes working with devolved governments to promote exports.

***[S6M-11530](#) Daniel Johnson: Treating Retail and Hospitality Workers with Kindness in the Festive Period**—That the Parliament welcomes the press and social media campaign from the Scottish Retail Consortium and UKHospitality Scotland, which is urging people in Scotland to be kind, considerate and respectful to workers and fellow customers when shopping, dining or socialising out this Christmas; believes that the festive period can be an especially complex and challenging time for retail and hospitality businesses with colleagues working hard to keep shelves stocked and meals and drinks served; understands that abuse towards those working in customer

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service has climbed, with figures from the Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw) showing that two thirds of retail staff have experienced verbal abuse in the past 12 months; believes that any mistreatment of colleagues in stores or hospitality is unacceptable and should not be tolerated, and commends what it see as this responsible and positive initiative from employers for a little Christmas kindness and courtesy from people in Scotland so that everyone can enjoy shopping and experiences in the bars, pubs and restaurants over the festive period and in turn support local jobs and the vibrancy of the town and city centre destinations. **R**

***[S6M-11529](#) Donald Cameron: Gigha's Boathouse Restaurant Wins Good Food Award—** That the Parliament congratulates Gigha's Boathouse on receiving a Blue Ribbon at the 2023-24 Good Food Awards; understands that these prestigious awards recognise hard-working teams in the food and drinks industry that strive through hard work for culinary excellence within their field of restaurants, takeaways, gastropubs, hotels, cafes and fish and chip shops; recognises that Blue Ribbons are bestowed upon teams that have the highest customer ratings and votes; acknowledges that The Boathouse was one of only 15 restaurants across the whole of Scotland to receive a Good Food Award, and wishes owner, Sam Berry, and the rest of his team the best of luck for the upcoming 2024 season.

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***[S6M-11528](#) Donald Cameron: NHS Western Isles Macmillan Team Wins Whatever it Takes Award at Macmillan Professionals Excellence Awards—** That the Parliament congratulates the NHS Western Isles Macmillan team on winning the Whatever It Takes award at the Macmillan Professionals Excellence Awards; acknowledges that these awards recognise Macmillan professionals who show extraordinary effort, adaptability, innovation, compassion and an outstanding contribution to cancer services; understands that the Whatever It Takes award category showcases unsung heroes who have "truly gone the extra mile" in their standard of care; believes that NHS Western Isles Macmillan team has stepped up since the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that local services are developed to meet the changing needs of the islands' population, with a new seven-day service introduced to ensure that the team of expert nurses' advice and support is always available, and thanks all members of the NHS Western Isles Macmillan team for continuing to provide their support and compassionate care at such a high level to the local Western Isles' population.

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***[S6M-11526](#) Tess White: Congratulations to New Queen's Nurse, Rosie Crighton —** That the Parliament congratulates Rosie Crighton, a health visitor, school nurse team leader and part-time operational lead nurse at NHS Grampian, on being awarded the title of Queen's Nurse in November 2023; understands that Rosie undertook a nine-month development programme, run by the Queen's Nursing Institute, in order to earn the prestigious title of Queen's Nurse; further understands that nurses are selected by employer nomination and undergo panel interviews to ascertain eligibility; notes that 24 community nurses and midwives were chosen to complete the Queen's Nursing Development Programme in 2023 and that candidates were funded by charitable trusts to complete the programme; understands that there are now more than 150 contemporary Queen's Nurses working across Scotland since the programme was restarted in 2017 after a long

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history dating back to the late 19th century, and wishes all 24 new Queen's Nurses every success in the important and wide-ranging work that they do to support people in their communities.

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***S6M-11512 Richard Leonard: Cuts to Railway Funding—**That the Parliament notes with concern reports that the Scottish Government funding settlement for the next five-year Railway Control Period 7 (CP7), from 2024 to 2029, will result in a £315 million (13%) cut in Network Rail Scotland's budget for what it sees as vital safety critical railway infrastructure work, compared with the previous five year period; understands that these cuts will fall on the renewal of track, signalling and other assets at a time, it believes, of increased degradation of railway assets and structures, and extreme weather events linked to climate change; considers that this will lead to an increased risk of structural and earthwork failures, similar to those that caused the Carmont rail disaster in 2020; is concerned that a reduction in Network Rail Scotland's spend on railway renewals and an increased reliance on railway maintenance could lead to an increase in safety risks and a reduction in performance, including through speed restrictions and "go slows", and the loss of rail workers' jobs and skills, which, it believes, are needed for now and in the future; believes that these cuts to infrastructure funding are part of Network Rail's drive, under the Scottish Government's instruction, to make efficiencies; considers that these rail cuts are a false economy that will increase economic inefficiencies within the railway and wider economy, and calls on the Scottish Government to reverse the reported £315 million cut in renewals, and, instead, to protect rail safety, services and jobs and deliver efficiencies by reducing fragmentation and moving to a unified, integrated, publicly-owned railway. **R**

Supported by: Monica Lennon* **R**, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Carol Mochan*

***S6M-11492 Sharon Dowey: Congratulating Ayr's Gary Burgess—**That the Parliament congratulates Ayr's Gary Burgess who originally began running a half-marathon every single day for the first half of 2023 and has now reached the home stretch with 25 days to go; recognises that Gary is raising money for the British Heart Foundation and has raised £2,770 so far; understands that, following his doctor's advice, Gary will be walking the last 200 miles, which he aims to complete on 21 December 2023; notes that 21 December marks the 365th day of the marathon journey; acknowledges that Gary will be leaving the Growler bar and walking towards the beach and back for four miles every day, beginning at 12.00 pm, to allow more people to join in; thanks Gary for his hard work and determination by walking and running 4,000 miles in 2023 to raise much needed funds for a great cause, and wishes Gary well for the future.

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***S6M-11472 Bob Doris: 100th Anniversary of "The Shakey" —**That the Parliament offers its thanks to volunteers and staff at the Shakespeare Street Youth Club, which, for the last 100 years, has shown an outstanding commitment to provide various opportunities for young people and their families in the Maryhill and Wyndford area; congratulates Shakespeare Street Youth Club, known affectionately as "The Shakey", on reaching the milestone of 100 years young; understands that a celebration of the 100th anniversary, which was held at The Shakey in August 2023, was both fun and emotional, as former members, staff and volunteers joined in the festivities; notes that this included both current manager, Julie McMillan, and former manager, Stewart Bell; understands

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that The Shakey is the oldest youth club in Scotland; commends all involved with the Shakespeare Street Youth Club over those 100 years for delivering varied activities to improve the lives of children and young people, including regular cooking clubs, wellbeing sessions and play groups, and for engaging young people in sports such as football, tai chi and taekwondo; notes what it sees as their tireless work to enhance the lived experience of young people through residential stays, trips and days out; further notes what it sees as the wider social contribution that The Shakey makes to the local area through fundraising, community events and campaigns; acknowledges the hard work and dedication of all staff, organisers and volunteers who have collectively provided what it considers is vital support to the community for over a century, and extends gratitude and best wishes for a successful future to The Shakey for many years to come.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-11537.2](#) Paul O'Kane: Championing Disability Equality and Human Rights (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11533](#) Ash Regan: Condemnation of the Leader of the Opposition Sir Keir Starmer's Praise of the Legacy of the Thatcher Administration (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Michelle Thomson*, Colin Beattie*, John Mason*, Bob Doris*, Ivan McKee*, Fulton MacGregor*, Christine Grahame*

[S6M-11523](#) Ivan McKee: Physics Powering the Green Economy (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11522](#) Gillian Mackay: Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire Awarded Equally Safe at Work Accreditation (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11520](#) Bob Doris: Centenary of John MacLean's Passing (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11519](#) Alexander Burnett: The Bailies of Bennachie Conservation Group Wins the Community Initiative Award at RSPB Scotland's Nature of Scotland Awards 2023 (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Brian Whittle*, Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-11518](#) Rhoda Grant: Bank of Scotland Ending Mobile Branch Services across Scotland (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Mercedes Villalba*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Paul O'Kane*, Martin Whitfield*, Alasdair Allan*, Stuart McMillan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Christine Grahame*, Colin Beattie*, Bob Doris*, Evelyn Tweed*

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[S6M-11517](#) Murdo Fraser: Highland Perthshire Chocolatier's Winning Streak Continues
(lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Craig Hoy*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Alexander Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annie Wells*, Russell Findlay*, Meghan Gallacher*, Douglas Ross*, Pam Gosal*, Jamie Greene*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Brian Whittle*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Jackson Carlaw*, Colin Beattie*, Evelyn Tweed*, Donald Cameron*

[S6M-11515](#) Jackie Baillie: Alexandria Woman Raises £13,340 for Two Charities in Memory of Mum and Sister (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11514](#) John Swinney: Recognising the Success of the Highland Chocolatier at the International Chocolate Awards (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11513](#) John Swinney: Congratulating Perth Racecourse for its RCA Showcase Award
(lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11511](#) Colin Beattie: Musselburgh Racecourse Success at RCA Showcase Awards
(lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11510](#) Jackie Dunbar: Iconic Fountain Returns to Woodside (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11509](#) Ruth Maguire: International Insights, A Model for Scotland (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Michelle Thomson*, Colin Beattie*, John Mason*, Ivan McKee*, Stuart McMillan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Tess White*, Carol Mochan*

[S6M-11508](#) Katy Clark: Women and Girls' Safety on Public Transport (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Mercedes Villalba* R, Alexander Burnett*, Brian Whittle*

[S6M-11507](#) Audrey Nicoll: Greyhope Bay Photographer of the Year and People's Choice Winners Announced (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Maggie Chapman*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11506](#) Karen Adam: Congratulating Scotland's High Street Hero (lodged on 04 December 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

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[S6M-11505](#) Karen Adam: Buckie Christmas Cracker (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11504](#) Stuart McMillan: Brian McLaughlin Becomes Newest European Football Development Network Board Member (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11503](#) Stuart McMillan: Jacqueline Coyle Recognised for Outstanding Contribution to Community Health and Wellbeing (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11502](#) Marie McNair: Co-operative Members across Milngavie and Bearsden Raise Funds for Charities (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Emma Harper*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11501](#) Paul Sweeney: 24 Community Nurses and Midwives Awarded Prestigious Queen's Nurse Title (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11500](#) Russell Findlay: Dedication and Bravery of Scotland's Police Officers Celebrated at Scottish Police Federation Awards (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S6M-11499](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Polish Club Secures Bennoch House (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11493](#) Fulton MacGregor: Gartcosh Primary School Teacher Named Winner in Royal Society of Chemistry Education Prize (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11491](#) Alexander Stewart: Wee County Home Improvement Company Voted Best in Scotland (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11489](#) Clare Adamson: 40 Years of Tuite Opticians (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11488](#) Clare Adamson: World Children's Day (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11487](#) Clare Adamson: New College Lanarkshire's Eileen Imlah and Students Recognised with Outstanding Achievement Award (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11486](#) Alexander Stewart: Triple Award Success for Inglewood House Hotel and Spa (lodged on 30 November 2023)

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New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11485](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Young Bellshill Man Saves Life with CPR (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11474](#) Mercedes Villalba: Protecting Language Study at the University of Aberdeen (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*, Michelle Thomson*, Martin Whitfield*, Ben Macpherson*

[S6M-11470](#) Sharon Dowey: Aldo Cecchini Receives Lifetime Achievement (lodged on 29 November 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S6M-11467](#) Emma Harper: LGBT+ Youth Scotland - Life in Scotland Rural Report 2023 (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11466](#) Jeremy Balfour: International Day of Persons with Disabilities Summit (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S6M-11460](#) Monica Lennon: Rape Crisis Scotland Campaign: Survivors Can't Wait (lodged on 29 November 2023)

New Support: Claire Baker*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-11450](#) Karen Adam: Seabird Census (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Beatrice Wishart*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-11432](#) Jackson Carlaw: Scottish Water Junction Closures at the Broomburn Shops (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-11419](#) Mercedes Villalba: Towards a Fossil Fuel Non-proliferation Treaty (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Carol Mochan*, Martin Whitfield*, Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-11397](#) Michelle Thomson: Teenage Cancer Trust Christmas Card Design Triumph for Bo'ness's Olivia Thom (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Ash Regan*, Foysol Choudhury*, Gillian Mackay*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Rona Mackay*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Christine Grahame*, Colin Beattie*

[S6M-11296](#) Sandesh Gulhane: NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Staff Win at the Scottish Health Awards 2023 (lodged on 20 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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[S6M-11179](#) Jackson Carlaw: East Renfrewshire Young People Create Environment Mosaic for Thornliebank Library (lodged on 10 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-11129](#) Jackson Carlaw: Celebrating Scottish Interfaith Week 2023 (lodged on 08 November 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S6M-10835](#) Finlay Carson: Kitchen Coos and Ewes Wins Thistle Award for Best Outdoor Experience (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10591](#) Sarah Boyack: Children's Health Scotland Wins the Empowering Self Management Project of the Year Award (lodged on 25 September 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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Written Questions

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

Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the parliament Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

Government initiated questions lodged on 05 December 2023

[S6W-23610](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the proposed Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Bill and Future Generations Commissioner.

[S6W-23611](#) Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish its report, *NHS Recovery Plan 2021-2026 Annual Progress Update 2023*.

Written questions lodged on 05 December 2023

[S6W-23387](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that members of the veterans and armed forces community are aware of the NHS services that are available to them so that they can access the medical and practical support that they need.

[S6W-23421](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its consideration of measures to increase the recovery of critical raw materials, what assessment it has made of the proposals set out in the EU Critical Raw Materials Act, including any EU targets on accessing strategic raw materials from domestic recycling.

[S6W-23484](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the future of the Scottish National Pain Management Programme, which opened in 2015, is secure at its present site at the Gartnavel Hospital campus in Glasgow, and whether it will clarify the meaning of a "broader range of settings" for the specialist service, in light of action 9 of its *Framework for pain management service delivery - implementation plan update*.

[S6W-23486](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on who the members are that have been appointed to the Pain Management Task Force and each of its sub-committees, in order to provide transparency for the approximately 800,000 people in Scotland experiencing chronic pain regarding any recommendations made on future chronic pain services.

[S6W-23498](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the consequences of the disruption to education during the COVID-19 pandemic, and what (a) action it has taken and (b) specific funding it has allocated to mitigate these.

[S6W-23501](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reported gap between the number of available speech and language therapists in Scotland compared with the demand, and what plans it has to address this issue.

[S6W-23502](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government how it has equipped local authorities to support children who did not experience transition stages of education from (a) nursery to primary and (b) primary to secondary school as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[S6W-23559](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-20690 by Lorna Slater on 4 September 2023, whether the outlined impact assessments to inform proposals to introduce a charge on single-use beverage cups have begun.

[S6W-23560](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of investments made by the Scottish National Investment Bank in ScotWind supply chain partners in each year since it was established.

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[S6W-23562](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to recommendation 22 in the report, *Investor Panel, Mobilising international capital to help finance the transition to Net Zero*, on whether public sector connections to heat grids should be mandatory.

[S6W-23563](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken on the potential to reduce any upfront planning costs for district heating, and what effect this could have on project margins.

[S6W-23564](#) Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government how many people (a) had to be hospitalised and (b) died as a result of paracetamol overdose in each of the last five years for which figures are available.

[S6W-23566](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether the in-year budget reprofiling of spend under the Mental Health Recovery and Renewal Fund and the Mental Health Transformation Fund will impact any resources earmarked for the delivery of the (a) Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its (i) workforce plan and (ii) delivery plan, (b) Suicide Prevention Strategy and (c) Self-harm Strategy.

[S6W-23567](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to appoint the membership of its Mental Health and Wellbeing Leadership Board.

[S6W-23568](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23481 by Mairi McAllan on 30 November 2023, whether any farms affected by flooding will qualify for the grant scheme, and whether farms in Inverness-shire will be excluded from the grant scheme, even if damaged by flooding.

[S6W-23569](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the £50 million fund announced on 19 December 2020 to bring vacant and derelict land back into use has been used to invest in new affordable housing. **R**

[S6W-23570](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the £50 million fund announced on 19 December 2020 to bring vacant and derelict land back into use has been allocated to date.

[S6W-23571](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government how many hectares of vacant and derelict land have been brought back into use as a result of the fund that it announced on 19 December 2020.

[S6W-23572](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, further to its announcement on 7 November 2023, when it will provide an update on the anticipated publication date of the new Climate Change Plan; whether it will publish a timeline setting out the periods for public engagement and proposed parliamentary scrutiny of the new plan, and what time will be allocated, ahead of the statutory deadline, to permit an assessment and considered response to that engagement and scrutiny.

[S6W-23573](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government on what date it plans to publish the final version of the publication, *Reducing car use for a healthier, fairer and greener Scotland: A route map to achieve a 20 per cent reduction in car kilometres by 2030*, which was committed to in the 2020 Climate Change Plan update and subject to consultation between January and April 2022.

[S6W-23574](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to reform energy performance certificate (EPC) ratings, and whether it will consider linking its stated policy of introducing rent controls to EPC ratings.

[S6W-23575](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government when it will announce proposals for the rent adjudication process.

[S6W-23576](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6O-02743 by Neil Gray on 16 November 2023, what consideration it has given to the role of the

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education system and associated extracurricular activities in its work to mitigate population trends of levels of inactivity, in order to make a targeted, early intervention for young people.

[S6W-23577](#) Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many and (b) what percentage of children in the NHS Grampian area who were referred for mental health treatment in (i) 2021, (ii) 2022 and (iii) 2023 started treatment within the 18-week target.

[S6W-23578](#) Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-19273 by Angela Constance on 14 July 2023, how many mobile phones have been confiscated from prisoners in HMP and YOI Grampian in each month since the scheme was first introduced on the prison estate.

[S6W-23579](#) Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many and (b) what percentage of children in the NHS Tayside area who were referred for mental health treatment in (i) 2021, (ii) 2022 and (iii) 2023 started treatment within the 18-week target.

[S6W-23580](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the establishment of new national parks.

[S6W-23581](#) Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has carried out any assessment of how effectively Scotland's national parks are being governed.

[S6W-23582](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government how it defines the term "just transition" in the context of urban communities.

[S6W-23583](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government how it defines the term "just transition" in the context of skills development.

[S6W-23584](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government how it defines the term "just transition" in the context of rural communities.

[S6W-23585](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what the monthly average sales income for fishermen has been in each of the last three years.

[S6W-23586](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5O-03945 by Humza Yousaf on 19 December 2019, what the staff (a) recruitment, (b) retention and (c) absence rate has been at each prison and young offenders institution in the last 12 months.

[S6W-23587](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what the average daily traffic flow volume has been on the A96 trunk road between Aberdeen and Inverness in each year since 2017.

[S6W-23588](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-33611 by Mairi Gougeon on 4 December 2020, whether it will provide the information for (a) 2021-22, (b) 2022-23 and (c) 2023-24 to date regarding the number of offences recorded by Police Scotland under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953.

[S6W-23589](#) Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported reduction in the number of secondary school pupils studying modern languages.

[S6W-23590](#) Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the University of Aberdeen is considering withdrawing its honours degrees in languages, cultures and societies.

[S6W-23591](#) Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to ensure the sustainability of modern languages teaching in (a) schools, (b) universities and (c) colleges.

[S6W-23592](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) men and (b) women have (i) been prosecuted, (ii) been prosecuted and convicted and (iii) not been prosecuted but have received direct measures for TV licence fee non-payment in each of the last five years.

[S6W-23593](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government how many convictions relating to rural crime there have been in each local authority area in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023 to date, also broken down by the crimes that were in relation to (i) livestock theft, (ii) machinery theft, (iii) fuel theft and (iv) livestock worrying. **R**

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[S6W-23594 Alexander Burnett:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many crimes have been recorded in each local authority area classed as rural in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023 to date, also broken down by the crimes that were in relation to (i) livestock theft, (ii) machinery theft, (iii) fuel theft and (iv) livestock worrying. **R**

[S6W-23595 Alexander Burnett:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to introducing statutory designation for the sites of important historic battles.

[S6W-23596 Alexander Burnett:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the appeal process is for Historic Environment Scotland land designations.

[S6W-23597 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) fatal and (b) serious accidents there have been on each road in the trunk road and motorway network in each year since 2019.

[S6W-23598 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much compensation ScotRail has awarded to passengers in each month or four-week recording period since the beginning of 2022, and what the estimated unclaimed compensation has been in each of these months or periods.

[S6W-23599 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many people have been killed in road accidents on the A90 north of Aberdeen in each quarter since 1 April 2021.

[S6W-23600 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many people have been killed in road accidents on the A90 between Dundee and Stonehaven in each quarter since 1 April 2021.

[S6W-23601 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many people have been killed in road accidents on the A90 between Stonehaven and Aberdeen in each quarter since 1 April 2021.

[S6W-23602 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) injury and (b) non-injury road accidents on the A90 north of Aberdeen have been reported in each quarter since 1 April 2021.

[S6W-23603 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) injury and (b) non-injury road accidents on the A90 between Dundee and Stonehaven have been reported in each quarter since 1 April 2021.

[S6W-23604 Douglas Lumsden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) injury and (b) non-injury road accidents on the A90 between Stonehaven and Aberdeen have been reported in each quarter since 1 April 2021.

[S6W-23605 Alexander Burnett:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact that supporting refugees and asylum seekers has had on local health services in NHS Grampian.

[S6W-23606 Alexander Burnett:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether additional resources are being provided to NHS Grampian to help manage any additional workload to support refugees and asylum seekers.

[S6W-23607 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it makes of appointments recorded as "did not attend" within the NHS, and what discussions it has had in the last year with NHS providers to ensure that patients find services easy to navigate and access.

[S6W-23608 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress with the proposed introduction of a community water fluoridation scheme by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

[S6W-23612 Liam McArthur:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it anticipates Scotland's prison population will exceed 8,000 people in 2023, and, if so, when it anticipates this will take place.

[S6W-23613 Liam McArthur:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many people are currently imprisoned in Scotland.

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[S6W-23614 Rachael Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve social care provision in rural communities.

[S6W-23615 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether (a) chronic pain patients and (b) MSPs are involved in discussions regarding any changes to the Scottish National Pain Management Programme, in light of the service having been established following years of campaigning by patients and a unanimous vote of the Scottish Parliament on 29 May 2013.

[S6W-23617 Sharon Dowey](#): To ask the Scottish Government what work it is doing to reduce waiting times for MRI scans in Ayrshire.

[S6W-23621 Jamie Greene](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress towards closing the attainment gap among school pupils.

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New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 5 December 2023

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about judicial factors; the appointment and functions of the Accountant of Court; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Angela Constance

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 40-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 40-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 40-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 40-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 40-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

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New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to the negative procedure

The following instruments were laid before Parliament on 5 December 2023 and are subject to the negative procedure—

[Gender Recognition \(Disclosure of Information\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/364\)](#)

Laid under section 24(5) of the Gender Recognition Act 2004

[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2023 \(SSI 2023/366\)](#)

Laid under section 42(2) of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

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Proposals for Members' Bills

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

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at [Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 6 Proposals](#):

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Final Proposal for a Member's Bill

Sarah Boyack: Proposed Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to ensure policy development and implementation by public bodies is in line with principles of sustainable development and wellbeing by introducing a duty for public bodies to promote these principles and establishing a Commissioner for sustainable development and wellbeing (lodged 7 November 2023)

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

Supported by: **Monica Lennon, Foysoil Choudhury, Rhoda Grant, Jackie Baillie, Colin Smyth, Martin Whitfield, Maurice Golden, Jeremy Balfour, Pauline McNeill, Neil Bibby, Mark Griffin, Carol Mochan, Paul Sweeney, Daniel Johnson, Pam Duncan-Glancy, Richard Leonard, Alex Rowley, Mercedes Villalba, Paul O'Kane, Beatrice Wishart, Willie Rennie**

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Progress of Legislation

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

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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.

Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 28 November 2023

Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 14 November 2023

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 6 December 2023

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 29 November 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (45th Report, 2023)

Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 24 January 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 18 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 5 December 2023

Report – Finance and Public Administration Committee (10th Report, 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (64th Report, 2023)

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 March 2021

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.

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

Following an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 made by the Secretary of State for Scotland, this Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its current form.

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 7 November 2023

Lead committee – Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice

Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 5 December 2023

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 5 December 2023

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 7 November 2023

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 26 September 2023

Report – Criminal Justice Committee (letter to lead committee, 10 February 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13th Report, 2023)

Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (11th Report, 2022)

Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 20 September 2023

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 5 December 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (70th Report, 2023)

Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 7 December 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (72nd Report, 2023)

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Introduced, 29 November 2023

Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 9 November 2023

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Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 14 November 2023

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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

Reconsideration Stage (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 7 December 2023

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 6 December 2023

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 October 2023

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 14 November 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (61st Report, 2023)

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 22 November 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (65th Report, 2023)

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 24 January 2024

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 18 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Data Protection and Digital Information Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-36a

Lodged on 14 September 2023

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 22 November 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (57th Report, 2023)

Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill LCM-S6-38

Lodged on 19 July 2023

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 22 November 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (58th Report, 2023)

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

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Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill LCM-S6-39

Lodged on 22 November 2023

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 1 December 2023

[Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(18 October 2023\)](#) (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)

[Plant Health \(Fees\) \(Forestry\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(23 October 2023\)](#) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 8 December 2023

[Quality Meat Scotland \(Amendment\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(30 October 2023\)](#) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 16 December 2023

[Social Security Information-sharing \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(7 November 2023\)](#) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 17 December 2023

[Council Tax \(Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(8 November 2023\)](#) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval by 14 January 2024

[Wine \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\) \(20 November 2023\)](#) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval by 28 January 2024

[Welfare of Farmed Animals \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\) \(4 December 2023\)](#) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 8 December 2023

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[Rural Support \(Simplification and Improvement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/308\) \(30 October 2023\)](#) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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Subject to annulment 11 December 2023
Lead Committee report due by 4 December 2023

[Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products \(Fruit and Vegetables\) \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/311\)](#) (2 November 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Animal Welfare and Food Safety \(International Professional Qualification Recognition Agreement Implementation\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/312\)](#) (2 November 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment 18 December 2023
Lead Committee report due by 11 December 2023

[Food \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(Compliance Notices\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/337\)](#) (9 November 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 19 December 2023
Lead Committee report due by 18 December 2023

[Fly-tipping \(Fixed Penalty\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/335\)](#) (10 November 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Producer Responsibility Obligations \(Packaging Waste\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/336\)](#) (10 November 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Feed Additives \(Authorisations\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/339\)](#) (10 November 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 29 January 2024
Lead Committee report due by 22 January 2024

[Gender Recognition \(Disclosure of Information\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/364\)](#) (5 December 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2023 \(SSI 2023/366\)](#) (5 December 2023) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Instruments / Documents subject to approval

Lead Committee report due by 28 January 2024

[Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs \(Revocation\) \(Scotland\) Notice 2023 \(SG/2023/304\)](#) (4 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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Other Documents

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Architecture & Design Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ending 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/297) laid under Section 19(4) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2022/23 Audit of NHS Forth Valley (SG/2023/271) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

British Wool Marketing Board Report and Accounts 30 April 2023 (SG/2023/310) laid under Section 30 of the Agricultural Marketing Act 1958

Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/94) laid under schedule 11 section 15(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Community Justice Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/242) laid under Section 11(4) of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/210) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Quality Meat Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the 12 Months to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/309) laid under Section 22 (5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 and Article 12 of the Quality Meat Scotland Order 2008

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