

Friday 8 December 2023

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

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Meeting of the Parliament

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 6 December 2023

Tuesday 12 December 2023

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Chibuzor Tina Amadi, UK Parliamentary Liaison for CSW

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Literacy and Numeracy

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Asylum Seekers in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-10961 Kaukab Stewart: 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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 Debate: Education and Skills

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 — S6M-11225 Keith Brown: Fighting With Pride and Advocacy for LGBT+ Veterans

Thursday 14 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-11294 Graham Simpson: Antisocial Behaviour on Buses

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

followed by Members' Business

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>

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

12 December 2023

30th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Annual Report of the Ethical Standards Commissioner 2022-23:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Lorna Johnston, Executive Director, and Richard Wilson, Case Manager, Standards Commission for Scotland.
3. **Annual Report of the Standards Commission 2022-23:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ian Bruce, Ethical Standards Commissioner, and Sarah Pollock, Hearings and Investigations Officer, Ethical Standards Commissioner.
4. **Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Kate Hall, Director, Cladding Remediation Division, Rachel Sunderland, Deputy Director, Cladding Remediation Division, and Micheila West, Solicitor, Housing Branch, Scottish Government.
5. **Annual Report of the Ethical Standards Commissioner 2022-23:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Annual Report of the Standards Commission 2022-23:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
8. **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85212 or at ewan.donald@parliament.scot

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

12 December 2023

38th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Healthcare in remote and rural areas:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Michael Dickson, Chief Executive, Scottish Ambulance Service;

Nicola Gordon, Policy Manager, Royal College of Nursing Scotland;
Jaki Lambert, Director, Royal College of Midwives Scotland;
Dawn MacDonald, NHS Highland Branch Secretary, UNISON.

3. **Healthcare in remote and rural areas (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the [Scottish Government's response](#) to its letter of 7 November 2023.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its future work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

12 December 2023

36th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
The Committee will also decide whether to consider its work programme in private at its next meeting.
2. **Scottish Biodiversity Strategy (draft Delivery Plan):** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Clare Cavers, Senior Projects Manager, Fidra;
Calum Duncan, Head of Conservation, Scotland, Marine Conservation Society;
Elspeth Macdonald, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Federation;
Vicki Paxton, Partnership Manager, Moray Firth Coastal Partnership;
Tavish Scott, Chief Executive, Salmon Scotland;
Phil Taylor, Head of Policy and Operations, The Open Seas Trust.
3. **Scottish Biodiversity Strategy (draft Delivery Plan):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Adviser:** The Committee will consider a list of candidates for the post of adviser on climate change and net zero targets.
5. **Appointments to the Board of the Scottish Land Commission:** The Committee will consider a list of recommended candidates for appointment to the Board of the Scottish Land Commission.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 0131 348 6039 or at netzero.committee@parliament.scot

Finance and Public Administration Committee

12 December 2023

33rd Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2024-25: UK context:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Richard Hughes, Chair, Professor David Miles CBE, Member, Budget Responsibility Committee, and Tom Josephs, Member, Budget Responsibility Committee, Office for Budget Responsibility;

and then from—

Carl Emmerson, Deputy Director, and David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies.

2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, on FPA.committee@parliament.scot.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

12 December 2023

34th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Wine \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2023](#) (SSI 2023/361)
[Good Food Nation \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Commencement No. 1\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/362 C.24))
4. **Documents subject to parliamentary control:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs \(Revocation\) \(Scotland\) Notice 2023](#) (SG/2023/304)
5. **Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
8. **Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black at Greg.Black@parliament.scot

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

12 December 2023

27th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will receive a briefing from the Scottish Government's Bill Team.
2. **Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
3. **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a key issues paper.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters on 86244 or at Katrina.Venters@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.

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-11589](#) Kevin Stewart: Languages at the University of Aberdeen**—That the Parliament notes the concern expressed at proposals by the University of Aberdeen to reduce its language provision; understands the challenges that the languages department faces, including running a projected deficit of £1.6 million in 2023-24, and that the student intake has reportedly fallen dramatically following the UK's exit from the EU; believes that languages offer significant value to individuals, to communities across Scotland, and to building relationships across the globe; recognises what it sees as the widespread support for retaining language teaching at the University of Aberdeen, including, it understands, from students, staff, alumni, Gaelic organisations and the consulates of several nations, and notes the calls for the University of Aberdeen to explore every possible option to retain language learning, including an expanded language offering for all interested students and degree courses.

Supported by: Emma Harper*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kenneth Gibson*, Clare Haughey*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-11593](#) Martin Whitfield: Murals at Prestonpans Railway Station Win National Prize**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that Prestonpans Railway Station has won the Community Project of the Year Award at ScotRail's annual Community Awards, in recognition of its newly-installed murals; notes that the four murals, which each depict a different aspect of the town's history and heritage, namely the Mallard train, a Wiles Motor Services bus, the Tranent to Cockenzie Waggonway, and Prestongrange Museum, were developed through a project led by East Lothian Community Rail Partnership (ELCRP) and supported by funding from rail operator CrossCountry, and created by four local artists, and congratulates ELCRP, the artists, and everyone else involved in commissioning and installing the new murals, on this outstanding success.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*

***[S6M-11592](#) Ruth Maguire: West of Scotland Padel Club Scottish Cup Win** —That the Parliament congratulates Angela McGlynn, Charlotte Walker, Meghan Montgomerie and Rachel

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Scallan, from West of Scotland Padel Club, based in Stevenston, on winning the Scottish Cup; acknowledges that 2023 was their first year entering the competition, where they defeated Edinburgh Sports Club at David Lloyd Shawfair, in Midlothian, on 26 November; understands that the match went to a super tie-break with Meghan and Charlotte winning 10-6; congratulates Angela, Charlotte, Meghan and Rachel on their outstanding achievement, and wishes them every success in the future.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*

***S6M-11591 Ruth Maguire: Stevenston Santa's Charity Appeal**—That the Parliament recognises Stevenston's Kevin Agnew for raising funds for charity; understands that the lorry driver will be dressing up as Santa on 14 and 15 December 2023 to drive to different places across the country to collect donations for Cash for Kids; recognises the work of Cash for Kids in supporting children and young people affected by poverty, abuse, neglect or life-limiting illness, and those who have additional needs; understands that Kevin was inspired by the thought of children waking up on Christmas morning without a gift or a hot meal; congratulates Kevin on his kindness, and wishes him every success in achieving his funding goal.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*

***S6M-11590 Ruth Maguire: Three Awards for Ayrshire College** —That the Parliament congratulates Ayrshire College on winning the Health and Wellbeing Award and the Research Project of the Year Award at the College Development Network (CDN) College Awards, and the Benefitting Award at the Green Gown Awards UK and Ireland; understands that the Green Gown Award was given for the college's Connecting Communities initiative, which aims to address inequality and improve the lives of those in Ayrshire; notes that the CDN College Awards recognised the talent, innovation and achievements demonstrated by Scotland's colleges, their staff and their learners, while the Green Gown Awards showcased a diverse array of innovative projects that universities and colleges across the UK and Ireland are currently leading to create a positive change; understands that Ayrshire College is now a finalist for the International Green Gown Awards, which will take place in June 2024; congratulates Ayrshire College on winning three awards, and wishes it the best of luck at the International Green Gown Awards.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*

***S6M-11585 Michelle Thomson: Community Spirit on Show to Support Stenhousemuir FC**—That the Parliament congratulates the community of Stenhousemuir on its collective action to ensure the opening of its local team's football ground at Ochilview Park on 3 December 2023, following wintry weather conditions overnight; understands that Stenhousemuir FC requested support from volunteers to clear the pitch of snow to allow the afternoon match with Bonnyrigg FC to go ahead, and that 35 supporters responded with their snow shovels to assist in the clearing of the pitch, allowing the match to proceed as planned; welcomes the positive community spirit demonstrated by the Stenhousemuir volunteers who turned out to support their local club when called upon, and wishes everyone involved all the best in the future.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*

***S6M-11579 Bill Kidd: Scotstoun Primary School, School of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates the parents of Scotstoun Primary School pupils on winning the School of the Year award at *The Glasgow Times* Community Champions Awards 2023, which were held at Glasgow City Chambers on 5 December 2023; notes the school's Café Culture Project, which brings parents together to cook, share recipes, stories, and boost language skills; further notes that *The Glasgow Times* Community Champion Awards have been rewarding locals who make Glasgow a

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better place to live, for 16 years; understands that the awards go right to the heart of the communities across the city, from north east, south, and north west, before bringing the area finalists together at the end of the year for an overall, city wide celebration; further understands that, so far, more than 1,000 Community Champions have been recognised across nine categories to ensure that local heroes of all types and backgrounds are identified; believes that the range of categories, paired with an area-to-area approach, gives the awards a unique ability to reach and reward those whose efforts may otherwise go unnoticed, and congratulates everyone involved at Scotstoun Primary School on this fantastic achievement.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*

***[S6M-11578](#) Willie Coffey: Darvel Volunteers Secure King's Award**—That the Parliament congratulates the Darvel and Area Regeneration Team (DART) on securing The King's Award for Voluntary Services; recognises that this award is the equivalent to an MBE in recognising outstanding voluntary work, and is the highest award that a volunteer organisation can receive; considers that the work that the DART volunteers carry out has brought communities together with the common aim of regenerating community spirit and civic pride; understands that this award is even more special as it was given in Darvel's 150th anniversary year, and considers that it is a fantastic achievement that will go down in the history books.

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***[S6M-11575](#) Stuart McMillan: Cappielow Makes the Ultimate Scottish Football Bucket List**—That the Parliament recognises that Greenock Morton FC has featured in *Nutmeg Magazine's* Ultimate Scottish Football Bucket List, with editors suggesting that Cappielow Park be listed, like the Titan Crane and Sugar Sheds that overlook the stadium; notes that Greenock Morton FC has played at Cappielow since 1879, and staged one full international match between Scotland and Wales in 1902; considers that people across Scotland see football not just as a sport and hobby, but as an opportunity for tourism, as the history of the clubs and their stadiums attracts people from all over the world; believes that articles such as *Nutmeg Magazine's* Ultimate Scottish Football Bucket List can help boost the profile of the country's rich football history, and hopes that Greenock Morton's inclusion will result in more people taking the trip to Cappielow to marvel at its fantastic location along the Clyde.

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***[S6M-11574](#) Stuart McMillan: McGill's Buses Wins Big at UK Bus Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Greenock-based company, McGill's Buses, on winning four prizes at the UK Bus Awards in London; understands that, in the Engineer of the Year category, Colin Smith was named the gold winner in recognition of his work in introducing electric buses at the company's depot; notes that McGill's Clyde Flyer service, which runs between Glasgow and Largs, won silver in the Top Express Route category, while the company also won silver in the Environmental Innovation and Bus Operator of the Year categories; believes that this string of awards reflects McGill's journey towards improving its sustainability credentials, and taking innovative approaches towards that goal, and wishes the company and its staff all the best as it continues to serve local communities in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency and elsewhere across Scotland.

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***[S6M-11572](#) Jamie Greene: 10th Anniversary of the Rainbow Laces Campaign**—That the Parliament recognises the 10th anniversary of Stonewall's Rainbow Laces campaign, a global initiative to promote equality, inclusion and visibility for LGBTQ+ people in sport; further recognises that, since 2013, over one million people, from national team football captains to sporting fans across the world, have laced up to show that they believe that sport should be everyone's game, fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for LGBTQ+ athletes, coaches, fans and volunteers across various sports worldwide; understands that, despite significant gains, there is still much to do to make LGBTQ+ people feel welcome in sport and to ensure that discriminatory language and abuse is eliminated from the pitch, the sidelines, the terraces, and from social media, across grassroots and professional sports; commends all sports players who have made the move to come out about their sexuality in public life, with a view to creating positive role models for young sporting fans and participants; understands that Stonewall's key message in 2023 is "Lace Up to Keep It Up", to ensure that over the next decade all of the LGBTQ+ community can be themselves while attending or participating in sporting events, and notes that, on 6 December 2023, Stonewall called on everyone, from athletes to supporters, to celebrate Rainbow Laces Day by wearing their Rainbow Laces to make a statement that everyone, regardless of identity, should be able to access sport and thrive through the numerous positive benefits that sporting activity provides. **R**

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***[S6M-11571](#) Kevin Stewart: Carbon Reduction at the Port of Aberdeen**—That the Parliament welcomes the work at the Port of Aberdeen, where new shore facilities are being installed to help Serco NorthLink's passenger ferries reduce their emissions; understands that the initiative, which will allow NorthLink's MV Hrossey and MV Hjaltland ferries to "plug in" to a clean electrical power source through the port's renewable energy tariff, has been funded by Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL); understands that this work aims to reduce emissions by mitigating more than 1,300 tonnes of CO2 equivalent per year, and commends this initiative, which supports the Port of Aberdeen's goal to be the first UK port to achieve net zero by 2040.

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***[S6M-11570](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Aberdeen City Council**—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen City Council on the Net Zero Aberdeen Routemap winning the Excellence in Plan Making Practice award at the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Awards for Planning Excellence; understands that the routemap sets out a strategy for Aberdeen reducing emissions of harmful greenhouse gases, including using clean energy sources such as hydrogen; recognises that the judges highlighted the way that the local authority had collaborated with partner organisations to develop the plan, and believes that this is another step on Aberdeen's journey to becoming the global net zero capital.

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***[S6M-11569](#) Christine Grahame: 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships**—That the Parliament welcomes the reported findings of a study showing that the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships are estimated to have had a direct economic impact on the Scottish Borders of over £6 million; understands that, during this championship, the Mountain Bike Cross-country and Mountain Bike Cross-country Marathon events were held at Glentress Forest and in the Tweed Valley, where they attracted an estimated 23,393 spectators, including more than 3,000 visitors

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staying in paid accommodation, who came specifically for the events; notes that the study also found that the direct economic impact was an estimated £6,039,308, over a third of the economic impact was generated within the accommodation sector, the spectator perception of the Scottish Borders was overwhelmingly positive and that a cumulative audience of 43.6 million viewers watched television coverage of the events at Glentress; considers that this a resounding success for the Borders, cementing the Borders' world-class reputation for cycling, and believes that it demonstrates its abilities to host such national and international events.

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***S6M-11568 Annie Wells: Govan Group Re-created Calendar Girls Calendar**—That the Parliament congratulates attendees of the Men's Shed in Govan, who have taken inspiration from the film *Calendar Girls* for their latest fundraising campaign; notes that a calendar featuring the men has been produced to raise funds for the shed's running costs and activities; understands that those involved had a great time putting the calendar together, deciding what their scenes were going to be, what month they were going to take, and making up the funny phrases to go with the photos; acknowledges that the shed was set up in 2017 to enable men who are retired, unemployed or unfit for work to have a focus and purpose, and understands that several copies have already been sold, despite only being released, with more sold at the Christmas fair on 2 December 2023 on Arngask Road in the Southside.

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***S6M-11566 Liam McArthur: Orkney Folk Festival Declared Trad Event of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates all the organisers of the Orkney Folk Festival, which was awarded Event of the Year at the Scots Trad Music Awards; believes that in this, its 40th anniversary year, the award is a fitting tribute marking the importance and value of the Festival; understands that the Orkney Folk Festival was first held in 1983 and has since grown to become a major event in the folk calendar; believes that the festival has contributed significantly to the promotion of home-grown Orkney folk talent, as well as regularly attracting acts from across Scotland and indeed the world; commends all of those whose hard work has ensured the success of the festival, in particular its producer, Craig Corse, and wishes them the best of luck as they begin preparations for the 2024 festival.

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***S6M-11559 Alexander Stewart: Bryan Keye from Tillicoultry Smashes Record During Charity Run**—That the Parliament congratulates long distance runner, Bryan Keye, from Tillicoultry, on completing a run from Glasgow to Edinburgh in the fastest time in history; understands that he clocked in a time of 10 hours, 10 minutes and two seconds, which smashed the previous fastest record of 10 hours and 20 minutes; further understands that Bryan ran to raise money for Breathe Easy Clackmannanshire, which has helped support his mother, who suffers from a lung condition; notes that he also ran wearing a 15kg weighted vest in order to replicate the restricted feeling that his mother feels when her condition is at its worst; understands that he raised £1,770.11, which he presented to Linda McLeod, chair of Breathe Easy Clackmannanshire, and wishes Bryan well for his future endeavours.

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***[S6M-11558](#) Alexander Stewart: Dollar Academy Wins Scottish Independent School of the Year 2024**—That the Parliament congratulates Dollar Academy on being awarded Scottish Independent School of the Year in *The Times* Annual Parent Power Survey; understands that this is in recognition of its consistently high attainment and its commitment to pupils' personal development and wellbeing; notes that the school was also commended for its innovative approaches to supporting pupils' wellbeing by bringing in a herd of alpacas to help reduce exam stress; further notes that it was also recognised for initiatives such as a pedal-powered smoothie maker to give students food for thought in the dining room; commends Rector Ian Munro, and wishes all at the school best wishes for the future.

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***[S6M-11557](#) Keith Brown: Congratulating People's Postcode Lottery Winners in Fishcross, Sauchie**—That the Parliament congratulates the residents of Fishcross, Sauchie, who have won a share of £3.2 million in a People's Postcode Lottery draw; notes that the 12 ticketholders in the winning postcode won £123,076 per ticket, with 467 other players in the area picking up cheques ranging in value from £3,024 to £9,072, depending on the number of tickets that they played with; understands that 33% of the cost of People's Postcode Lottery tickets goes to 20 different Postcode Trusts, which distribute grants to beneficiaries that meet their aims, and further understands that over £1 billion has been raised for charities and good causes across the UK since 2005.

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***[S6M-11556](#) Liz Smith: Lucinda Russell, Jumps Trainer of the Year**—That the Parliament sends its congratulations to Lucinda Russell, winner of the Jumps Trainer of the Year award; commends the Kinross-shire trainer on her well-deserved title at the Horserace Writers and Photographers Association Derby Awards 2023; understands that the award follows the trainer's spectacular victory at the 2023 Grand National, with the horse, Corach Rambler, and the jockey, Derek Fox, and sends its best wishes to Lucinda Russell for further success in the 2024 fixture list.

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***[S6M-11545](#) Claire Baker: Celebrating Prestigious Queen's Nurse Award for Fife Nurse**—That the Parliament celebrates that Rhona Martin from Glenrothes has been awarded a prestigious nursing title of Queen's Nurse alongside 23 of her colleagues from across the NHS; understands that Rhona, a lead specialist community stroke nurse with Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland, was selected earlier in 2023 to take part in a nine-month development programme run by the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland (QNIS); notes that Rhona was awarded the title at a

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ceremony, which was held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Edinburgh on 24 November 2023; believes that Rhona's exceptional contribution to her role is deserving of being awarded this prestigious title; understands that, from the late 1880s, Queen's Nurses were social reformers, who took public health into people's homes to help families take better care of themselves, and that the modern Queen's Nurses are building on this heritage to improve the health and wellbeing of the communities of Scotland; notes that all 24 of the awardees represent a variety of areas across Scotland; believes that they demonstrate nursing and midwifery excellence, making a real difference to lives; understands that nurses are nominated by their employers and that the programme requires them to choose an area for development that will have a significant impact on those that they care for, and that this work will have a focus on promoting equity and inclusion; further understands that there are now over 150 contemporary Queen's Nurses working across Scotland, and extends its gratitude for their hard work and dedication in their fields, and its very best wishes to them for continued success in the future.

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***S6M-11538 Jackie Dunbar: Stephen Brown Nominated for Service Superstar Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Stephen Brown on being nominated as a Service Superstar by Asda for delivering great service over 21 years at the Middleton Park store in the Aberdeen Donside constituency; understands that Stephen has not been held back by his learning difficulties, and that, working with a driven purpose, he has become more outgoing and confident since starting employment; notes that Stephen is well-known for his joyful personality and willingness to help others, which has made him well-liked and respected by both customers and his colleagues; believes that Stephen's contribution to the community is commendable, and wishes him all the best going forward.

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***S6M-11525 Paul Sweeney: Congratulations to North Glasgow-based Allied Vehicles for 30 Successful Years of Business** —That the Parliament congratulates north Glasgow-based automotive engineering firm, Allied Vehicles, for 30 successful years of business; commends brothers Gerry and Michael Facenna, who founded Allied Vehicles in 1993, and grew it from a team of eight to over 650 employees today and a turnover of £180 million, making it one of Glasgow's largest manufacturers; further commends the efforts made to increase the number of vehicles that are accessible to people with disabilities by producing innovative wheelchair accessible vehicles at a larger scale to anything previously seen on the market; commends the work of Allied Vehicles in its charitable endeavours, and understands that through the Allied Vehicles Charitable Trust, the company has donated over £300,000 to charities and local community organisations, and believes that Allied Vehicles continues to be a family-owned business that contributes a great deal to Glasgow, its communities and its people.

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***S6M-11435 Craig Hoy: Dino's Fish and Chip Shop Wins Best Pizza for the East of Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Dino's fish and chip shop in Haddington has won the Best Pizza for the East of Scotland award; praises Haddington resident, and owner, Tino Pacitti, for his service to the East Lothian community; commends the hardworking "Team Dino's" for its continuous effort and hard work; congratulates all East Lothian fish and chip shops

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for their commitment to the community, despite challenging times, and remembers fondly Tino's late father, Dino, who served residents of Haddington with commitment and dedication.

[*S6M-11409 Jackie Baillie: Rhu Woman Retires After 50 Years of Service to the NHS](#) —That the Parliament congratulates Mandy Carrington, who recently retired after spending 50 years as a nurse and midwife within neonatal clinics; recognises what it sees as the incredible commitment Mandy has shown in her service to the NHS; understands that her colleagues estimate that Mandy has cared for 50,000 newborns over her career; believes that Mandy should be hailed for her long career with the health service and that she showed great care for future generations, and sends her best wishes for her well-earned retirement.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Ross Greer*, Sarah Boyack*, Foysoil Choudhury*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Alex Rowley*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-11609 Fiona Hyslop: Bus Services Improvement Partnerships \(Objections\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \[draft\]](#) (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Richard Lochhead*, Patrick Harvie*, Màiri McAllan*, Lorna Slater*

[S6M-11608 Kaukab Stewart: Asylum Seekers in Scotland](#) (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-11588 Craig Hoy: Energise Galashiels Wins Scotland Loves Local's Creative Community Award 2023](#) (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Ash Regan*, Paul Sweeney*, Liam Kerr*, Jamie Greene*, Russell Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*, Annie Wells*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-11555 Finlay Carson: Sheelagh Rusby Wins Prestigious National Teaching Award](#) (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Craig Hoy*, Jamie Greene*, Stuart McMillan*, Sue Webber*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-11554 Audrey Nicoll: Aberdeen City Council Awarded Royal Town Planning Institute Award for Excellence in Plan Making Practice](#) (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11553 Jackie Dunbar: Get Active @ Northfield Wins Facility of the Year](#) (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*

[S6M-11552 Colin Smyth: South Scotland Region Winners in the 2023 Thistle Awards](#) (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jeremy Balfour*, Mercedes Villalba*, Stuart McMillan*, Tess White*

[S6M-11551 Colin Smyth: South West Scotland Regenerative Farming Network Wins the Food and Farming Award at Nature of Scotland Awards 2023](#) (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*

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[S6M-11550](#) Ariane Burgess: 2023 MG Alba Scots Trad Awards – Congratulating Fèis Rois on Winning Community Project of the Year (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11548](#) Rona Mackay: One Million Pounds of Debt Cleared Through Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Kirkintilloch Centre (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tess White*

[S6M-11547](#) Collette Stevenson: Congratulations to East Kilbride's Taekwon-Do Medal Winners (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11544](#) Monica Lennon: STUC Tax Report, Raising Taxes to Deliver for Scotland (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Ross Greer*, Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-11543](#) Michelle Thomson: Forth Valley College Named Winners at CDN College Awards 2023 (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sue Webber*, Tess White*

[S6M-11542](#) Christine Grahame: Congratulating the Winners of the Scottish Thistle Awards (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Ash Regan*, Emma Harper*, Jackie Dunbar*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Rona Mackay*, Jeremy Balfour*, Pam Gosal*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Tess White*

[S6M-11541](#) Marie McNair: St Margaret of Scotland Hospice Shop Opens New Premises in Clydebank Shopping Centre (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sue Webber*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tess White*

[S6M-11540](#) Marie McNair: Milngavie Restaurant Comes Highly Recommended in Italian Awards Gala (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tess White*

[S6M-11539](#) Evelyn Tweed: McLaren High School, Callander, Named Scottish Secondary School of the Year 2024 (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Audrey Nicoll*, Tess White*, John Swinney*

[S6M-11536](#) Annie Wells: MasterChef Winner Visits Glasgow Primary School to Unveil New Room (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Sharon Dowey*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-11535](#) Colin Beattie: Midlothian Library Services Awarded the 2023 SLIC Service Excellence Award (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Ash Regan*, Paul Sweeney*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Sue Webber*, Kevin Stewart*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Tess White*

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[S6M-11532](#) Kevin Stewart: Omission of the Audit and Corporate Governance Bill from the King's Speech (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-11531](#) Kevin Stewart: Import and Export Data (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*

[S6M-11530](#) Daniel Johnson: Treating Retail and Hospitality Workers with Kindness in the Festive Period (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Paul Sweeney*, Ash Regan*

[S6M-11529](#) Donald Cameron: Gigha's Boathouse Restaurant Wins Good Food Award (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, John Swinney*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-11528](#) Donald Cameron: NHS Western Isles Macmillan Team Wins Whatever it Takes Award at Macmillan Professionals Excellence Awards (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sue Webber*, Tess White*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-11526](#) Tess White: Congratulations to New Queen's Nurse, Rosie Crighton (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sue Webber*, Sharon Dowey*, Liam Kerr*

[S6M-11524](#) Alex Rowley: Ending the Cross-border Train Drivers Dispute (lodged on 06 December 2023)

New Support: Ash Regan*, Mercedes Villalba*, Mark Griffin*, Neil Bibby*, Keith Brown*, Paul Sweeney*, Sarah Boyack*

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

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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

New Support: John Swinney*

[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: Tess White*, Liam Kerr*

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

New Support: Tess White*, Liam Kerr*

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

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New Support: Paul O'Kane*, Colin Beattie*, Ross Greer*, Miles Briggs*, Tess White*, Sue Webber*, Stuart McMillan*, Foysol Choudhury*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bob Doris*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S6M-11512](#) Richard Leonard: Cuts to Railway Funding (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Smyth*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

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

New Support: Ash Regan*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Audrey Nicoll*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*, Tess White*

[S6M-11492](#) Sharon Dowey: Congratulating Ayr's Gary Burgess (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Liam Kerr*

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

New Support: Liam Kerr*

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

New Support: Liam Kerr*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*, Jeremy Balfour*, Tess White*

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

New Support: Mark Ruskell*, Alex Rowley*, Gillian Mackay*

[S6M-11472](#) Bob Doris: 100th Anniversary of "The Shakey" (lodged on 05 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

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

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-11464](#) Pam Gosal: Small Business Saturday UK 2023 (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-11457](#) Gordon MacDonald: Edinburgh College Head of School, Sam Blyth, Awarded Technology Champion in Education (lodged on 29 November 2023)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-11456](#) Stuart McMillan: Port Glasgow Nursery First in Scotland to Receive Barnardo's Award (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S6M-11454](#) Pam Gosal: Argyll and Sutherland Highlander Battalion Army Cadet Force Wins Football (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

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

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S6M-11447](#) Gillian Mackay: Denis McGurk is Supporting Locals (lodged on 29 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-11444](#) Alexander Burnett: River Dee Trust's Campaign Wins the Nature and Climate Action Award (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-11436](#) Craig Hoy: The Cheese Lady Wins Scottish Business Woman of the Year (lodged on 27 November 2023)

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New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-11433](#) Finlay Carson: Murray Farmcare Scores Double Award Win at National SQP Awards (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-11429](#) Pam Gosal: Kirkintilloch Players Receives £5,300 National Lottery Award (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-11427](#) Pam Gosal: Acorn Shed Music, Bishopbriggs, Receives £5,550 National Lottery Award (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-11422](#) Kaukab Stewart: The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Celebrates its Centenary Year (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: John Swinney*

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

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Alex Rowley*

[S6M-11418](#) Marie McNair: Golden Jubilee Successfully Completes Bowel Cancer Surgery on 200th Patient (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Sue Webber*, John Swinney*

[S6M-11412](#) Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Council First to Introduce Gen+ Meta-skills Programme in Secondary Schools (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S6M-11411](#) Stuart McMillan: Beacon Arts Centre Shortlisted for Community Creative Regeneration Award (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S6M-11410](#) Jackie Baillie: Rhu Sailor Breaks Irish Sea Record in Bid to Highlight Climate Crisis Impact (lodged on 30 November 2023)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-11408](#) Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Dumbarton's Our Lady and Saint Patrick's High School (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-11407](#) Jackie Baillie: Cardross Community Organic Garden Raises £500 for Local Train Station Revamp (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Sue Webber*

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[S6M-11406 Jackie Baillie: Helensburgh Lifeboat Volunteer Retires after 32 Years of Service](#) (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Sue Webber*

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

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-11394 Richard Leonard: John Maclean Centenary](#) (lodged on 24 November 2023)

New Support: John Swinney*

[S6M-11392 Rona Mackay: Tribute to Bishopbriggs Community Champion's Lifetime of Volunteering](#) (lodged on 24 November 2023)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Tess White*

[S6M-11390 Rachael Hamilton: Hawick Pump Track Receives Royal Accolade](#) (lodged on 24 November 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-11389 Richard Leonard: Recognising the Contribution of Michael \(Mick\) McGahey](#) (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: John Swinney*

[S6M-11380 Alexander Burnett: Wellie Boots Childcare Services Graded Excellent](#) (lodged on 24 November 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S6M-11368 Pam Duncan-Glancy: The University of Glasgow to Host Three New Collaborative Research Alliances in Scotland](#) (lodged on 24 November 2023)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-11331 Pam Gosal: McMonagles Clydebank Wins Best Fish Tea at the Scottish Fish and Chips Awards](#) (lodged on 22 November 2023)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S6M-11308 Clare Adamson: Steel Town Cricketers](#) (lodged on 21 November 2023)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S6M-11299 Beatrice Wishart: Shetland Boat Tour Wins Two Highlands and Islands Thistle Awards](#) (lodged on 20 November 2023)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S6M-11280 Paul Sweeney: UN Resolution Calls for a Second International Year of Cooperatives in 2025](#) (lodged on 16 November 2023)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S6M-11255 Bill Kidd: Argo Boxing Club Drumchapel](#) (lodged on 16 November 2023)

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New Support: Neil Bibby*

[**S6M-11251**](#) **Katy Clark: 16 Days of Activism** (lodged on 15 November 2023)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[**S6M-11210**](#) **Rona Mackay: Bishopbriggs Teacher Named among Top 10 Educators in UK**
(lodged on 13 November 2023)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[**S6M-11113**](#) **Paul Sweeney: Glasgow Airport Trials UK's First Medical Distribution Network by Drone** (lodged on 07 November 2023)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[**S6M-11023**](#) **Fulton MacGregor: Fathers Network Scotland Publishes Dads' Survey Report 2023** (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Oliver Mundell*

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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 07 December 2023

[S6W-23737 Jackie Dunbar](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the delivery of the National Transport Strategy.

Written questions lodged on 07 December 2023

[S6W-23165 Claire Baker](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its assessment is of (a) any financial impact of NHS Scotland's individual NHS boards referring patients to NHS England for magnetic resonance-guided focused ultrasound (MRgFUS) treatment, (b) whether individual NHS England trusts have the adequate resources to allow proper access by patients from Scotland to MRgFUS treatment in light of this cross-border referral system and (c) how much NHS Scotland has spent on referring patients from Scotland for MRgFUS treatment in England in each year since 2019.

[S6W-23296 Mark Ruskell](#): To ask the Scottish Government what recent correspondence it has had with the UK Government regarding the possibility of the UK joining the EU in a coordinated withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT), and any impact that the UK's continued ECT membership has on Scotland's climate ambitions, following the Energy Charter Conference on 20 November 2023.

[S6W-23436 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it is supporting the progress of the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill.

[S6W-23437 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with stakeholders regarding the incorporation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government into Scots law, in light of its support for the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill.

[S6W-23555 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it can do to promote and support Unite Hospitality's Fair Hospitality Charter in the hospitality sector. **R**

[S6W-23556 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what measures it has considered in relation to providing additional support to the hospitality sector in the current financial year.

[S6W-23557 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how any Barnett consequential funding that it receives as a result of the UK Government's policy of extending the 75% business rates relief for 2023-24 will be distributed.

[S6W-23558 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government what it can do to promote and support trade union membership in the hospitality sector.

[S6W-23620 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on (a) how well the Ask for ANI scheme has been implemented by pharmacies and (b) the reasons for any differences in its availability across Scotland, in light of reports that it is still mainly available in the more populated Central Belt but is often unavailable in more rural areas such as the Highlands and Islands.

[S6W-23635 Liam Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22987 by Jenny Gilruth on 5 December 2023, in light of the information that "has been placed in

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the Scottish Parliament Information Centre under Bib. Number 64646" containing redacted figures, whether it will reconsider its decision to redact these figures to allow for meaningful scrutiny of the data.

[S6W-23643](#) Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will confirm the costs associated with the (a) production and (b) publication of the paper, *Social security in an independent Scotland*.

[S6W-23645](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government how many volunteer pain patient representatives with known conditions have been appointed to its Pain Management Task Force and to each of its itemised seven sub-committees since 2022.

[S6W-23646](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an update on the publication of the review of highly specialised pain services that was completed through work carried out by National Services Division (NSD).

[S6W-23648](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress towards fulfilling its Programme for Government 2021-22 commitment to provide free school breakfasts to all children in primary and special schools.

[S6W-23649](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made any progress in mapping current breakfast provision within primary and special schools across Scotland, and, if so, whether it will commit to publishing any such data early in 2024.

[S6W-23650](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason its commitment to piloting universal free breakfast provision for primary and special school pupils did not appear in its Programme for Government 2022-23.

[S6W-23652](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22629 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, how the marketing campaigns are specifically improving awareness among people over 55.

[S6W-23653](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22629 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, whether it is considering making any changes to its marketing strategy to further raise awareness of the Home Energy Scotland (HES) Grant and Loan scheme.

[S6W-23654](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22629 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, what demographic data it is using to target its marketing campaign for the Home Energy Scotland (HES) Grant and Loan scheme.

[S6W-23655](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22629 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, what demographic data it is using to target its marketing campaign for the Home Energy Scotland (HES) Grant and Loan scheme towards households that are able to consider installing a heat pump, and from what source this data was gathered.

[S6W-23656](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22629 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, what criteria it uses to assess whether a household is "able to consider installing a heat pump".

[S6W-23657](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22629 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, what specific (a) actions and (b) outreach its marketing campaign for the Home Energy Scotland (HES) Grant and Loan scheme consists of.

[S6W-23658](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on the most recent marketing campaigns for the Home Energy Scotland (HES) Grant and Loan scheme.

[S6W-23659](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government how much it anticipates that it will spend on any revisions to the current marketing plans for the Home Energy Scotland (HES) Grant and Loan scheme.

[S6W-23660](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the number of energy efficiency businesses that are (a) located and (b) operating in Scotland, and how many of these are SMEs, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-23661](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government how many entities have been named as installers on Home Energy Scotland (HES) Grant and Loan scheme applications, broken down by (a) local authority area, (b) type of low-carbon heat technology and (c) type of energy efficiency measure.

[S6W-23662](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22658 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, what economic modelling it has done to ensure that the recycling sector is prepared for the future potential demand of recycling of units and component parts of (a) gas boiler and (b) heat pumps and other clean heat systems.

[S6W-23663](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22645 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, how it will determine whether the Home Energy Scotland Grant and Loan scheme has been successful.

[S6W-23664](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what the cost of operating the Home Energy Scotland Grant and Loan scheme was in terms of (a) overall staff, (b) IT and (c) administration cost to the Scottish Government in the 2022-23 grant year.

[S6W-23666](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what criteria applicants must meet in order to be considered for the rural uplift under the Home Energy Scotland Grant and Loan scheme.

[S6W-23667](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22651 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, for what reasons an approved application including rural uplift would not be paid.

[S6W-23668](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22651 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, whether it can provide a breakdown of the information in the table by local authority area.

[S6W-23669](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22659 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, what support is available for homeowners who are seeking to install renewable heating systems to meet net zero and heat in buildings targets, but for which current renewable solutions that are technically feasible would increase the running costs of the home.

[S6W-23670](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22657 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, what economic modelling has been completed to understand the potential impact of future demand for servicing of renewable heating solutions on market rates for (a) labour and (b) parts.

[S6W-23671](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government at what rate it anticipates the servicing sector in relation to clean heat systems to grow.

[S6W-23672](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what economic modelling it has completed to understand how sectoral skills within recycling services for heat pumps will meet future demand.

[S6W-23673](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22663 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, whether it will provide the information requested regarding whether it is undertaking any targeted marketing to those aged over 55, and, if so, what specific forms these marketing activities take.

[S6W-23674](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made on the actions outlined in the Heat in Buildings Supply Chains Delivery Plan to date.

[S6W-23675](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22661 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, how it defines “technology-neutral” in the context of its Heat in Buildings policy.

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[S6W-23676](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the potential impact that maintenance costs may have on the longevity of green heat systems in low-income households when developing its Heat in Buildings Bill consultation.

[S6W-23677](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22664 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, whether applicants to the Home Energy Scotland Grant and Loan scheme must meet a minimum (a) repair and (b) insulation standard, where technically feasible, prior to becoming eligible for funding for renewable heating systems.

[S6W-23678](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22670 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, of the number of funding offers that are included in the table, how many progressed to installation, also broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-23679](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the number of HMRC-registered heat pump installation businesses that are located in and operating within Scotland, and how many qualify as SMEs.

[S6W-23680](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22672 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, what plans it has to “evolve and adapt” these schemes, in light of reports from the industry that current funding for energy efficiency retrofit projects needs to be more flexible and distributed from fewer sources.

[S6W-23681](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what specific action points have arisen from meetings between the Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants’ Rights and the energy efficiency sector in the past year.

[S6W-23682](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government for what reasons a funding offer under the Home Energy Scotland Grant and Loan scheme would be declined.

[S6W-23683](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22666 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, what economic modelling has been completed to understand the ability of the current supply chain for heat pump maintenance to meet future demand.

[S6W-23684](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22671 by Patrick Harvie on 16 November 2023, whether it will consider collecting information on the number of people in Scotland who are qualified to undertake heat loss surveys.

[S6W-23685](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22648 by Graeme Dey on 16 November 2023, in light of the targets presented in the Heat in Buildings Bill consultation, whether it will begin to collect data on how many students are pursuing energy efficiency qualifications.

[S6W-23686](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22647 by Graeme Dey on 16 November 2023, in light of the targets presented in the Heat in Buildings Bill consultation, whether it will begin to collect data on how many students who have completed energy efficiency qualifications have remained in Scotland and are currently employed within the energy efficiency sector.

[S6W-23687](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-19954 by Patrick Harvie on 9 August 2023, whether it will provide a breakdown of the data included in the table by local authority area.

[S6W-23688](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22410 by Jenni Minto on 7 November 2023, within what timescale it will publish the outcome of the work that it is undertaking with NHS boards on national consistency regarding reimbursement policies for electricity costs relating to home dialysis.

[S6W-23689](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22410 by Jenni Minto on 7 November 2023, what data it has on any variation in practice

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regarding reimbursement policies for electricity costs relating to home dialysis in the financial year (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23.

[S6W-23690 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22410 by Jenni Minto on 7 November 2023, what the nature is of the activity that it has undertaken with NHS boards to work towards achieving national consistency regarding reimbursement policies for electricity costs relating to home dialysis, in order to ensure that NHS costs are not being passed on to patients.

[S6W-23691 Beatrice Wishart](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how much it has spent on the promotion of the Young Persons' (Under 22s) Free Bus Travel scheme to date, broken down by spend on (a) the national marketing campaign and (b) other costs.

[S6W-23692 Martin Whitfield](#): To ask the Scottish Government what (a) financial and (b) other resources it allocated to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) implementation programme, which began in 2021 and is set to finish in March 2024; what proportion of any resources allocated have been used to date, and what any such resources have been used for.

[S6W-23693 Clare Haughey](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many new build social housing properties in the Rutherglen constituency it has provided funding for in the last five years.

[S6W-23694 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it plans to introduce its proposed Land Reform Bill.

[S6W-23695 Alexander Stewart](#): To ask the Scottish Government for what reason there is reportedly no requirement for people selling properties to demonstrate that any boiler present in a property has been serviced before the sale of the property concludes.

[S6W-23696 Carol Mochan](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Scottish universities about developing apprenticeship models for Allied Health Professions (AHP) training.

[S6W-23697 Carol Mochan](#): To ask the Scottish Government what value it places on apprenticeships within the public sector, and what assessment it has made of the availability of these across different sectors, departments and professions.

[S6W-23698 Alex Rowley](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many British Transport Police staff were working in Scotland in each year since 2016.

[S6W-23699 Alex Rowley](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with British Transport Police (BTP) regarding any financial pressures facing BTP.

[S6W-23700 Alex Rowley](#): To ask the Scottish Government how much financial support it has provided to British Transport Police (BTP) in each year since 2018 to ensure an adequate BTP provision in Scotland.

[S6W-23701 Alex Rowley](#): To ask the Scottish Government what safeguards are in place to ensure that any financial support it provides to British Transport Police will protect services and provision.

[S6W-23702 Alex Rowley](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether any reduction in the funding of British Transport Police (BTP) could impact the security and safety of Scotland's rail travelling public, and what assurances it has sought from BTP that no such reduction will occur in Scotland.

[S6W-23703 Alex Rowley](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking with British Transport Police and other partners, such as ScotRail, to reduce the number of assaults on passengers on Scotland's railways.

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New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 7 December 2023

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill—The Bill was reprinted as approved at Reconsideration Stage (SP Bill 80C) (Government Bill)

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to the affirmative procedure

The following draft instrument was laid before Parliament on 7 December 2023 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Bus Services Improvement Partnerships \(Objections\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 81(4) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

Subject to the negative procedure

The following instruments were laid before Parliament on 7 December 2023 and are subject to the negative procedure—

[Meat Preparations \(Import Conditions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/367\)](#)

Laid under paragraph 10A(3) of schedule 2 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012

[Bus Services Improvement Partnerships and Local Services Franchises \(Provision of Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/368\)](#)

Laid under section 81(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

[Welfare Foods \(Best Start Foods\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/371\)](#)

Laid under section 15A of the Social Security Act 1988 and section 176(3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992

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Members' Bills Proposals

Proposals for Members' Bills

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

[Proposals for Bills – Scottish Parliament | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

Final Proposal for a Member's Bill

Katy Clark: Proposed Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to reform Freedom of Information legislation in Scotland including to:

- extend coverage to all bodies delivering public services and services of a public nature;
- increase accountability and transparency including through the proactive publication of information;
- strengthen the effectiveness of existing processes; and
- improve enforcement.

(lodged 7 December 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).

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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

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 12 December 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

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 12 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)

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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)

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)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 12 December 2023

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 12 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)), 12 December 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

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 12 December 2023

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 12 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

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

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Introduced, 29 November 2023

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

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

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

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill (G)

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 12 December 2023

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 20 December 2023

Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 13 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Approved at Reconsideration Stage, 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 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 12 December 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

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

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/legislative-consent-memorandums>

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

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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)

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

Lodged on 22 November 2023

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

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)

Subject to approval by 31 January 2024

[Bus Services Improvement Partnerships \(Objections\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (7 December 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 8 December 2023

Lead Committee report due by 4 December 2023

[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)

Subject to annulment 31 January 2024
Lead Committee report due by 29 January 2024

[Meat Preparations \(Import Conditions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/367\)](#) (7 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Bus Services Improvement Partnerships and Local Services Franchises \(Provision of Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/368\)](#) (7 December 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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[Welfare Foods \(Best Start Foods\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/371\)](#) (7 December 2023) ((Social Justice and Social Security 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)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 7 December 2023—

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SP Paper 488)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 12th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Standing Order Rule Changes – Proxy Voting (SP Paper 489)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 7 December 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Social Services Council Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/159) laid under Schedule 2, Section 10(1) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Young Start Annual Report 2022/23 (SG/2023/289) laid under Paragraph 9, Part 3, Schedule 3 of the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008

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