

Friday 15 December 2023

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

### Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Today's Business  
*Gnothaichean an-diugh*

Future Business  
*Gnothaichean ri teachd*

Motions & Questions  
*Gluasadan agus Ceistean*

Legislation  
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## Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

## Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 13 December 2023

### Tuesday 19 December 2023

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Rev Dan Robertson, Minister, Davidson Mains Parish Church

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2024-25

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Implementing the Medication Assisted Treatment Standards

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: From a Warm Scots Welcome to a Warm Scots Future for Ukrainians in Scotland

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:50 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-09747 Alex Rowley: Supporting the Work of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust

### Wednesday 20 December 2023

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

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

**followed by** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standing Order Rule Changes - Proxy Voting

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-10702 Clare Adamson: Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month

### Thursday 21 December 2023

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**12:45 pm** Portfolio Questions  
Social Justice

**1:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-09975 Bob Doris: 75 Years of Marie Curie

**Tuesday 9 January 2024**

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**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

## 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>

### Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

19 December 2023

39th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Healthcare in remote and rural areas:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Dr Iain Kennedy, Chair, BMA Scotland;  
Julie Mosgrove, Chair, Optometry Scotland;  
Mhairi Templeton, Society of British Dental Nurses;  
Laura Wilson, Director for Scotland, Royal Pharmaceutical Society.
3. **Scottish Football Association:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Ian Maxwell, Chief Executive, Scottish Football Association.
4. **Healthcare in remote and rural areas (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Healthcare in remote and rural areas:** The Committee will further consider its approach to the inquiry.
6. **Scottish Football Association:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at [Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot](mailto:Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot)

### Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

19 December 2023

31st Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **New Deal with Local Government:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Dr Jonathan Carr-West, Chief Executive, Local Government Information Unit;  
Donna Hall CBE, Former CEO of Wigan Council & Wigan NHS Clinical Commissioning Group;  
Professor Jim Gallagher.
3. **New Deal with Local Government:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

5. **Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85212 or at [ewan.donald@parliament.scot](mailto:ewan.donald@parliament.scot)

## **Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee**

**19 December 2023**

**37th Meeting, 2023**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 2 in private.
2. **Appointments to the Board of the Scottish Land Commission:** The Committee will consider a draft report.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 0131 348 6039 or at [netzero.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:netzero.committee@parliament.scot)

## **Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee**

**19 December 2023**

**35th Meeting, 2023**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Bus Services Improvement Partnerships \(Objections\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Gender Recognition \(Disclosure of Information\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023](#) (SSI 2023/364)  
[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2023](#) (SSI 2023/366)  
[Meat Preparations \(Import Conditions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/367)  
[Bus Services Improvement Partnerships and Local Services Franchises \(Provision of Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/368)  
[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/369)  
[Bovine Semen \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/370)  
[Welfare Foods \(Best Start Foods\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/371)  
[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/372)
4. **Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

5. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a letter from the Minister for Victims and Community Safety regarding two proposed delegated powers provision in this Bill at Stage 3.
7. **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black at [Greg.Black@parliament.scot](mailto:Greg.Black@parliament.scot)

## **Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee**

**19 December 2023**

**28th Meeting, 2023**

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

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

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters on 86244 or at [Katrina.Venters@Parliament.scot](mailto:Katrina.Venters@Parliament.scot)

## **Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee**

**20 December 2023**

**19th Meeting, 2023**

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petition—
  - PE1862: Introduce community representation on boards of public organisations delivering lifeline services to island communities, taking evidence from—  
Naomi Bremner, Petitioner  
Angus Campbell, Petitioner  
Rona Mackay, Petitioner  
and then consider—
  - PE1610: Upgrade the A75;
  - PE1657: A77 upgrade;
  - PE1971: Take Robust Action to Stop Motorcycle Theft;
  - PE1988: Review the process for disposal of household raw sewage;
  - PE1993: Reform the financial support for social work students on work placements; and
  - PE1999: Fully implement the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
  - PE2039: Fair pay to student nurses while on placement; and



PE2054: Establish an independent review into the proposed Spaceport 1 development at Scolpaig Farm in North Uist.

4. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Inquiry into A9 Dualling Project:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry

**Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jyoti Chandola on 85951 or at [Andrew.Mylne@parliament.scot](mailto:Andrew.Mylne@parliament.scot)

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## Motions

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

### Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

### Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

**\*[S6M-11662](#) Douglas Lumsden: Declaration to Triple Nuclear Energy Launched at COP28—** That the Parliament recognises the Declaration to Triple Nuclear Energy, which was signed by a number of countries at the COP28; understands that the declaration notes the key role of nuclear energy for achieving global net zero targets by 2050; further understands that the declaration recognises the importance of the application of nuclear science and technology to continue contributing to the monitoring of climate change and the tackling of its impacts, and emphasises the work of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in this regard; notes from the declaration that nuclear energy is already the second-largest source of clean dispatchable baseload power, with benefits for energy security; further notes from the declaration that new nuclear technologies have a small land footprint and can be located where they are needed, such as within a large energy intensive industrial zone, with additional flexibilities that support decarbonisation across the power sector, including hard-to-abate industries; understands that analysis from the International Energy Agency (IAE) shows nuclear energy more than doubling from 2020 to 2050 in global net zero emissions by 2050 scenarios, and shows that decreasing nuclear power would make reaching net zero more difficult and more costly; further understands that analysis from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change shows nuclear energy approximately tripling its global installed electrical capacity from 2020 to 2050 in the average 1.5°C scenario; notes that the declaration was signed by 22 countries, namely the UK, the USA, Canada, France, the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Ukraine, Czechia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Ghana, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United Arab Emirates; welcomes the ongoing work and discussions that are taking place on this, including in the North East Scotland region, and notes the view that Scotland should fully consider this option going forwards.

### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S6M-11666](#) Ross Greer: Community of Arran Seabed Trust—** That the Parliament welcomes the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) being recognised as "highly commended" in the Coast and Waters Category at the Nature of Scotland Awards in November 2023; recognises what it sees as the hard work of COAST in conserving, restoring and researching Arran's diverse

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marine environment over the past three decades; understands that the Lamlash Bay No Take Zone (NTZ) was the first community-led marine reserve of its kind in Scotland when established in 2008, following 13 years of campaigning by COAST; further understands that no fish or shellfish can be taken from the waters or seabed of the NTZ, and that damaging towed bottom trawl and dredge fishing are limited or restricted within the wider South Arran Marine Protected Area (MPA); believes that the fisheries management measures around Arran are facilitating recovery; understands that survey data shows a general increase in marine life and complexity of seabed habitats in the NTZ and the density of marine life in the MPA almost doubling, and thanks COAST for what it sees as the active role that it continues to play in the recovery of marine biodiversity around the Isle of Arran, engaging with the local community and championing meaningful action to protect Arran's sea life for generations to come.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Colin Beattie\*

**\*[S6M-11665](#) Stephanie Callaghan: New Community-led Research Award - Healthy Planet, Healthy People**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of a new community-led research award entitled Healthy Planet, Healthy People, delivered by the Royal Society of Edinburgh in partnership with the Williamson Trust; understands that funding will be provided to support new and existing Scotland-based research projects in any discipline that promotes the health of individuals by fostering healthy communities, healthy environments and healthy foods; further understands that Healthy Planet, Healthy People will award 10 pilot projects, led by community organisations, up to £5,000 each, to conduct research for up to 12 months; considers that "community" is defined as a group of people who share an identity-forming narrative; celebrates the creation of new knowledge, or use of existing knowledge, to help build practical solutions to targeted challenges, and notes that applications are welcomed from 16 October 2023 to 22 January 2024.

**\*[S6M-11663](#) Bill Kidd: Temporary Closure of Summerhill Road Post Office, Drumchapel, Glasgow Anniesland**—That the Parliament understands that the Summerhill Road Post Office branch, situated in Drumchapel, in the Glasgow Anniesland constituency, is another branch facing temporary closure; further understands that, as a result of the resignation of the current postmaster, this branch will close on 14 December 2023 until the vacancy can be filled; considers that the potential temporary closure of this branch is another huge loss to a community within Drumchapel and Anniesland; believes that this is both unacceptable and inconvenient and not at all representative of the principles that the Post Office was founded upon, nor the franchise it was sold so cheaply for; considers that this is another hammer blow from the Post Office, particularly for older members of the Drumchapel community; believes that every option must be explored by the Post Office to ensure that the vacancy is permanently filled, including whether it is paying enough for the position to be viable; considers that this is particularly important as, it understands, the Anniesland Cross Post Office was temporarily closed on 21 April 2023 and has never re-opened, despite several meetings with Post Office officials, and believes that this can add to the difficulties for constituents reaching alternative branches, depending on their mobility and access to public or private transport.

Supported by: David Torrance\*, Emma Harper\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Colin Beattie\*

**\*[S6M-11661](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Children's Charity Receives Over £110,000 from Lottery Community Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Berwickshire Swap on its funding success from the National Lottery Community Fund, having recently been awarded over

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£110,000; understands that Berwickshire Swap is a Borders charity that helps organise and deliver children's clothing swaps with donations, helping to tackle clothing poverty and deprivation across the Borders region; considers that this multi-year funding will see the two vital project managers at Berwickshire Swap continue their positions for another three years; notes that the funding will support Berwickshire Swap's expansion in the Borders and East Lothian, which, it believes, is especially important considering the rising demand for its services during the current cost of living crisis and the growing interest in sustainable consumerism; understands that the Borders charity has held 23 swaps in 2023 alone and that it expects to have the largest swap of the year in the run-up to Christmas; acknowledges that the charity has seen over 850 attendees sign up for swaps in 2023 so far, helping over 1,500 children; wishes the charity the best of luck in the year ahead, and hopes that it is just as successful as 2023.

Supported by: Ash Regan\*, Miles Briggs\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Douglas Ross\*

**\*S6M-11660 Miles Briggs: New MND Research Institute**—That the Parliament celebrates the opening of the new UK Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Research Institute; believes that the Institute will accelerate the search for a cure for MND; understands that the University of Edinburgh is one of its six centres, and the only one in Scotland, and further understands that it has been made possible by support from MND Scotland, the MND Association, My Name's 5 Dottie Foundation, medical research charity LifeArc, the National Institute of Health and Care Research (NIHR) and the Medical Research Council (MRC).

Supported by: Craig Hoy\*, Monica Lennon\*, Ash Regan\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Christine Grahame\*, Annie Wells\*, Edward Mountain\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Foysol Choudhury\*, Karen Adam\*, David Torrance\*, Douglas Ross\*, Bill Kidd\*, Liam McArthur\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Marie McNair\*, Gillian Mackay\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Russell Findlay\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*

**\*S6M-11659 Marie McNair: Scottish School Chef of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Donald McInnes, of Clydebank High School, on being named School Chef of the Year at the Scottish School Food Awards 2023; understands that Donald has worked in restaurants around the world serving the finest cuisine, and has worked to change the outdated perception of school dinners by revolutionising the way that the school kitchen operates and the ingredients used in school meals; further understands that the Scottish School Food Awards 2023 rewards excellence in education foodservice, and values wellbeing, sustainability and the provision of high quality food and nutrition, and thanks Donald for his commitment and passion to provide high quality meals for pupils.

Supported by: Monica Lennon\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Pam Gosal\*, David Torrance\*, Bill Kidd\*, Emma Harper\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Kevin Stewart\*

**\*S6M-11657 Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde's McDonald's Staff Raise Funds for Parklea Branching Out**—That the Parliament congratulates Greenock and Port Glasgow McDonald's staff for raising £8,000 for Parklea Branching Out, which is a charity based in Port Glasgow that works with people with differing additional support needs; understands that the money will help develop the site's new community hub and accessible gardens; notes that the money was raised through the 10p carrier bag charge and was donated through the McDonald's in the Community Foundation, which distributes the funds; appreciates that the new community hub will provide inclusive, interactive and enhanced opportunities for all participants; believes that Parklea Branching Out has undertaken fantastic work during the 27 years that it has been operating for, and wishes it all the best as it continues to be a valuable asset in the local community.

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**\*[S6M-11656](#) Stuart McMillan: Pirate and Bluebelle Celebrates 10-year Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates a Gourock gift store, which started out as a week-long pop-up shop and is preparing to celebrate a decade in business; notes that former school mates, Heather McCulloch and Nick Summers, started the Pirate and Bluebelle business on Kempock Street in 2014 as a way to sell their photographs of Inverclyde, never knowing that it would grow into a thriving local firm; understands that, to help mark the milestone, the business partners are planning a busy schedule of events for their customers; recognises that the Pirate and Bluebelle has grown into a popular local shop, selling work created by around 60 to 80 artists, not just from Scotland but from across the world; believes that Heather and Nick work hard to give local artists a platform to display and sell their work; understands that the Pirate and Bluebelle's success comes from loyalty to its customers and local community; believes that small businesses like the Pirate and Bluebelle are the backbone of local economies, and wishes Heather and Nick all the best for the years ahead.

**\*[S6M-11655](#) Sandesh Gulhane: The World Congress of Soil Science at the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) Wins Best Business Event Award**—That the Parliament congratulates the World Congress of Soil Science at the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) in Glasgow on winning the Best Business Event Award, sponsored by STV, at the 2023 Thistle Awards national final; notes that the Thistle Awards, held this year at the Glasgow Hilton on 1 December, recognise and champion the very best of the Scottish tourism, hospitality and events industry; understands that the World Congress of Soil Science, a leading international soil science conference that is held every four years in different countries, returned to the UK in 2022 for the first time since 1935; recognises that the 2022 congress in Glasgow, organised by the British Society of Soil Science, on behalf of the International Union of Soil Sciences, brought together soil enthusiasts from around the world, facilitating vital knowledge sharing between industry-leading academics and practitioners; understands that the event, which was based on the theme of "social science-crossing boundaries, changing society", offered a programme of specialist workshops and discussion sessions, supported by tours and a cultural and arts programme; celebrates that the judges of the Thistle Awards described the congress at the SEC as a "benchmark for all business events" and praised the clear demonstration of content, public outreach and environmental sustainability efforts, and commends the British Society of Soil Science, the team at the SEC, and the Glasgow Convention Bureau for working in collaboration to implement a highly successful event attended by over 1,600 people.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser\*, Edward Mountain\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Liam Kerr\*, Russell Findlay\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Bill Kidd\*, Douglas Ross\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Miles Briggs\*

**\*[S6M-11654](#) Paul Sweeney: Govan HELP's Govan Pantry Wins SURF Award**—That the Parliament congratulates the Govan Pantry, run by Govan HELP, on winning the Community Led Regeneration Award at the SURF Awards 2023; recognises that this is the 25th annual SURF Award programme, which highlights, celebrates and shares the achievements of initiatives that address physical, social and economic challenges in communities across Scotland; acknowledges that the ceremony took place on 7 December 2023 in Glasgow's Voco Grand Central Hotel in front of over 270 guests; understands that, after SURF's panel of 15 independent judges carefully assessed all the nominees, it awarded one of the five awards to the Govan Pantry for the work that it does to support people who are experiencing food poverty, while also providing training, volunteering and employability opportunities; celebrates the support that Govan HELP continues to provide to the community, and wishes the organisation all the best for the future.

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**\*[S6M-11650](#) Alexander Stewart: Stirling High School Wins Prestigious Debating Competition**—That the Parliament congratulates Heather Cook and Logan Henderson from Stirling High School on winning the St Andrew's Day Debating Tournament, which was held on 30 November 2023; notes that this is the premier event in Young Speakers Scotland's debating calendar; further notes that the event is held annually and sees pupils from around Scotland compete in a day-long tournament, debating topical issues with one another; understands that the event is unique to the St Andrew's Day Debate and allows for pupils to participate as judges and chairs, in the presence of Scottish university students, who act as mentors throughout the day to ensure that the event is both competitive and an opportunity for learning, and wishes Heather and Logan all the best with their future debating.

Supported by: Edward Mountain\*, Craig Hoy\*, Pam Gosal\*, Bill Kidd\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Liz Smith\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Annie Wells\*, Miles Briggs\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Douglas Ross\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Sue Webber\*, David Torrance\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Russell Findlay\*

### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S6M-11649](#) Brian Whittle: Celebrating Scottish Sport's Community Hero 2023, Billy Robertson** (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11648](#) Roz McCall: Woodmill High Pupils Raise Awareness on Gender-based Violence** (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Murdo Fraser\*, Edward Mountain\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Liz Smith\*, Annie Wells\*, Craig Hoy\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Pam Gosal\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Douglas Ross\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Bill Kidd\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Sue Webber\*, David Torrance\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Russell Findlay\*

**[S6M-11647](#) Jeremy Balfour: Universities Accepted More Applicants with Disabilities than Ever in 2023** (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11644](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow Science Centre Wins Thistle Inclusive Tourism Award** (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11638](#) Pam Gosal: Clyde 1 Radio of Clydebank Celebrates 50 Years on Air** (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11631](#) Pam Gosal: Creatovators CIC Milngavie Celebrates 10th Anniversary** (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*, Sharon Dowey\*

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**[S6M-11627](#) Pam Gosal: Visit Scotland Thistle Award Won by Rediscovering the Antonine Wall Project** (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11625](#) Pam Gosal: Visit Scotland Thistle Award Won by SEA LIFE Loch Lomond** (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Liam Kerr\*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-11593](#) Martin Whitfield: Murals at Prestonpans Railway Station Win National Prize** (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-11583](#) Martin Whitfield: Fair Funding for East Lothian Campaign** (lodged on 13 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

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

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-11567](#) Finlay Carson: AMD Motorsport Honda Team Crowned 2023 Pirelli National Champions** (lodged on 13 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Liam Kerr\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-11545](#) Claire Baker: Celebrating Prestigious Queen's Nurse Award for Fife Nurse** (lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**[S6M-11521](#) Audrey Nicoll: Fiona Jones Wins the Real Heroes Award** (lodged on 13 December 2023)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*, Rona Mackay\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Miles Briggs\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Emma Harper\*, Colin Beattie\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, David Torrance\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**[S6M-11415](#) Emma Harper: The Role of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly** (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Tess White\* R

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**[S6M-11106](#) Fulton MacGregor: Allan Logan's Fundraising Efforts for Royal Hospital for Children (formerly Yorkhill Hospital) (lodged on 08 November 2023)**

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy\*



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## Written Questions

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

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

### Government initiated questions lodged on 14 December 2023

**[S6W-23945](#) Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on NHS Ayrshire and Arran's proposal to retain interim changes to local Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy services made during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**[S6W-23948](#) Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish its consultation on ending conversion practices.

### Written questions lodged on 14 December 2023

**[S6W-22200](#) Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22009 by Michael Matheson on 11 October 2023, in light of its intention to "empower and support NHS leadership in the use of these new technologies, to help build and share a wider knowledge base, rather than appointing a single AI champion", how it plans to overcome any differing governance protocols across NHS boards in this context, and what its position is on whether not having a single artificial intelligence (AI) champion for all NHS boards will (a) inhibit innovation and (b) lead to the (i) delayed adoption and (ii) increased cost of new AI technologies.

**[S6W-22488](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government how many college places were available in STEM subjects in each of the last 10 years, also broken down by (a) headcount, (b) number of full-time equivalent places and (c) college.

**[S6W-22973](#) Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to (a) schools, (b) colleges and (c) universities, what specialised support services are currently available to students with additional support needs, including (i) speech therapy, (ii) counselling and (iii) occupational therapy, broken down by geographical location.

**[S6W-22978](#) Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to (a) schools, (b) colleges and (c) universities, what mechanisms are currently in place to (i) monitor and (ii) address the mental health and wellbeing of students with additional support needs.

**[S6W-22979](#) Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to (a) schools, (b) colleges and (c) universities, what the current average waiting time is for accessing specialised services related to additional support needs provision, including (i) speech therapy, (ii) counselling and (iii) occupational therapy, and what steps are being taken to reduce or eliminate such waiting times in each education setting.

**[S6W-23128](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the British Medical Association Scotland's reported statement that the NHS workforce is "a system bursting at the seams, with a workforce running on empty", in light of reports that hip operation waiting lists have tripled in six NHS boards.

**[S6W-23134](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that patients are experiencing challenges in the dispensing of stoma care prescriptions, according to the *Scottish Stoma Forum Specialist Nurse and Patient Survey Briefing 2023*.

**[S6W-23135](#) Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported concerns in the *Scottish Stoma Forum Specialist Nurse and Patient Survey Briefing 2023* that recommendations from NHS Scotland in its 2016 and 2020 stoma care reports have not been taken forward.

**[S6W-23341 Ash Regan:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will continue to evaluate any benefits of the Low-cost Initiative for First Time Buyers (LIFT) by including further funding for the scheme in its Budget for 2024-25.

**[S6W-23456 Maggie Chapman:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether the application for a new gas-fired power plant at Peterhead has been called in by the Scottish Ministers.

**[S6W-23527 Tess White:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking with NHS boards to review NHS security measures, in light of reports that an individual impersonating a nurse gained access to the medical details of several patients at a hospital in NHS Fife.

**[S6W-23765 Alex Cole-Hamilton:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason medical outreach and medical hospital support for pupils who cannot attend school due to illness is only available up to S4 in Scotland, in light of it reportedly extending beyond Year 11 in England, and what plans it has to review this.

**[S6W-23845 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how the additional measures that are available to Rent Service Scotland under the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 will allow tenants to contest any rent increases and help ensure that they are able to afford to live in their home. **R**

**[S6W-23847 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what modelling it has undertaken to consider the potential effect of the expiry of restrictions on evictions, in relation to (a) eviction rates and (b) any increase in (i) staffing costs, (ii) staff workload and (iii) requirements for temporary accommodation, should there be an increase in the number of (A) homeless presentations and (B) applications to the Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service for evictions proceedings.

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**[S6W-23857 Paul Sweeney:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to continue funding the Ending Homelessness Together action plan, and, if it is the case that it does not, what support it will provide to organisations to help prevent homelessness.

**[S6W-23858 Graham Simpson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it is monitoring the progress regarding the introduction of 20-minute neighbourhoods across Scotland.

**[S6W-23859 Graham Simpson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it has considered the mobility needs of older people in its design of low traffic neighbourhoods and low traffic measures, including modal filters such as (a) bollards, (b) bus gates and (c) one-way streets.

**[S6W-23860 Graham Simpson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to systematically monitor bus ticket prices.

**[S6W-23861 Graham Simpson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it (a) monitors passenger numbers on local bus services and (b) assesses whether any local bus service routes are at risk due to low passenger numbers, particularly in light of any changes in passenger numbers since the COVID-19 pandemic.

**[S6W-23862 Graham Simpson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the bus industry receiving funding of £329 million from local and central government in 2021-22, what its response is to the Scottish Transport Statistics 2022, which show that, aside from the COVID-19 pandemic years, a historic low of 234 million journeys were made by bus in 2021-22.

**[S6W-23863 Graham Simpson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government which local authorities currently operate Demand Responsive Travel schemes, and how it monitors the success rate of any such schemes.

**[S6W-23864 Monica Lennon:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the finding of a recent NUS Scotland survey that (a) 12% of students have experienced homelessness during their studies, (b) 13% have been unable to find accommodation before their academic year began and (c) 35% have been unable to pay their rent in full.

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**[S6W-23865](#) Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether condoms are available to prisoners in the women's prison estate.

**[S6W-23866](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on (a) the Retail Industry Leadership Group's reported opposition to New Year's Day closure and (b) whether such an industry-led body is ever likely to support the reported calls by Usdaw and retail workers for retail stores to close on New Year's Day.

**[S6W-23867](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what its preferred non-legislative solution is for requiring retail stores to close on New Year's Day so that retail workers are not required to work that day.

**[S6W-23868](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the reported 84% of retail workers who say that working on New Year's Day affects their ability to spend time with family. **R**

**[S6W-23869](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance has reportedly not permitted New Year's Day trading to be discussed in relation to the Fair Work Agreement.

**[S6W-23870](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to carry out a review of the preference waiver scheme, in light of reported concerns that probation teachers are less likely to opt-in following the COVID-19 pandemic.

**[S6W-23871](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has undertaken of any impact of school staffing on children's access to occupational therapy services.

**[S6W-23872](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether it is providing local authorities with the necessary resources to support the presumption of mainstreaming in schools.

**[S6W-23873](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the ministerial statement on literacy and numeracy on 12 December 2023, what assessment it has made of the impact of the £830 million that it set aside for additional learning support assistants in 2021-22.

**[S6W-23875](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that it will publish guidance on the use of mobile phones in schools, as stated by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills in her ministerial statement on 12 December 2023.

**[S6W-23876](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has allocated to CALL Scotland in each of the last five years.

**[S6W-23877](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what the legislative framework is for providing young disabled people with a plan for their transitions from school to adulthood, and what its position is on whether it should include a guarantee that it is started from no later than their 14th birthday.

**[S6W-23878](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government which university it plans to lead the Centre of Teaching Excellence.

**[S6W-23879](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has approached any universities to lead the Centre of Teaching Excellence.

**[S6W-23880](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what structures and support it plans to put in place to allow stakeholders to engage with the Centre of Teaching Excellence.

**[S6W-23881](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has explored the potential for a collaborative approach between universities to lead the Centre of Teaching Excellence.

**[S6W-23882](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it collects data on how many vacant teaching posts are filled by probationer teachers annually.

**[S6W-23883](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many probationer teachers have filled vacant teaching posts in each of the last five years.

**S6W-23884 Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many current vacant teaching posts have been filled by a probationer teacher for more than one year.

**S6W-23885 Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government how many probationer teachers are currently supernumerary.

**S6W-23886 Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23231 by Mairi McAllan on 11 December 2023, how much more data it anticipates it will gather before being able to establish a baseline or trends.

**S6W-23887 Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23231 by Mairi McAllan on 11 December 2023, how many locations have been monitored as part of the marine plastics monitoring programme in each year since 2013.

**S6W-23888 Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23284 by Mairi McAllan on 11 December 2023, whether it will provide a breakdown of which identified risks have been assigned to each directorate.

**S6W-23889 Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is making available to NHS Western Isles to improve patient travel support.

**S6W-23890 Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government when NHS Western Isles will be required to renegotiate its contract with NHS Highland that covers multiple services, including cancer services.

**S6W-23891 Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people have (a) had and (b) been refused lung volume reduction procedures in (i) 2021, (ii) 2022 and (iii) 2023 to date, also broken down by NHS board, and which hospitals offer lung volume reduction procedures.

**S6W-23901 Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to reduce waiting times for the processing of claims at Social Security Scotland.

**S6W-23903 Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it requested that any COVID-19-related funding be returned to it by NHS boards in the financial year 2022-23, and, if so, how much, broken down by NHS board.

**S6W-23904 Alasdair Allan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on (a) its progress so far on and (b) the next steps for its Islands Connectivity Plan.

**S6W-23905 Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government how many buildings currently remain in the Single Building Assessment pilot, and how many have been (a) completed and (b) removed from the pilot.

**S6W-23906 Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to the supplementary to question S6O-02702 by Paul McLennan on 9 November 2023, regarding its statement that "the £3.5 billion budget that we had set aside has effectively been cut in value by £700 million", whether any such reduction in value has taken place over one year or multiple years; what the annual sum of any such reduction is, and what the estimated real-terms value of the £3.5 billion is expected to be in each of the remaining years of the current parliamentary session. **R**

**S6W-23907 Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23449 by Mairi McAllan on 12 December 2023, what information it is gathering to inform the transport demand management options described, and how it is gathering it.

**S6W-23908 Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the roll-out of the recommendations by the Electricity Networks Commissioner will have implications for (a) regional spatial strategies, (b) local development plans and (c) local place plans in Scotland, and, if it will, what communication it will have with local authorities to ensure that this is captured in these documents as they are updated.

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**[S6W-23909](#) Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23449 by Mairi McAllan on 12 December 2023, what its position is on whether Fuel Duty and Vehicle Excise Duty would need to increase in order for it to achieve its target of a 20% reduction in vehicle km driven by 2030.

**[S6W-23910](#) Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of setting a national carbon budget, whether it has discussed or reviewed what a "vehicle kilometres travelled" budget might look like for Scotland and how this might be implemented.

**[S6W-23913](#) Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it has put in place to ensure that its transport data collection is accurate and robust, in light of the reported impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on data collection methods.

**[S6W-23914](#) Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government which organisations or interested parties have received funding through the Plugged-in Communities Grant Fund in 2023-24.

**[S6W-23915](#) Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the Community Bus Fund since September 2023.

**[S6W-23917](#) Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to monitor weather-related power system outages.

**[S6W-23918](#) Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made regarding whether geographical diversity of energy infrastructure could enhance the adaptation and resilience of Scotland's energy supply.

**[S6W-23919](#) Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of installed renewable energy generation capacity by local authority area.

**[S6W-23929](#) Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether the Scottish Parliament has ever flown the flag of Palestine to mark International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on 29 November.

**[S6W-23930](#) Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether the Scottish Parliament will fly the flag of Palestine to mark International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on 29 November 2024.

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## New Bills and Accompanying Documents

### New accompanying documents printed on 14 December 2023

**Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill**—A revised version of the Explanatory Notes has been printed. (SP Bill 21A-EN) (Government Bill)

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## New Subordinate Legislation

### Subject to the negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 14 December 2023 and is subject to the negative procedure—

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specific Duties\) \(Use of Member Information\) \(Scotland\) Revocation Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/375\)](#)

Laid under section 210(5) of the Equality Act 2010

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## Members' Bills Proposals

### Proposals for Members' Bills

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

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

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### Final Proposal for a Member's Bill

**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).

Supported by: Rhoda Grant, Mark Griffin, Jackie Baillie, Willie Rennie, Liam McArthur, Alex Rowley, Foysoil Choudhury, Pam Duncan-Glancy, Carol Mochan, Richard Leonard, Monica Lennon, Paul Sweeney, Mercedes Villalba, Daniel Johnson\*, Neil Bibby\*, Paul O'Kane\*, Claire Baker\*, Beatrice Wishart\*, Sarah Boyack\*



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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

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 19 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 (45<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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

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

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

### **Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)**

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

*Report – Finance and Public Administration Committee (10<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (64<sup>th</sup> 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 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 19 December 2023

### **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 19 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 (13<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

*Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (11<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

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

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

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (75<sup>th</sup> Report, 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 (70<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

### **Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill (M)**

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

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*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (72<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2023)*

### **Scottish Languages Bill (G)**

Introduced, 29 November 2023

*Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People*

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

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

### **Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Before Stage 3 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 19 December 2023

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

*Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (74<sup>th</sup> 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), 19 December 2023

### **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 19 December 2023

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (61<sup>st</sup> 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 (65<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

### **Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)**

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

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

## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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

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

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

Lodged on 14 September 2023

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 13 December 2023

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (57<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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

Lodged on 19 July 2023

*Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (6<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (58<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

*Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27<sup>th</sup> 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 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)

**Subject to approval by 6 February 2024**

[Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#) (13 December 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport 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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[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**  
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[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)

**Subject to annulment 7 February 2024**  
**Lead Committee report due by 5 February 2024**

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specific Duties\) \(Use of Member Information\) \(Scotland\) Revocation Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/375\) \(14 December 2023\)](#) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

### Instruments / Documents subject to approval

#### Lead Committee report due by 28 January 2024

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

## New Documents

### Committee Reports

The following report was published on 14 December 2023—

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislation Consent Memorandum for the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill on 14 December 2023 (SP Paper 495)

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### Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 14 December 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Aithisg Bhliadhnail agus Cunntasan Puirt-adhair na Gàidhealtachd is nan Eilean Earranta gu 31 Mart 2023 (SG/2023/84)** laid under section 34 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982

**British Film Institute Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022/23 (SG/2023/301)** laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

**Ethical Standards Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/319)** laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Highlands and Islands Airports Limited (HIAL) Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/269)** laid under section 34 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982

**Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Annual Report 2022/2023 (SG/2023/277)** laid under Paragraph 14(3) of schedule 2 to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

**Redress Scotland Annual report and Accounts 2022/2023 (SG/2023/311)** laid under Section 17 of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

**Scottish Environment Protection Agency: Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/305)** laid under Section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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