

Wednesday 13 December 2023

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Chamber Desk Announcement

Chamber Desk Arrangements during the Christmas Recess

The Chamber Desk will close at 12.30 pm on Friday 22 December 2023 and will reopen at 10.00 am on Wednesday 3 January 2024.

Topical Questions 9 January and First Minister's Questions 11 January 2024

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting questions for Topical Questions on 9 January and First Minister's Questions on 11 January 2024 is 12 noon on Monday 8 January 2024.

Portfolio Questions 10 & 11 January and General Questions 11 January 2024

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting names for Portfolio Questions on 10 and 11 January and General Questions on 11 January 2024 is 12 noon on Monday 18 December 2023. Members selected will have until 12 noon on Wednesday 20 December 2023 to submit their questions. The Portfolios for these questions will be Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, Justice and Home Affairs, and Education and Skills.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education System

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

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:15am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Education, Children and Young People Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

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2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

- 1. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government how the work of the City Centre Recovery Task Force is helping to increase footfall in shops. ([S6O-02862](#))
- 2. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what value it places on the role of trade unions in delivering and sustaining a wellbeing economy. ([S6O-02863](#))
- 3. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is planning any new infrastructure investments in the next financial year in connection with City and Regional Growth Deals. ([S6O-02864](#))
- 4. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with its enterprise agencies regarding how to support innovation by small businesses, including in relation to the use of alternative fuels such as hydrotreated vegetable oil. ([S6O-02865](#))
- 5. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will support small businesses over the coming months. ([S6O-02866](#))
- 6. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with GMB to discuss the future of the Ferguson Marine yard. ([S6O-02867](#))
- 7. Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider carrying out an analysis of the potential impact of renewable energy and the associated infrastructure on farmland and food production in Dumfriesshire. ([S6O-02868](#))
- 8. Alasdair Allan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it has taken to support the recommendations of the Short Life Working Group on Economic and Social Opportunities for Gaelic. ([S6O-02869](#))

Finance and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to propose the scheduling of time for a ministerial statement on the dualling of the A9. ([S6O-02870](#))
- 2. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any impact on communities, including in the north east, of conditionality in public sector procurement. ([S6O-02871](#))
- 3. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recommendations outlined in the STUC's report, *Raising taxes to deliver for Scotland*. ([S6O-02872](#))
- 4. Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to develop a wealth tax. ([S6O-02873](#))
- 5. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to setting its Budget and fiscal policy for 2024-25, whether it has undertaken any quantifiable financial analysis of the relative performance of European countries comparable in size to Scotland. ([S6O-02874](#))
- 6. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government what its latest engagement has been with the UK Government regarding the funding available to support households with the cost of living during the Christmas season. ([S6O-02875](#))

7. Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to allocate funding to local authorities in its 2024-25 Budget to facilitate the cancellation of any school meal debt and expand universal free school meal provision to those age groups that are not currently entitled. ([S6O-02876](#))

8. Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress in implementing the recommendations made by the New Deal for Business Group on reforming non-domestic rates. ([S6O-02877](#))

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education System

[S6M-11635](#) Liam Kerr: Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education System—That the Parliament recognises the significance of the challenges facing the Scottish education system, as highlighted by the recent Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) report; notes that, despite the efforts of teachers and school staff, Scotland's positions in mathematics and science have dropped below the OECD average to an all-time low, while standards in reading are at a their joint lowest level since PISA reporting began; acknowledges that the OECD report also found that bullying in Scottish schools is more frequent than the OECD average, and that one in three of Scotland's pupils don't feel like they belong at their school, with pupils in Scotland twice as likely to observe violence in school as the OECD average; notes that Scotland was removed from a number of international statistical studies; recognises that education was devolved in the Scotland Act 1998; demands that the Scottish Government use its powers to address the many wide-ranging problems facing Scotland's pupils, teachers, school staff and parents, beginning in and including early years; recognises that the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence has failed; calls for a fundamental rethink about schooling to raise standards, and considers that solutions should be explored, such as re-entering all statistical comparisons and benchmarks, addressing issues surrounding class sizes, teacher and support staff numbers, as well as the use of probationers and temporary contracts and urgently tackling the violence and discipline problems in Scotland's schools.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-11635.3](#) Jenny Gilruth: Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education System—As an amendment to S6M-11635 in the name of Liam Kerr (Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education System), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "welcomes the publication of *Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) Levels 2022-23* (ACEL), which shows that the proportion of primary school pupils achieving expected levels of literacy and numeracy has reached record highs, that the poverty-related attainment gap in literacy in primary school has reached the lowest level on record, and that attainment at secondary level has increased and the poverty-related attainment gap decreased; understands that ACEL represents the most up-to-date and comprehensive statistics on attainment in Scotland, and that the findings are testament to the hard work of teachers, support staff and pupils; notes that PISA found that pupils in Scotland were less likely to witness issues with a number of aspects of behaviour in school than in other parts of the UK; welcomes the Scottish Government's decision to rejoin Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) and Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS); notes that Curriculum for Excellence was endorsed by the OECD in its 2021 report as the right approach for Scottish education, and agrees that the process of education reform, working in partnership with local authorities, and including the reorganisation of national bodies and reform of qualifications and assessments, offers the opportunity to raise

standards, ensure that all children and young people can meet their full potential, and deliver excellence and equity across Scotland's schools."

[S6M-11635.1](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education System—As an amendment to motion S6M-11635 in the name of Liam Kerr (Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education System), insert at end "; considers that there is an urgent need for action to reverse the widening inequalities as highlighted by Scotland's performance in the 2022 PISA results, and recognises the excellence of Scotland's teachers against a backdrop of Scottish Government failures."

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-11651](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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12.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

1.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: How Devolution is Changing Post-EU

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 January 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Business

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 11 January 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 18 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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S6M-11651.1 Douglas Ross: Business Programme](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-11651 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), after “2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care” insert “*followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on the Dualling of the A9*”.

[S6M-11640 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable](#)—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 17 May 2024.

[S6M-11641 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable](#)—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 31 May 2024.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-11642 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI](#)—That the Parliament agrees that the Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-11643 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee](#)—That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-11225 Keith Brown: Fighting With Pride and Advocacy for LGBT+ Veterans](#)—That the Parliament supports the work of Fighting With Pride (FWP), the LGBT+ military charity; commends what it sees as the opportunities provided by FWP’s Pride in Veterans Standard (PiVS) programme, which provides training for veterans organisations, including those operating in the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency, on how best to support LGBT+ veterans; understands that the charity was set up to mark the 20th anniversary of the end of the ban on LGBT+ personnel in the Armed Forces; notes with concern the comprehensive findings of the final report of the UK LGBT Veterans Independent Review, published in May 2023, which it considers highlights in meticulous detail the experience of LGBT+ veterans; welcomes the UK Government’s apology to all LGBT+ veterans affected by the so-called “gay ban”, and notes the calls for the UK Government to do more to respond to the concerns raised by the LGBT Veterans Independent

Review, including specifically by not introducing a £50 million cap on funds allocated to compensate for lost earnings and pension entitlements, as well as for the profound distress caused by the so-called "gay ban" and the actions of the Armed Forces in implementing it.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 33rd Meeting, 2023

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

- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Wine (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 from—
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, Kevin Matheson, Policy Manager, Food and Drink Industry Growth Team, and Judith Brown, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands to move—S6M-11343—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Wine (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 be approved.
- Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Tim Bailey, Chief Executive, Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society;
Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy, National Farmers Union Scotland;
Joe Hind, Policy Manager, Scotland Food & Drink;
Professor Jennie Macdiarmid, Director, Interdisciplinary Centre for Health, Wellbeing and Nutrition, Rowett Institute;
Sarah Millar, Chief Executive, Quality Meat Scotland;
Lesley Mitchell, Policy Director, Sustainable Food Trust;
Pete Ritchie, Director, Nourish Scotland;
David Thomson, Chief Executive, Food and Drink Federation Scotland.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 32nd Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- Petroineos Grangemouth:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Iain Hardie, Head of Legal and External Affairs, Petroineos Manufacturing Scotland Limited;
Colin Pritchard, Sustainability Director, INEOS Grangemouth;
and then from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy, Kenneth MacDermid, Head of Critical Energy Infrastructure and Commercial Projects, Energy Industries Division, and Susie Townend, Interim Deputy Director Energy Industries Division, Scottish Government.
- Petroineos Grangemouth:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- Post-legislative scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (in private):** The Committee will consider next steps.
- Data Protection and Digital Information Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

6. **Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 31st Meeting, 2023

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

1. **AI and education:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ollie Bray, Strategic Director, Education Scotland;
Helena Good, Director, Daydream Believers;
Chris Ranson, Physics Teacher and Lead for AI Integration, Dunblane High School;
Professor Judy Robertson, Chair in Digital Learning, University of Edinburgh.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Criminal Justice Committee 34th 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—
Ronnie Renucci KC, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Advocates;
Stuart Munro, Law Society of Scotland;
Stuart Murray, President, Scottish Solicitors Bar Association;
and then from—
Laura Buchan, Procurator Fiscal Policy and Engagement, and Alisdair Macleod, Principal Procurator Fiscal Depute, Policy Division, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.
2. **Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 6 December 2023

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

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5:00 pm Decision Time

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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

14 December 2023

33rd 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 agenda items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Caroline Lamb, Chief Executive of NHS Scotland and Director-General for Health and Social Care, Gavin Gray, Deputy Director Improving Mental Health Services, and Dr Alastair Cook, Principal Medical Officer, Mental Health Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, and Eva Thomas-Tudo, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Adult mental health:** 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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

14 December 2023

35th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Ukraine:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Emma Roddick, Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees, Kirstin McPhee, Head of Ministerial Support, and Fraser Dick, Head of Ukraine Resettlement Finance, Scottish Government.
3. **National Outcomes:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Catriona Radcliffe, Head of Beijing Office, Katrine Feldinger, Head of Copenhagen Office, and Christopher Thomson, Head of Washington DC Office, Scottish Government.
4. **Evidence Sessions:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda items 2 and 3.

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

14 December 2023

21st 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 item 4 in private.
2. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Civil Nuclear Industry, and take evidence from—
Oliver Mundell, MSP, Scottish Parliament.
3. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Civil Nuclear Industry.
4. **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-11652](#) Neil Gray: Application of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 in Scotland**—That the Parliament considers the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 to be unnecessary, unwanted and ineffective; further considers that the legislation, and any associated secondary legislation that could be applied in Scotland, encroaches on the devolved responsibilities of the Scottish Parliament in matters relating to health, transport, fire and rescue and education; notes that its measures seek to undermine legitimate trade union activity and do not respect fair work principles; recognises that trade unions are key social and economic partners in Scotland in responding to the cost of living crisis, creating a wellbeing economy and working towards a just transition to net zero; agrees that a progressive approach to industrial relations and to trade unionism is at the heart of a fairer, more successful society, and makes clear, therefore, its opposition to the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 and to any associated secondary legislation that could be applied in Scotland.

Supported by: Richard Lochhead*, Gillian Martin*, Maree Todd*, Lorna Slater*

[S6M-11635](#) Liam Kerr: Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education System—That the Parliament recognises the significance of the challenges facing the Scottish education system, as highlighted by the recent Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) report; notes that, despite the efforts of teachers and school staff, Scotland's positions in mathematics and science have dropped below the OECD average to an all-time low, while standards in reading are at a their joint lowest level since PISA reporting began; acknowledges that the OECD report also found that bullying in Scottish schools is more frequent than the OECD average, and that one in three of Scotland's pupils don't feel like they belong at their school, with pupils in Scotland twice as likely to observe violence in school as the OECD average; notes that Scotland was removed from a number of international statistical studies; recognises that education was devolved in the Scotland Act 1998; demands that the Scottish Government use its powers to address the many wide-ranging problems facing Scotland's pupils, teachers, school staff and parents, beginning in and including early years; recognises that the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence has failed; calls for a fundamental rethink about schooling to raise standards, and considers that solutions should be explored, such as re-entering all statistical comparisons and benchmarks, addressing issues surrounding class sizes, teacher and support staff numbers,

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as well as the use of probationers and temporary contracts and urgently tackling the violence and discipline problems in Scotland's schools.

Supported by: Sharon Dowey*

***[S6M-11635.3](#) Jenny Gilruth: Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education**

System—As an amendment to S6M-11635 in the name of Liam Kerr (Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education System), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "welcomes the publication of *Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) Levels 2022-23 (ACEL)*, which shows that the proportion of primary school pupils achieving expected levels of literacy and numeracy has reached record highs, that the poverty-related attainment gap in literacy in primary school has reached the lowest level on record, and that attainment at secondary level has increased and the poverty-related attainment gap decreased; understands that ACEL represents the most up-to-date and comprehensive statistics on attainment in Scotland, and that the findings are testament to the hard work of teachers, support staff and pupils; notes that PISA found that pupils in Scotland were less likely to witness issues with a number of aspects of behaviour in school than in other parts of the UK; welcomes the Scottish Government's decision to rejoin Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) and Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS); notes that Curriculum for Excellence was endorsed by the OECD in its 2021 report as the right approach for Scottish education, and agrees that the process of education reform, working in partnership with local authorities, and including the reorganisation of national bodies and reform of qualifications and assessments, offers the opportunity to raise standards, ensure that all children and young people can meet their full potential, and deliver excellence and equity across Scotland's schools."

Supported by: Graeme Dey*, Natalie Don*

***[S6M-11635.2](#) Willie Rennie: Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education**

System—As an amendment to motion S6M-11635 in the name of Liam Kerr (Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education System), insert at end "; expresses disappointment that the Scottish Government's stretch aims are predicted to close the poverty-related attainment gap by only 30% by 2026, when it had promised to completely close it; believes that the recently published *Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland 2023*, which highlight an overall decrease in teacher numbers, demonstrate that the Scottish Government is failing to recruit the 3,500 additional teachers that it had promised to, and notes with concern that the number of probationer teachers moving into full-time permanent posts has dropped to 29%."

***[S6M-11635.1](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education**

System—As an amendment to motion S6M-11635 in the name of Liam Kerr (Improving the Performance of the Scottish Education System), insert at end "; considers that there is an urgent need for action to reverse the widening inequalities as highlighted by Scotland's performance in the 2022 PISA results, and recognises the excellence of Scotland's teachers against a backdrop of Scottish Government failures."

Supported by: Martin Whitfield*

***[S6M-11616](#) Martin Whitfield: Standing Order Rule Changes - Proxy Voting**—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 12th Report, 2023 (Session 6), *Standing Order Rule changes - Proxy Voting* (SP Paper 489), and agrees that the rule changes to Standing Orders set out in the annexe of the report be made with effect from 22 December 2023.

Supported by: Ivan McKee

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 18 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.

***[S6M-11649](#) Brian Whittle: Celebrating Scottish Sport's Community Hero 2023, Billy Robertson** —That the Parliament warmly congratulates Billy Robertson on being named Community Hero at the Scottish Sport Awards 2023; understands that the award seeks to recognise those who inspire others and drive positive change within their sport and local

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community; notes that Billy was also runner-up at the East Ayrshire Sports Council and Talented Athlete Awards in the category of Service to Sport 2023; believes that Billy's coaching style, which simply encourages participation in sport regardless of age, ability, background or gender, has led to several national and international champions in 2023; understands that Billy has created the largest community club, outside Scotland's major cities, through his successful restructuring and redefining of the Kilmarnock Harriers Club; further understands that this has involved creating a community offering that is delivered over seven days a week, 52 weeks of the year, and includes coaching children, those with additional support needs, para-athletes, elite performers, beginners and masters level athletes; welcomes the Kilmarnock Harriers Club partnership with Ayrshire College, which was formed by Billy to address club waiting lists through the development of the club's coaching infrastructure, training-up, mentoring and supporting students to assist the club's lead coaches; understands that the club restructuring was accomplished despite a life-altering accident earlier in 2023, while Billy was cycling to the track, which resulted in a broken hip and leg amputation; praises Billy's commitment to the club and his community during his recovery from injury, and wishes him well in all his future endeavours with the Kilmarnock Harriers.

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***S6M-11648 Roz McCall: Woodmill High Pupils Raise Awareness on Gender-based Violence—**That the Parliament notes that pupils at Woodmill High School have completed training as mentors in violence prevention (MVP); understands that the group of senior pupils completed training as mentors in violence prevention and are now delivering classes to junior pupils; acknowledges that the MVP scheme is a peer-mentoring programme that allows young people to explore and challenge the stereotypes and attitudes that result in gender-based violence; believes that the scheme has helped build pupil confidence and stop all forms of violence, and wishes the pupils at Woodmill High School all the very best for the future.

***S6M-11647 Jeremy Balfour: Universities Accepted More Applicants with Disabilities than Ever in 2023—**That the Parliament welcomes the news that UK universities accepted more applicants with disabilities than ever in 2023, according to the latest UCAS figures; commends UCAS for introducing a range of new questions in the application to enhance the collection of information about disability and mental health conditions; recognises that 8,645 Scotland-domiciled applicants that shared a disability were accepted, representing an increase of 32.3% compared with 6,535 in 2022; acknowledges the importance of the accessibility of higher education for persons with disabilities, and thanks UCAS for its work to make university more accessible for everybody and its dedication to make the application process to university as fair as possible.

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***S6M-11646 Roz McCall: Fife Charities Benefit from Apprenticeship of the Year Awards—**That the Parliament celebrates that Fife Young Carers and Trust in Fife have each been awarded £7,167.50, representing an equal share of the £14,355 raised at an event organised by Fife Council environment and building services; considers that Fife Young Carers and Trust in Fife each provide vital support to those facing some of the toughest challenges in the community;

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understands that the money donated by the kind benefactors will go a long way to supporting young carers across Fife, and wishes all the staff and volunteers at Fife Young Carers and Trust in Fife all the very best for the future.

***S6M-11645 Alasdair Allan: Dòmhnall Bàn MacDonald Named Tutor of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Dòmhnall Bàn MacDonald, of Benbecula, piping tutor for Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, on being named Tutor of the Year at the 2023 Scots Trad Music Awards; understands that the prize, sponsored by Creative Scotland Youth Music Initiative, is conferred by public vote in recognition of a committed and capable tutor of traditional music; commends Dòmhnall Bàn on what it considers to be his enormous contribution to the contemporary piping world; notes that Dòmhnall Bàn has tutored hundreds of school pupils from Uist and Barra since becoming a piping instructor for the local authority in 2002, with several former pupils going on to compete in Grade 1 pipe bands or as part of trad music bands, including Trail West and Beinn Lee; praises his work in establishing the Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band in 2006, a band that has competed successfully at national and international championships; commends the other tutors who were shortlisted, as well as the other distinguished individuals and groups recognised at the Scots Trad Music Awards, held on 3 December 2023 in Dundee, and wishes Dòmhnall Bàn continued success in his work to further the Hebridean piping tradition.

The Member has provided the following Gaelic translation:

Gu bheil a' Phàrlamaid a' cur meal-a-naidheachd air Dòmhnall Bàn Dòmhnallach, à Beinn na Faoghla, neach-teagaisg pìobaireachd aig Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, 's e air ainmeachadh mar Neach-teagaisg na Bliadhna aig Duaisean Ceòl Traidiseanta na h-Alba 2023, no "Na Trads"; a' tuigsinn gu bheil an duais, le taic bho Iomairt Chiùil Òigridh Alba Chruthachail, air a bhuileachadh le bhòt poblach gus comharrachadh neach-teagaisg dealasach comasach ann an ceòl traidiseanta; a' moladh Dhòmhnail Bhàin airson na chuir e, ann am beachd na pàrlamaid, ri saoghal na pìobaireachd anns an latha an-diugh; a' toirt fa-near gu bheil Dòmhnall Bàn air na ceudan de sgoilearan à Uibhist is Barraigh a theagasg bho chaidh e na thidsear pìobaireachd don ùghdarras ionadail ann an 2002, agus grunnan a bha e roimhe fo 'stiùir a' dol air adhart gu bhith a' farpais ann an còmhlain pìoba Ìre 1 neo mar phàirt de chòmhlain-chiùil thraidiseanta, a' gabhail a-steach Trail West agus Beinn Lee; a' moladh na h-obrach a rinn e ann a bhith a' stèidheachadh Còmhlan Pìoba Sgoil Lionacleit ann an 2006, còmhlan a tha air a bhith a' farpais gu soirbheachail aig farpaisean nàiseanta is eadar-nàiseanta; a' moladh an luchd-oideachaidh eile a bha air a' gheàrr-liosta, a bharrachd air na daoine agus na buidhnean cliùiteach eile a chaidh aithneachadh aig Na Trads, a chaidh a chumail air 3 Dùbhlachd 2023 ann an Dùn Dèagh, agus a' guidhe soirbheachas leantainneach dha Dòmhnall Bàn san obair aige gus dualchas pìobaireachd Innse Gall a thoirt air adhart.

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***S6M-11644 Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow Science Centre Wins Thistle Inclusive Tourism Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow Science Centre on winning the Inclusive Tourism Award, sponsored by Historic Environment Scotland, at the 2023 Thistle Awards national final, which took place at the Glasgow Hilton on 1 December; notes that the Thistle Awards are Scottish tourism and events awards, delivered by VisitScotland, which celebrate the best of tourism in the country and outstanding achievements in innovation, collaboration, and sustainable practices; understands that the Inclusive Tourism Award celebrates a business that has developed an outstanding welcome for all customers and provides accessible facilities that can be enjoyed by all customers; recognises that the Glasgow Science centre is a VisitScotland five-star visitor

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attraction and education charity, with the mission of engaging and inspiring people of all ages, abilities and social backgrounds in science; celebrates that the judges praised the centre for taking a “holistic approach” to providing an environment where everyone can feel included and also praised the innovative use of technology and support for staff; commends all of the team at the Glasgow Science Centre, and wishes them all the best for their continued success as a great visitor attraction that presents science and technology in unique and inspiring ways.

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***[S6M-11643](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

***[S6M-11642](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

***[S6M-11641](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 31 May 2024.

***[S6M-11640](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 17 May 2024.

***[S6M-11639](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Open University in Scotland and Children in Scotland Partnership**—That the Parliament recognises that the Open University in Scotland (OU) and Children in Scotland (CiS) have signed a joint Memorandum of Understanding; welcomes the partnership working between what it sees as two of the country’s leading institutions to achieve what it understands is their common aim, to contribute to the Scottish Government’s strategic objectives and Programme for Government, particularly in the area of education, and improve the lives of children and young people; understands that the intention of the partnership is to improve access to education, provide professional development opportunities, promote research and innovation and encourage collaboration and partnership working; further understands that both organisations will explore the creation of a curated portal site, with a tailored selection of courses that meet the learning and development needs of CiS members and their staff and volunteers, and wishes both organisations every success with their partnership.

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***[S6M-11638](#) Pam Gosal: Clyde 1 Radio of Clydebank Celebrates 50 Years on Air**—That the Parliament congratulates Clyde 1 Radio, based in Clydebank, on celebrating its 50th anniversary on 31 December 2023; notes that the station first went on air at 10.30 pm on Hogmanay 1973, broadcasting on 261 metres medium wave; understands that the purpose-built studios were opened in 1983, and that, in 1986, the new HQ was graced with a visit from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; acknowledges that many presenters went on to become household names, including

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"Tiger" Tim Stevens, Paul Coia, Jackie Bird and George Bowie, who recently celebrated 25 years at the station; notes that supporters of the station in its early days included luminaries Sir Sean Connery, Sir Jackie Stewart, and Lord Gordon of Strathblane; welcomes that the station's Cash for Kids appeal has, it understands, so far raised £2.6 million and supported over 74,000 children, and wishes the entire team at Bauer Media every success over the next 50 years.

***S6M-11637 Paul O'Kane: Temporary Closure of Neilston Post Office** —That the Parliament understands that a Post Office branch situated in the centre of the village of Neilston, in East Renfrewshire, is facing temporary closure; further understands that, as a result of the resignation of the current postmaster, the Neilston branch will close on 13 January 2024 until the vacancy can be filled; considers that the potential temporary closure of this branch would be a huge loss for so many local residents of Neilston who use it; understands that residents would be able to use alternative branches in Barrhead and Auchenback, but believes, however, that this would be unsuitable and inconvenient, particularly for older members of the community, and believes that every option must be explored by the Post Office to ensure not only that the vacancy is permanently filled, but that a replacement service can be sourced and operated in the meantime. Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Pauline McNeill*, Neil Bibby*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

***S6M-11636 Sandesh Gulhane: The Burrell Collection Wins Best Visitor Attraction Award**—That the Parliament congratulates The Burrell Collection in Glasgow on winning the Best Visitor Attraction award at the 2023 Thistle Awards national final, which took place at the Glasgow Hilton on 1 December; understands that the Thistle Awards are Scottish tourism and events awards, delivered by VisitScotland, which celebrate the best of tourism in the country and outstanding achievements in innovation, collaboration, and sustainable practices; notes that the Best Visitor Attraction award celebrates attractions that provide world class service with an authentic Scottish experience; recognises that the judges commended The Burrell Collection on its commitment to the visitor experience and the planning that went into re-opening the museum in 2022 after an extensive refurbishment and redisplay; understands that the refurbished museum, which welcomed 600,000 visitors in the first 12 months after it reopened, houses the 9,000-object art collection of Sir William and Constance Burrell, and offers one of Europe's most significant displays of Chinese and Islamic art, along with paintings by the Old Masters and the Glasgow Boys; celebrates that the award has recognised the significance of The Burrell Collection as a museum with a global reputation and appeal; commends all of the team at The Burrell Collection for this achievement, and wishes them all the best for the continued success of the museum as a major draw of tourism to Glasgow.

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***S6M-11633 Jackie Baillie: West Dunbartonshire Council's Rediscovering the Antonine Wall Project Wins Scottish Thistle Award**—That the Parliament congratulates West Dunbartonshire Council's Rediscovering the Antonine Wall Project on winning the Scottish Thistle Award for Celebrating Thriving Communities at the national finals, which took place on 1 December 2023; recognises that the national awards spotlight outstanding achievements in innovation, collaboration and sustainable practices, with each winning entry underscoring a commitment to responsible tourism; notes that the Celebrating Thriving Communities award celebrates partnerships, collaborations and teamwork in which people come together to protect and enhance

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the environment, while growing social, cultural and economic wealth, and congratulates the Rediscovering the Antonine Wall Project on this achievement.

***S6M-11632 Jackie Baillie: SEA LIFE Loch Lomond Wins Scottish Thistle Award**—That the Parliament congratulates SEA LIFE Loch Lomond, which has been awarded the Tourism and Hospitality Employer of the Year award at the Scottish Thistle Awards, following on from its success at the West of Scotland Thistle Awards earlier in 2023; recognises that the national awards spotlight outstanding achievements in innovation, collaboration and sustainable practices, with each winning entry underscoring a commitment to responsible tourism; acknowledges the efforts made by the management and staff at SEA LIFE Loch Lomond to make it a top-class tourist venue and a valued employer, and thanks them for their ongoing work.

***S6M-11631 Pam Gosal: Creatovators CIC Milngavie Celebrates 10th Anniversary**—That the Parliament applauds the team at Creatovators CIC Milngavie, and the founder June Grindley, on celebrating their 10th anniversary; believes that the social enterprise has been at the forefront in providing services to those on the autism spectrum by supporting families, professionals, companies, schools and organisations as a user-led service; understands that its Playscheme is run for the whole family, includes Lego-based sessions and training, and takes place monthly at Bearsden Baptist Church; further understands that additional services are provided in Bishopbriggs and Kirkintilloch on a regular basis, and wishes the organisation every success for the future.

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***S6M-11630 Rona Mackay: Top Award for Founder of Bishopbriggs-based Powerchair Football Club**—That Parliament congratulates Kieran Burns, the founder of Bishopbriggs-based FC United Powerchair Football Club, on winning a top honour at the Variety Club Disability Sports Awards 2023; notes that Kieran, who is 26 and has cerebral palsy, received the Champion for Change Award at a glittering ceremony in Leeds, which was hosted by Channel Four's *Last Leg* presenter, Adam Hills MBE; further notes that he received the award for his determination to be involved in football, despite being a full-time wheelchair user all his life; understands that, after a decade playing for established clubs in Scotland and England, Kieran founded FC United in October 2022; applauds Kieran and the team for being named, within a year of being established, as finalists in the Club Sport Award category of the Scottish Sports Awards 2023, which took place on 7 December 2023; understands that the team is now flourishing in the National Premiership, Scotland's top wheelchair league; commends the club, which trains at Turnbull High School in Bishopbriggs, for its focus on enabling sports participation for wheelchair users and for providing a safe and secure environment for people to share challenges and gain support for mental health issues; further commends Kieran for raising awareness and helping to change perceptions about disabilities through his own podcast, *All About Ability*, which was launched in 2020; believes that the Variety Club Disability Sports Awards are the only annual national sports awards exclusively for disability sports, and wishes Kieran, and all at FC United, all the very best for the future.

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***[S6M-11628](#) Christine Grahame: Happy Galashiels**—That the Parliament congratulates Galashiels on being named Scotland’s happiest place to live for the second year in a row; notes that Galashiels was ranked as the UK’s 15th happiest place overall in Rightmove’s Happy at Home index, which asked 26,000 people how they feel about where they live based on 13 happiness factors; understands that locations were ranked based on things like proximity to green spaces, local amenities and whether residents feel that there is a sense of belonging and community; pays credit to the people of Galashiels for making their town the warm, welcoming and community-focussed place that it is, and hopes that receiving this title will encourage people to visit Galashiels to take advantage of all that it has to offer.

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***[S6M-11627](#) Pam Gosal: Visit Scotland Thistle Award Won by Rediscovering the Antonine Wall Project** —That the Parliament congratulates the Rediscovering the Antonine Wall Project, by West Dunbartonshire Council, on winning the Celebrating Thriving Communities Thistle Award by Visit Scotland; notes that the award underscores a commitment to responsible tourism, aligned to the ambitions of the national tourism strategy, *Scotland Outlook 2030*, understands that the project was led by West Dunbartonshire in partnership with Historic Environment Scotland and the five local authorities that the wall passes through; appreciates that funding was awarded from the Heritage Lottery Fund Scotland and LEADER funding; believes that the partners delivered an extensive and varied capital works programme, established an education and community engagement programme and created Roman-inspired play parks, distance stones and murals; understands that a touring exhibition was also put in place to enhance the visitor experience, while contributing to placemaking for local communities living alongside the wall; recognises that the Antonine Wall is an integral part of the history of the area, and wishes the partners and project every success for the future.

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***[S6M-11626](#) Jim Fairlie: MacRosty Park Awarded Dementia Friendly Environment Accreditation**—That the Parliament welcomes that MacRosty Park in Crieff has been granted Dementia Friendly Environment accreditation; believes that the park is a vital community and green space, which has been a popular destination for residents, families and visitors for over 100 years; highlights that the space has seen a series of improvements to make it more inclusive, including the provision of new accessible maps at all entry and exit points, the installation of dementia-friendly signage, coloured waymarkers, and a contrasting toilet seat; understands that all benches were refurbished, new picnic benches installed and pathways throughout the park underwent maintenance; believes that these upgrades and improvements will help even more local residents, visitors, and particularly those living with dementia, enjoy MacRosty Park; further believes that the provision of accessible outdoor spaces is crucial to encouraging physical activity and personal connections to nature, as part of recovery and rehabilitation in care and community settings; notes that the improvements were delivered by staff at the Richmond House Care Home, with assistance from a local community health walk, Perth and Kinross Council Community Greenspace team, Friends of MacRosty Park and Paths for All; acknowledges that MacRosty Park is only the second park in Scotland to be given this status, after Kings Park in Stirling; further acknowledges that Paths for All, Scotland’s walking charity, is working with partners to develop

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more dementia-friendly and accessible environments across Scotland, and commends all involved.

***[S6M-11625](#) Pam Gosal: Visit Scotland Thistle Award Won by SEA LIFE Loch Lomond—** That the Parliament congratulates SEA LIFE Loch Lomond on winning the Tourism and Hospitality Employer of the Year Thistle Award by Visit Scotland; notes that the award underscores a commitment to responsible tourism, aligned to the ambitions of the national tourism strategy, *Scotland Outlook 2030*; understands that the award aims to highlight and celebrate employers that are showcasing tourism, hospitality and events as an exciting career path, and inspiring the next generation; believes that the attraction is an excellent example of an inclusive and supportive employer, with a whole range of initiatives and partnerships in place to encourage positive staff development, and investment in its current and future workforce; considers that the well-known attraction has regularly demonstrated outstanding achievements in innovation, collaboration and sustainable practices, and wishes the attraction every success for the future.

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***[S6M-11624](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Bothwell Hairstylist Wins Scots Hairdresser of the Year** —That the Parliament congratulates Bothwell hairstylist, David Corbett, on winning Scots Hairdresser of the Year at the British Hairdressing Awards 2023, which were held in London in early December; understands that David took first place and won praise for his outstanding technical and creative expertise; further understands that his showpieces, Highland Fling, were inspired by the late, great Vivienne Westwood, and wishes David well in his future endeavours.

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***[S6M-11623](#) Fulton MacGregor: Robert Maxwell Named Visitor Attraction Manager of the Year at the 2024 Whisky Magazine Awards—**That the Parliament commends Robert Maxwell for being named Visitor Attraction Manager of the Year at the 2024 *Whisky Magazine Awards*; understands that Robert is the manager of Johnnie Walker Princes Street, and that this personal award follows a team award for Johnnie Walker Princes Street for the Best Marketing Team; notes that, since opening in September 2021, the visitor centre has established itself as one of Scotland's leading attractions for international and local visitors, which was reflected in Johnnie Walker Princes Street winning the World's Leading Spirit Tourism Experience 2023 at the recent World Travel Awards held in Batumi, Georgia; acknowledges what it sees as the importance of whisky as a key export of Scotland; praises managers like Robert for positively promoting Scottish whisky to a national and international audience, and wishes Robert and the team at Johnnie Walker Princes Street continued success into the future.

***[S6M-11622](#) Maggie Chapman: Universal Declaration of Human Rights Turns 75—**That the Parliament acknowledges that 10 December 2023 marks the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR); notes that the theme of this day is freedom, equality and justice for all; considers that the inalienable rights to which it believes everyone is entitled as human beings, regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status, must be upheld; believes that many of these rights are at risk due to what it sees as a rise in authoritarianism, populist right-wing

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nationalism, and because of political and media figures who, it considers, demonise and scapegoat minorities; commends international human rights organisations, such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Save the Children, Reporters Without Borders, and many more, for their work in upholding human rights protections and holding those in power to account, and urges all those in positions of power to use this day to recommit to the UDHR and act in accordance with its principles.

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***S6M-11587 Kevin Stewart: UK Gold Reserves and the Cost of Living Crisis**—That the Parliament recognises that the value of gold has reportedly reached an all-time high price of £1,682 per troy ounce; remembers that the previous UK Labour administration, under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, sold around 12.7 million troy ounces of gold for approximately £2 billion, at a time when the market was at a 20-year low; understands that, today, the same amount of gold would be worth £21 billion, and believes that what it sees as this lost £19 billion would have gone a long way to help people during the current cost of living crisis.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-11629 Ash Regan: Halting Any Further Legal Action and Disposing of Any Intention to Implement the Provisions in the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Fergus Ewing*

S6M-11621 Monica Lennon: Congratulating South Lanarkshire College, the First College to Receive the EmilyTest GBV Charter Status (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Beatrice Wishart*

S6M-11620 Christine Grahame: Queen's Nurse Title Returns to NHS Borders for Seventh Consecutive Year (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Sue Webber*, Roz McCall*

S6M-11619 Ariane Burgess: Celebrating Roy Dennis Winning the Species Champion Award for his Lifetime Work on Osprey Conservation (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Maggie Chapman*, Beatrice Wishart*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Gillian Mackay*, Mark Ruskell*, Bill Kidd*, Jim Fairlie*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*

S6M-11618 Stuart McMillan: Riverside Youth Band Members are History Makers (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Ivan McKee*, Miles Briggs*, Audrey Nicoll*, Kevin Stewart*, Emma Harper*, Ash Regan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Roz McCall*, Maggie Chapman*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-11617](#) Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Groups Recognised by Keep Scotland Beautiful (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11615](#) Sharon Dowey: Parkinson's Excellence Network Awards 2023 (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Paul Sweeney*, Sandesh Gulhane* R, Kevin Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Meghan Gallacher*, Jackson Carlaw*, Liam Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*, Sue Webber*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-11614](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Uddingston's Anderson Aromatics Wins Best Green Sunscreen for a Toddler Gold Award (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Paul Sweeney*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-11613](#) Katy Clark: Ongoing Dispute at the MoD DES Site in Beith (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Richard Leonard* R

[S6M-11612](#) Michelle Thomson: Bo'ness's Isla France Fundraises for Bo'ness Foodbanks (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-11611](#) Michelle Thomson: Grangemouth's RSM Supports the Scott Martin Foundation with Generous £27,000 Donation (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Audrey Nicoll*

[S6M-11610](#) Mark Ruskell: Plant Atlas 2020 (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Mercedes Villalba*, Stuart McMillan*, John Mason*

[S6M-11608](#) Kaukab Stewart: Asylum Seekers in Scotland (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11607](#) Maggie Chapman: International Migrants Day 2023 (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

[S6M-11606](#) Sharon Dowey: Gathering South Wins Club of the Year at the MG ALBA Scots Trad Awards (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Meghan Gallacher*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-11605](#) Mercedes Villalba: Right to Boycott (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Richard Leonard* R, Ivan McKee*, Stuart McMillan*, Mark Ruskell*, Maggie Chapman* R

[S6M-11604](#) Clare Adamson: Coltness High School Pupil Selected for Lanarkshire Secondary Schools FA Select (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-11603](#) Sarah Boyack: The Scottish Green Energy Awards 2023 (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11602](#) Clare Adamson: A Slice Pizzeria Receives Scotland's Best Pizzeria Title at Italian Awards (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Gillian Mackay*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-11601](#) Clare Adamson: Kate Fridriks's Debut Novel, Real Gone Kid (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11600](#) Clare Adamson: ScotRail's Megan Moore Receives Samaritans Lifesaver Award (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-11599](#) Clare Adamson: Christopher's Saving Lives Campaign Safety Ropes to be Installed in Strathclyde Country Park (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Ivan McKee*

[S6M-11598](#) Monica Lennon: Congratulating Taylor Swift, Time Magazine's Person of the Year 2023 (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-11596](#) Ariane Burgess: Nature of Scotland Awards 2023 – Highlands and Islands Winners (lodged on 11 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Maggie Chapman*, Kevin Stewart*, Gillian Mackay*, Mark Ruskell*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Jim Fairlie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*, Liam McArthur*

[S6M-11594](#) Annabelle Ewing: Kids Come First Donates Bikes to Local Families (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Emma Harper*, Ash Regan*, Rona Mackay*, Kenneth Gibson*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-11589](#) Kevin Stewart: Languages at the University of Aberdeen (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Maggie Chapman*, Mercedes Villalba*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[S6M-11586](#) Rachael Hamilton: 40-inch Salmon Wins Borders Fishing Prize (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Sharon Dowey*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-11585](#) Michelle Thomson: Community Spirit on Show to Support Stenhousemuir FC
(lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Ash Regan*

[S6M-11582](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Fashion Show Raises Awareness of Endometriosis
(lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-11580](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Tourism Business Takes Home Top Prize at Thistle Awards (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Alexander Stewart*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Kenneth Gibson*, Pam Gosal*, Bill Kidd*, Douglas Ross*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Jackson Carlaw*, Brian Whittle*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Greene*, Annie Wells*, Liam Kerr*, Meghan Gallacher*

[S6M-11579](#) Bill Kidd: Scotstoun Primary School, School of the Year (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-11578](#) Willie Coffey: Darvel Volunteers Secure King's Award (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S6M-11576](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Congratulating St Mungo's Primary School on Opening its New STEM Room (lodged on 08 December 2023)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Monica Lennon*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Sarah Boyack*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Rona Mackay*, Jim Fairlie*, Martin Whitfield*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annie Wells*

[S6M-11569](#) Christine Grahame: 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-11568](#) Annie Wells: Govan Group Re-created Calendar Girls Calendar (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-11566](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Folk Festival Declared Trad Event of the Year (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-11559](#) Alexander Stewart: Bryan Keye from Tillicoultry Smashes Record During Charity Run (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-11558](#) Alexander Stewart: Dollar Academy Wins Scottish Independent School of the Year 2024 (lodged on 07 December 2023)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-11556](#) Liz Smith: Lucinda Russell, Jumps Trainer of the Year (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[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: Kevin Stewart*, Gillian Mackay*, Kenneth Gibson*, Mark Ruskell*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Maggie Chapman*, Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

[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: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Colin Smyth*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*, Ash Regan*, David Torrance*, John Mason*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Brian Whittle*

[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: Maurice Golden*

[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: Kaukab Stewart*

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

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Maggie Chapman*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*

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

New Support: Maurice Golden*

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

New Support: Anas Sarwar*

[S6M-11473](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeenshire Architectural and Landscape Design Awards (lodged on 29 November 2023)

New Support: Alexander Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Brian Whittle*, Stuart McMillan*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Gosal*, Jeremy Balfour*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Jackson Carlaw*, Jamie Greene*, Annie Wells*, Meghan Gallacher*

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

New Support: James Dornan*

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

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-11360](#) Christine Grahame: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Presents its First Campbell Hunter Award (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

[S6M-10593](#) Jackie Baillie: Fiona Campbell, Scottish Women's Awards CEO of the Year (lodged on 25 September 2023)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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Questions Ceistean				

Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 12 December 2023

[S6W-23395 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to data that reportedly shows that the number of excess deaths in Scotland is 10.1% higher than the pre-pandemic five-year-average.

[S6W-23807 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that access to diabetes technology is equal for patients from all socioeconomic backgrounds, in light of reports that some diabetes technology requires the use of a personal mobile phone and access to a mobile data allowance.

[S6W-23808 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-12781 by Patrick Harvie on 14 December 2022, whether it still plans to introduce a system of national rent controls by the end of 2025. **R**

[S6W-23809 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether the policy intention for a national system of permanent rent controls, when introduced, is for rents to be stabilised in real terms or to be reduced where appropriate. **R**

[S6W-23810 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government what measures it will take, beyond rent adjudication, to protect tenants in the period between the lifting of the rent cap on 1 April 2024 and the introduction of a national system of rent controls. **R**

[S6W-23811 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23424 by Maree Todd on 11 December 2023, what planned new programmes cannot proceed as anticipated as a result of the in-year budget changes set out by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance on 21 November 2023.

[S6W-23812 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23424 by Maree Todd on 11 December 2023, what programmes were expected to receive increased funding which now cannot be progressed as a result of the in-year budget changes set out by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance on 21 November 2023.

[S6W-23814 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an update on the We Make Music (WMM) schools initiative, led by the Music Education Partnership Group, which aims to create an award system similar to Eco Schools, including pilot work in Renfrewshire, South Ayrshire and Inverclyde.

[S6W-23815 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with the Music Education Partnership Group and what was discussed.

[S6W-23816 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23265 by Jenni Minto on 11 December 2023, how many times the Environmental Health Policy Co-ordination Group has met to consider solutions to the Environmental Health Officer (EHO) vacancies and workforce shortages, and who was in attendance at any such meetings.

[S6W-23817 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that hospital neurology appointment waiting times are currently sitting at 45 weeks or more.

[S6W-23818 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what efforts are being made to reduce neurology waiting times, in light of reports that some patients are experiencing waiting times of 45 weeks.

[S6W-23819 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to see a reduction in neurology waiting times.

[S6W-23820 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of (a) waiting times for neurology services and (b) possible strategies to address any backlogs.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S6W-23821 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support any dystonia patients on waiting lists who are forced to take time off work due to their painful condition.

[S6W-23822 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what resources are available for patients with (a) dystonia and (b) other conditions due to neurological illness.

[S6W-23823 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what funding has been allocated to support patients with dystonia.

[S6W-23824 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that women in the west of Scotland have experienced considerable delays in accessing ovarian cancer surgery.

[S6W-23825 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the accessibility of ovarian cancer surgery, in light of reports from women who have had to travel to England for treatment.

[S6W-23826 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of ovarian cancer treatment waiting times, and what strategies have been implemented to reduce any backlog.

[S6W-23827 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it has plans to (a) review surgery provision nationally and (b) improve cross-NHS board care, to ensure that everyone affected by ovarian cancer is able to access the surgery that they need.

[S6W-23828 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support women with ovarian cancer in rural and remote areas, where access to treatment may be lacking.

[S6W-23829 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-21016 by Michael Matheson on 19 September 2023, whether it has met with the West of Scotland Cancer Network and, if so, what was discussed.

[S6W-23830 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-21016 by Michael Matheson on 19 September 2023, whether it will provide further details of what was discussed in the meeting between the Deputy National Clinical Director, Scottish Government officials, the Northern Cancer Alliance and the South East Scotland Cancer Network.

[S6W-23832 Maurice Golden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23288 by Gillian Martin on 8 December 2023, what proportion of the estimated private investment in peatland restoration is carbon units that are (a) confirmed as sold and (b) expected to be sold.

[S6W-23833 Maurice Golden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23098 by Mairi McAllan on 8 December 2023, how many awards of each type of grant have been issued by each local authority to date.

[S6W-23834 Maurice Golden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23295 by Mairi McAllan on 11 December 2023, whether the allocation of funding from the Water Environment Fund for measures to remove invasive non-native species is no longer being reviewed on an annual basis.

[S6W-23835 Maurice Golden:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23294 by Mairi McAllan on 11 December 2023, how many natural flood management schemes are currently operating across Scotland.

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 12 December 2023

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Section 5

Siobhian Brown

- 1 In section 5, page 3, line 6, leave out <who has accepted office in writing or who> and insert <and the trustee has accepted office or>

Section 7

Stuart McMillan

- 2 In section 7, page 6, line 2, at end insert—

<(1C) In a case where—

- (a) two or more trustees meet the description in subsection (1A)(a) and (b), and
- (b) the circumstances described in subsection (1B) apply to each of them,

neither (or none) of those trustees are, for the purpose of section 12, to be regarded as able to make a decision in respect of their removal.

- (1D) Subsections (1A) to (1C) apply in relation to a trustee which is a partnership, company or other body corporate as they apply in relation to a trustee who is an individual but as if the references to the trustee being—

- (a) a member of a regulated profession (or entitled to practise as such), and
- (b) appointed or assumed to provide professional services in relation to managing the affairs of trusts in the course of business,

were references to the individual who is (or was) a member of a regulated profession and provided such professional services to the trust as an employee or partner of the partnership or as an employee or director of the company or body corporate.>

Siobhian Brown

- 3 In section 7, page 6, line 9, at end insert—

<() A person who is removed from office as trustee under this section is to be given notice of the decision to remove and the date on which it was made as soon as reasonably practicable after it is made.>

Section 8

Siobhian Brown

- 4 In section 8, page 6, line 26, at end insert—

<() A person who is removed from office as trustee under this section is to be given notice of the decision to remove and the date on which it was made as soon as reasonably practicable after it is

made.>

Section 12

Siobhian Brown

- 5 In section 12, page 8, line 25, leave out <a particular section of the public> and insert <the public or a particular section of it>

Siobhian Brown

- 6 In section 12, page 8, line 27, leave out <that section of the public> and insert <the public or, as the case may be, the particular section of it>

Section 17B

Siobhian Brown

- 7 In section 17B, page 11, line 36, leave out <For the avoidance of doubt> and insert <Except in so far as the trust deed expressly or by implication provides otherwise>

Siobhian Brown

- 8 In section 17B, page 12, line 2, leave out <charitable trust> and insert <charity>

Siobhian Brown

- 9 In section 17B, page 12, line 2, at end insert—

<(2) But this section is without prejudice to any duty imposed by the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 to act in the interests of the charity (see, in particular, section 66 of that Act).>

Siobhian Brown

- 10 In section 17B, page 12, line 2, at end insert—

<(3) For the purposes of this section, a “charity” is a non-natural person—

(a) registered in the Scottish Charity Register,

(b) which—

(i) is registered as a charity in England and Wales in accordance with section 30 of the Charities Act 2011, or

(ii) by virtue of subsection (2) of that section, is not required to register as a charity under that section,

(c) which—

(i) is registered as a charity in Northern Ireland in accordance with section 16 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, or

(ii) by virtue of subsection (2A) of that section, is not required to register as a charity under that section.>

Siobhian Brown

11 In section 17B, page 12, line 2, at end insert—

<() This section—

- (a) does not apply as respects a trust created before the section comes into force, and
- (b) is without prejudice to any other power of trustees in relation to the selling of trust property.>

Siobhian Brown

12 In section 17B, page 12, line 2, at end insert—

<() The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify subsection (3) so as to specify further descriptions of person who are a charity for the purposes of this section.

() Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

Section 19

Siobhian Brown

13 In section 19, page 14, line 10, at end insert—

<() The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, specify particular circumstances which may constitute a good cause for the purpose of subsection (8).

() Regulations under this section are subject to the negative procedure.>

Section 30

Siobhian Brown

14 In section 30, page 22, line 14, leave out <transaction> and insert <action or decision>

Siobhian Brown

15 In section 30, page 22, line 14, leave out <transactions> and insert <actions or decisions>

Section 32

Siobhian Brown

16 In section 32, page 23, line 4, after <trustee> insert <only>

Siobhian Brown

17 In section 32, page 23, line 14, at end insert—

<() This section is subject to the other provisions of this Act concerning the personal liability of trustees (including, in particular, sections 35, 36 and 65).>

Section 35

Siobhian Brown

- 18 In section 35, page 25, line 4, leave out <personal> and insert <private>

Section 38

Siobhian Brown

- 19 In section 38, page 26, line 12, leave out from <recoverable—> to the end of line 14 and insert <recoverable, in whole or in part, from the trustee's private property (to the extent of the trustee's failure) and the balance (if any) from the trust property.>

Section 41

Siobhian Brown

- 20 In section 41, page 27, line 33, leave out <unless specifically anticipated in such trusts> and insert <(except in so far as the trust deed expressly provides for accumulation in anticipation of any change in the law)>

Section 49

Siobhian Brown

- 21 In section 49, page 31, leave out lines 16 to 20 and insert—
- <() withhold, whether conditionally or unconditionally, consent required by trustees to—
- (i) a person being given or refused a beneficial interest, or
 - (ii) such other matter to which consent may be required by trustees by virtue of subsection (1)(b),>

Section 61

Siobhian Brown

- 22 In section 61, page 37, line 16, leave out <private purpose> and insert <public>

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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:

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

For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

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)), 13 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)

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

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

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

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

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill (G)

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)

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (74th Report, 2023)

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)), 13 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

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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 (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 13 December 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 (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 13 December 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

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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 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

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[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)

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

Subject to annulment 1 February 2024
Lead Committee report due by 29 January 2024

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/369\)](#) (8 December 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Bovine Semen \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/370\)](#) (8 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/372\)](#) (8 December 2023) (Rural Affairs and Islands 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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Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 12 December 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 73rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 12 December 2023 (SP Paper 491)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 74th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill after Stage 2 (SP Paper 492)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 75th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 493)

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 12 December 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Annual Audit Report Scottish Commission on Social Security 2022/23 (SG/2023/318) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Creative Scotland Group Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/295) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/296) laid under Section 34 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2022/23 audit of Scottish Prison Service (SG/2023/314) laid under Section 22(5a) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Commission on Social Security Annual Report and Accounts 2022 - 2023 (SG/2023/292) laid under Section 12(1) of Schedule 1 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 & Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report 2022-23 (SG/2023/274) laid under Section 16 (4), Schedule 1 of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report and Financial Statements Year ended 30 June 2023 (SG/2023/275) laid under Section 16 (4), Schedule 1 of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Prison Service Annual Report & Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/313) laid under Section 5 of the Prison (Scotland) Act 1989 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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