

Tuesday 19 December 2023

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

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

Committee Meetings

9:15am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

9:45am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:30am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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1. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that Police Scotland is considering closing more than 40 police buildings. ([S6T-01702](#))

2. Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the roll-out and use of tasers within Police Scotland, in light of reports that they have been used 131 times, and discharged nine times, against children since 2018. ([S6T-01709](#))

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

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The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-11696.2](#) Miles Briggs: From a Warm Scots Welcome to a Warm Scots Future for Ukrainians in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-11696 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (From a Warm Scots Welcome to a Warm Scots Future for Ukrainians in Scotland), insert at end "; expresses concern for the situation being faced by many thousands of displaced Ukrainians and other people living in Scotland, who are currently placed into temporary accommodation; commends the work done by local support groups, which have been established to help support Ukrainians living in Scotland; welcomes the establishment of the Scottish Parliament's Cross-Party Group on Ukraine, and further welcomes the UK Government's unwavering support for Ukraine by issuing visas for almost 250,000 displaced Ukrainians, and by

pledging to providing Ukraine with £4.6 billion in military aid, £347 million in humanitarian assistance and £100 million to support the Ukrainian economy."

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followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-11722](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 20 December 2023—

after

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

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: A9 Dualling Programme

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Section 35 Order Judicial Review

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-09747](#) Alex Rowley: Supporting the Work of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust—That the Parliament notes the publication of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Coalfield Communities' report, *Next Steps in Levelling Up the Former Coalfields*; welcomes the recommendations of the report to support the continued development of former coalfield communities; believes that the work of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust is instrumental in the progress seen in Scotland's former coalfield communities; supports what it sees as the success of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust's work in developing community capacity, mentoring, coaching and supporting grassroots organisations to tackle issues in their communities through the Coalfields Investment Programme, and introducing young people from former mining areas to what it understands are the life-changing benefits of sport, through Game On, which is the Trust's Sport for Change programme, among other initiatives; notes the reported concerns that the Scottish Government plans to make what has been described as a significant cut of £100,000 from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust's funding of £750,000; further notes the Coalfields Regeneration Trust's characterisation of this planned cut as "a devastating blow to communities" such as Kincardine and former coalfields communities across Mid Scotland and Fife; understands that the Coalfields Regeneration Trust's funding has been frozen at £750,000 since 2011, and considers that had this amount kept pace with inflation, it would currently be worth £1,034,658; further understands that a proposed cut of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust's funding in 2011 was reversed due to the damaging impact this would have had on Scotland's former coalfield communities; notes the calls for the Scottish Government to reconsider any cut to the Coalfields Regeneration Trust's funding on the same basis, and to support the future success of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust by offering a secure multi-year funding stream such as that provided by the Welsh Government to the Coalfields Regeneration Trust in Wales.

Committee Meetings

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 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.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 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;
Professor 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.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 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.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 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 provisions 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.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 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.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 13 December 2023

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>

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

20 December 2023

34th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 - Stuart Goodall, Chief Executive, Confor;
 - David Harley, Chief Officer, Circular Economy, Scottish Environment Protection Agency;
 - Eleanor Kay, Senior Policy Adviser, Scottish Land and Estates;
 - Ross Lilley, Head of Natural Resource Management, NatureScot;
 - Ross MacLeod, Head of Policy Scotland, Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust;
 - Professor Davy McCracken, Head of Integrated Land Management Department, Scotland's Rural College;
 - Professor Dave Reay, Executive Director, Edinburgh Climate Change Institute;
 - Euan Ross, Scotland Manager, Nature Friendly Farming Network;
 - Alastair Seaman, Director for Scotland, Woodland Trust Scotland;
 - Vicki Swales, Head of Land Use Policy, RSPB Scotland;
 - Kirsty Tait, Director for Scotland, Food, Farming and Countryside Commission Scotland.
3. **UK subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider proposals by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating in a devolved area as set out in the following UK statutory instrument proposals—
 - Movement of Goods (Northern Ireland to Great Britain) (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) Regulations 2024
 - Amendment to The Definition of Qualifying Northern Ireland Goods (EU Exit) Regulations 2020
4. **Common frameworks:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at emma.johnston@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 Jyoti,Chandola@parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Committee

20 December 2023

35th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Chief Constable Jo Farrell: vision and priorities for Police Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Chief Constable Jo Farrell, Deputy Chief Constable Jane Connors QPM, Crime and Operational Support, and James Gray, Chief Financial Officer, Police Scotland.
3. **Chief Constable Jo Farrell: vision and priorities for Police Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at Stephen.Imrie@scottish.parliament.uk

Finance and Public Administration Committee

20 December 2023

34th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 12 noon in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2024-25 and Scottish Fiscal Commission's December 2023 Economic and Fiscal Forecasts:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, Professor David Ulph, Commissioner, and Claire Murdoch, Head of Fiscal Sustainability and Public Funding, Scottish Fiscal Commission.

2. **Scottish Fiscal Commission: annual evidence session:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, and John Ireland, Chief Executive, Scottish Fiscal Commission.

Proposed future business

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

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

21 December 2023

33rd Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 2 in private.

2. **Statutory review of the Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Committee will consider the draft terms of reference of the statutory review of the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

3. **Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Claire Menzies on 85219 or at claire.menzies@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-11699](#) Siobhian Brown: Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Supported by: Angela Constance*

***[S6M-11698](#) Clare Adamson: How Devolution is Changing Post-EU**—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee's 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): *How Devolution is Changing Post-EU* (SP Paper 453).

***[S6M-11696](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: From a Warm Scots Welcome to a Warm Scots Future for Ukrainians in Scotland**—That the Parliament condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the illegal Russian war against Ukraine; reiterates its firm solidarity with the people and government of Ukraine; pays tribute to the significant contribution made by the organisations, people and communities across Scotland that have opened their hearts and their homes to support Ukrainians to settle in Scotland; welcomes the publication of *A Warm Scots Future Policy Position Paper*, which outlines the Scottish Government's strategic approach to transitioning from an emergency response to Russia's illegal invasion, to a long-term, holistic and rights-based approach that supports the integration of people displaced from Ukraine, so that they have the opportunity to rebuild their lives, play active roles in communities across Scotland, and fulfil their potential in work and education, and declares unequivocally its position that all Ukrainians who have made Scotland their home are welcome for as long as they need.

Supported by: Emma Roddick*, Paul McLennan*

***[S6M-11696.3](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: From a Warm Scots Welcome to a Warm Scots Future for Ukrainians in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-11696 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (From a Warm Scots Welcome to a Warm Scots Future for Ukrainians in Scotland), insert at end "; notes the Scottish Liberal Democrats campaign for free bus travel to be extended to all people displaced from Ukraine, and calls on the Scottish Government to confirm when this will begin."

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-11693](#) Carol Mochan: Commending the Work of Scotland's Postal Workers**—That the Parliament commends postal workers in the South Scotland region, and beyond, who, it believes, provide an excellent service and work diligently to serve local communities; understands that postal workers are busy throughout the year, but particularly during the Christmas period; believes that postal workers continue to fight for better conditions, represented by their trade union, the Communication Workers Union (CWU); considers there to be significant importance attached to the Universal Service Obligation (USO); believes that any review into the future of the USO must take into account the views and experiences of postal workers in Scotland and across the UK, in the interests of protecting the postal services of the country; appreciates what it sees as the first class service delivery provided by postal workers to customers and communities, and wishes postal workers across the country well, ahead of another busy festive period under what it considers are challenging circumstances. **R**

***[S6M-11692](#) Beatrice Wishart: Shetland Swimmers Raise over £21,000 for Cancer Research UK**—That the Parliament congratulates Shetlanders Anita Georgeson, Wendy Hatrick, Glynis Marcus, Linda Moncrieff, Emma Williamson and Jane Murphy on completing their swimming fundraising challenge, which raised over £21,000 for Cancer Research UK; considers this to be a significant sum in the context of Shetland's population; understands that the group set itself the challenge to swim at 30 beaches around Shetland during the 30 days of November, travelling the length of Shetland to reach different beaches around the isles; further understands that the fundraising effort was undertaken as all of the women have been affected by cancer in some way and they wanted to raise money for cures; notes that the core group was joined by other swimmers and that a large crowd joined in the final swim at Bain's Beach in Lerwick; further notes that the fundraiser's organiser, Anita Georgeson, has often fundraised for charity in recent years and attended the opening of the sixth session of the Scottish Parliament as Shetland's local hero;

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congratulates the fundraisers for completing their challenge and raising over three times their initial fundraising target, and wishes them all the best.

Supported by: Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Kenneth Gibson*, Alexander Stewart*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Monica Lennon*, Foysol Choudhury*, Liz Smith*, Audrey Nicoll*

***[S6M-11691](#) Tess White: Montrose Community Groups Awarded Seagreen Wind Energy Micro-grant Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Montrose Community Council on being awarded £18,000 in Seagreen Wind Energy funding, with a further £27,000 committed over the next three years; recognises that this funding provides support to projects throughout the local community delivered by local groups as part of a £250,000 funding commitment through the Seagreen Community Benefit Fund; notes that the latest micro-grant funding allowed Montrose Community Council to distribute £500 to 18 different local initiatives, including Montrose Hope Paton Bowling Club, Montrose Men's Shed, Montrose Community Trust and Borrowfield Community Centre; further notes that Montrose Community Council hosted an event at the Montrose Playhouse in November 2023 to hear how the funding had benefitted the local community; recognises that the Seagreen Community Benefit Fund was set up to support communities that are impacted by the operations of the Seagreen project, off the coast of Angus, and wishes all the initiatives that have received funding throughout Montrose every success going forward.

***[S6M-11690](#) Tess White: NHS Grampian Launches Staff Support Hub**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Staff Support Hub at Royal Cornhill Hospital, which staff have worked together to deliver over the past two years; understands that the Staff Support Hub offers all staff at the hospital a calming, safe space and time away from the work environment following an incident; acknowledges the efforts and commitment of all staff at the Royal Cornhill Hospital in setting up the Staff Support Hub, and believes that the Staff Support Hub will provide an opportunity for staff to look after themselves, as well as providing the care that they so admirably give to patients.

***[S6M-11689](#) Sharon Dowey: Muirkirk Primary Wins Eco-Schools Green Flag Award**—That the Parliament congratulates all the staff and pupils of Muirkirk Primary School and Early Childhood Centre on achieving the Eco-Schools Green Flag award, in conjunction with Keep Britain Tidy; understands that the award is internationally recognised for excellence in environmental action and learning; applauds the ecological achievements of all those who got involved with litter picking, tree planting and caring for local wildlife on the journey to the recent accolade; understands that the award is valid for one academic year before renewal is required to remain an accredited Eco-Schools Green Flag school; congratulates the staff, and especially the pupils, for all their hard work and dedication to environmental issues, and wishes them luck for future endeavours and for maintaining their status as an eco-school.

***[S6M-11688](#) Clare Adamson: Made4U in ML2 Young Volunteer Group**—That the Parliament congratulates the Made4U in ML2 young volunteer group on receiving a certificate of recognition from the British Citizen Youth Award; understands that this certificate recognises the group's work in supporting the community and assisting with programmes at Made4U in ML2; thanks it for its commitment to the local community, and wishes it all the best for the future

***[S6M-11687](#) Clare Adamson: Wishaw Academy Gains Silver Accreditation in UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Programme**—That the Parliament congratulates Wishaw Academy on being awarded silver by UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting Schools programme; believes that UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights; understands that

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the Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school; applauds all the hard work and efforts of the school community to ensure that children's rights are at the core of what the school does and hopes to achieve, and wishes Wishaw Academy all the best for the future.

***[S6M-11686](#) Clare Adamson: Netherton Primary School – Winner of Christmas Choir Competition**—That the Parliament congratulates Netherton Primary School on winning the Regent Shopping Centre Christmas Choir Competition; notes that the competition took place on 8 December 2023 at Regent Shopping Centre in Hamilton, putting shoppers in the festive spirit; recognises the hard work of pupils and staff involved in the choir, and wishes them all the best for the future.

***[S6M-11685](#) Clare Adamson: Gail McGinn's Fundraising Efforts**—That the Parliament recognises Gail McGinn for cutting her hair to raise funds for You Are My Sunshine (YAMS), Heather's Heroes and The Wee Mobile Food Bank Lanarkshire; understands that Gail has previously cut her hair to raise funds for St Andrew's Hospice, donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust, and is embarking on the journey once again to raise funds for local charities that are close to her heart; thanks Gail for her kind donations to organisations that work in the community, and wishes her all the best for the future.

***[S6M-11684](#) Clare Adamson: 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Motherwell**—That the Parliament marks the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Motherwell; understands that the diocese was erected as a Suffragan See of the Archdiocese of Glasgow by the Apostolic Constitution Maxime interest of 25 May 1947; notes that the Diocese of Motherwell encompasses a total of 74 churches and 59 parishes, divided up into six deaneries, ministering to an estimated Catholic population of 161,851; further notes that, since the founding of the diocese in 1947, five Bishops have served the Diocese of Motherwell, namely Bishop Edward Wilson Douglas, Bishop James Donald Scanlan, Bishop Francis Thomson, Bishop Joseph Devine and Bishop Joseph Anthony Toal, who is currently serving as the Bishop of Motherwell; recognises that the diocesan mission statement is "Working together for Christ - The Diocese of Motherwell seeks, by the power of prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to be Christ's Church, living and caring for one another and spreading the good news of the Lord's healing and redeeming power", and wishes the clergy, and all the faithful of the diocese, all the best in marking the 75th anniversary of the diocese, and for the future.

***[S6M-11683](#) Pam Gosal: Paying Tribute to Isobel Harling BEM**—That the Parliament pays tribute to Isobel Harling BEM, who peacefully passed away recently, aged 100; acknowledges Isobel's position as the key figure who tended the graves of the nine Second World War Force K6 Muslims for 70 years; understands that these soldiers were from the Pakistan side of undivided India, and are now buried in Kingussie cemetery; recognises what it sees as Isobel's tremendous efforts in raising funds for war memorials in her home town area of Strathspey and Badenoch, and volunteering for the Royal British Legion; understands that her dedication and compassion arose from seeing her own brother's grave being cared for in Leuven, Belgium, where he was shot down in the Second World War; believes that Isobel was a warm and caring individual who believed in service above all; notes that Isobel was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2019; believes that Isobel will be sadly missed by all that knew her, and sends its sympathies to her family at this sad time.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Annie Wells*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Liz Smith*, Alexander Stewart*, Liam Kerr*, Russell Findlay*, Jackson Carlaw*, Douglas Ross*, Sandesh Gulhane*

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Motions Gluasadan				

***[S6M-11682](#) Pam Gosal: Saving the Milan Day Centre in Kirkintilloch**—That the Parliament expresses its concern at the reported decision by East Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) to close the Milan Day Centre in Kirkintilloch; understands that Milan provides a tailored service for its ethnic minority client base, including multilingual staff who have an appropriate cultural understanding of the service users' needs; believes that Milan is seen by its service users and their families as a model for the rest of Scotland to follow; understands that the decision to close the centre follows a consultation that was carried out during the COVID-19 pandemic and was conducted largely remotely, which has left service users feeling that their concerns were not taken into account; further understands that the alternative day centres that service users will be forced to choose between will not offer a service of the same standard that they currently receive at Milan; acknowledges that Age Scotland is supporting the campaign to keep the Milan Centre open, and calls on the East Dunbartonshire HSCP to fully engage with the concerns of all service users and reconsider its decision to close what it sees as this important local service.

***[S6M-11681](#) Pam Gosal: Milngavie and Bishopbriggs Police Stations Earmarked for Closure**—That the Parliament expresses its concern at the reported announcement that police stations in both Milngavie and Bishopbriggs have been earmarked for closure by Police Scotland; understands that these proposed changes to the police estate have been announced as part of a programme that will see 59 police buildings in Scotland closed over the next three years, seven of which sit in the Greater Glasgow Division; believes that such closures could result in longer police response times across East Dunbartonshire, resulting in an increased risk to public safety; calls for any East Dunbartonshire residents who will be concerned about the impact of these closures to ensure that any concerns are heard through Police Scotland's engagement portal, and further calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that Police Scotland has the resources that it needs to maintain an effective network of police stations across Scotland.

***[S6M-11680](#) Jackie Dunbar: ABZ Propeller Fund Donates over £25,000 to Local Projects**—That the Parliament welcomes the donation of over £25,000 in 2023 to local organisations and charities across Aberdeen City and the wider North East Scotland region through the ABZ Propeller Fund, which is administered and funded by Aberdeen International Airport; understands that the fund is used to assist projects with links to education, sustainability and economic regeneration; notes that, following the most recent round of funding, one successful organisation to receive funding is Flexible Childcare Services Scotland SCIO for its Cummings Park Nursery Garden; understands that, since its relaunch in 2022, the ABZ Propeller Fund has supported nearly 40 organisations, sharing a total of £50,000 amongst them; applauds Aberdeen International Airport for its continued generosity, and congratulates all organisations that received funding for worthy causes. **R**

***[S6M-11679](#) Michelle Thomson: Grangemouth's Malcolm Finlayson Raises Over £10,000 for Strathcarron Hospice**—That the Parliament congratulates Malcolm Finlayson, known as "Malky", from Grangemouth, on raising the outstanding total of £10,610 to benefit Strathcarron Hospice; understands that Malky has been using his handy skills since the start of 2023 to create items to sell to the public and raise much-needed funds for, and awareness of, Strathcarron Hospice's work; notes that, at the beginning of 2023, Malky began crafting 200 wooden planters and, due to their success, has now added to his efforts by creating wooden Christmas trees, raising a further £5,440 towards his total; congratulates Malky on his successful fundraising for Strathcarron Hospice, and wishes him all the best with his future endeavours.

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Motions Gluasadan				

***[S6M-11678 Mercedes Villalba: Welcoming NHS Grampian's Commitment to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions](#)** —That the Parliament welcomes the launch of NHS Grampian's *Climate Emergency and Sustainability Strategy: Reimagining the Health Service for People & Planet 2023- 2028*, which includes a public commitment to decommission all of its nitrous oxide pipelines before the end of 2023; notes that nitrous oxide is a potent greenhouse gas used as an anaesthetic by health providers around the world, which remains stable in the atmosphere for up to 120 years, with a global warming potential 298 times greater than carbon dioxide; understands that its global use, and associated release into the atmosphere over the past four decades, has increased exponentially and that nitrous oxide now represents one of the largest impacts as an ozone depleting substance; recognises that NHS Grampian is switching to the use of smaller cylinder storage, reducing wastage from pipelines and associated storage leaks; understands that this switch is estimated to save the equivalent of up to 1,274 tonnes of carbon dioxide each year across Grampian, which amounts to the same as driving around seven million miles and would take around 63,000 trees a year to absorb; notes that NHS Grampian's *Climate Emergency and Sustainability Strategy* also includes restoring and improving green spaces within its estate and engaging in community planning with partners and communities to promote human and planetary health, and commends NHS Grampian's commitment to identify more sustainable approaches to practice at a time when, it believes, it is more important than ever to work collectively to significantly reduce emissions and improve the environment.

***[S6M-11673 Sandesh Gulhane: GB School Boxing Championships Gold Medal](#)**—That the Parliament congratulates Zain Iqbal of Southside Boxing Academy on securing a gold medal for Scotland at the GB School Boxing Championships held in Cardiff earlier in 2023; recognises that this was the second consecutive year in which Zain has secured a gold medal at the competition; understands that, in addition to Zain, two other young boxers were selected to compete in the competition from the Toryglen-based club, and wishes everyone at the club further success in the future.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-11676 Christine Grahame: Vibrant Gala Project Wins at the 2023 SURF Awards](#) (lodged on 15 December 2023)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Michelle Thomson*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Audrey Nicoll*, Emma Harper*, Rona Mackay*, Kevin Stewart*, Ash Regan*, Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Dunbar*, Jeremy Balfour*, Marie McNair*, Karen Adam*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-11675 Liam Kerr: Rosie's Social Enterprises Congratulated for its Work](#) (lodged on 15 December 2023)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11672 Katy Clark: 30 Years of Rail Privatisation Report](#) (lodged on 15 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11671 Liam McArthur: 2025 Island Games Medal Design](#) (lodged on 15 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kevin Stewart*, Beatrice Wishart*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11670 John Swinney: Congratulating Abernyste Primary on Positive Inspection Report](#) (lodged on 15 December 2023)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-11669](#) Miles Briggs: Opening of New MND Research Institute in Edinburgh (lodged on 15 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11665](#) Stephanie Callaghan: New Community-led Research Award - Healthy Planet, Healthy People (lodged on 14 December 2023)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11664](#) Collette Stevenson: Protecting FCDO Jobs in East Kilbride (lodged on 15 December 2023)

New Support: Mark Griffin*

[S6M-11663](#) Bill Kidd: Temporary Closure of Summerhill Road Post Office, Drumchapel, Glasgow Anniesland (lodged on 14 December 2023)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Karen Adam*, Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-11662](#) Douglas Lumsden: Declaration to Triple Nuclear Energy Launched at COP28 (lodged on 14 December 2023)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11661](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Children's Charity Receives Over £110,000 from Lottery Community Funding (lodged on 14 December 2023)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Roz McCall*, Craig Hoy*, Russell Findlay*, Stephen Kerr*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S6M-11660](#) Miles Briggs: New MND Research Institute (lodged on 14 December 2023)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*, Jackson Carlaw*, Ivan McKee*

[S6M-11659](#) Marie McNair: Scottish School Chef of the Year (lodged on 14 December 2023)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11658](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Patrick Doyle, from Birkenshaw, Celebrates an Astonishing 50-year Career (lodged on 15 December 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11657](#) Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde's McDonald's Staff Raise Funds for Parklea Branching Out (lodged on 14 December 2023)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Colin Beattie*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-11656](#) Stuart McMillan: Pirate and Bluebelle Celebrates 10-year Anniversary (lodged on 14 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11655](#) Sandesh Gulhane: The World Congress of Soil Science at the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) Wins Best Business Event Award (lodged on 14 December 2023)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Sue Webber*, Roz McCall*, Craig Hoy*, Stephen Kerr*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S6M-11654](#) Paul Sweeney: Govan HELP's Govan Pantry Wins SURF Award (lodged on 14 December 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[S6M-11650](#) Alexander Stewart: Stirling High School Wins Prestigious Debating Competition (lodged on 14 December 2023)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Brian Whittle*, Karen Adam*, Stephen Kerr*, Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*, Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Karen Adam*, Stephen Kerr*, Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11646](#) Roz McCall: Fife Charities Benefit from Apprenticeship of the Year Awards (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Sue Webber*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Pam Gosal*, Annie Wells*, Douglas Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Brian Whittle*, Murdo Fraser*, Bill Kidd*, Jackie Dunbar*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jeremy Balfour*, Craig Hoy*, Meghan Gallacher*, Stuart McMillan*, Russell Findlay*, Stephen Kerr*, Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Tess White*, Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*, Jackson Carlaw*

[S6M-11637](#) Paul O'Kane: Temporary Closure of Neilston Post Office (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[S6M-11636](#) Sandesh Gulhane: The Burrell Collection Wins Best Visitor Attraction Award (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*

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

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11626](#) Jim Fairlie: MacRosty Park Awarded Dementia Friendly Environment Accreditation (lodged on 12 December 2023)

New Support: Sue Webber*, Michelle Thomson*, Audrey Nicoll*, Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Ross Greer*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Emma Harper*, Monica Lennon*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Emma Harper*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*

[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: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Kaukab Stewart*, Alex Rowley*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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Motions Glusadan				

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

New Support: Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*, Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Roz McCall*, Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Jackson Carlaw*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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Motions Glusadan				

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[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: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*, Karen Adam*

[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: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11476](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Edinburgh Diwali 2023 (lodged on 29 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11475](#) Finlay Carson: Team Mouat Wins European Championship for a Fourth Time
(lodged on 29 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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Motions Glusadan				

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

New Support: Jim Fairlie*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11471 Tess White: The Widening Gender Pain Gap](#) (lodged on 29 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11463 Pam Gosal: PC Laura Evans of West Dunbartonshire wins Community Commitment Award at Scottish Police Federation Annual Awards](#) (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11459 Liz Smith: Scotland Wins European Curling Championships](#) (lodged on 29 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11453 Liam Kerr: Portlethen Santa Run Participants and Volunteers Recognised for Fundraising Efforts](#) (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11445 Tess White: 30th Anniversary of NHS Grampian's Pregnancy Loss Ward](#) (lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S6M-11443](#) Evelyn Tweed: Stirling Wolves Win FOSROC Super Series Championship

(lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11439](#) Evelyn Tweed: Sahara Trekkers Raise over £15,000 for Strathcarron Hospice

(lodged on 28 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11435](#) Craig Hoy: Dino's Fish and Chip Shop Wins Best Pizza for the East of Scotland

(lodged on 07 December 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11434](#) Finlay Carson: Whitecairn Holiday Park Wins Hoseasons 2023 Diamond Award

(lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11432](#) Jackson Carlaw: Scottish Water Junction Closures at the Broomburn Shops

(lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

(lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11428](#) Pam Gosal: Cardross Parish Church Receives £5,663 National Lottery Award

(lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11426](#) Pam Gosal: Cue and Review Recording Services Receives National Lottery Funding (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11425](#) Pam Gosal: Treats for Troops Donations Raised by Clydebank Healthcare Workers (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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Motions Glusadan				

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

New Support: Kaukab Stewart*

[S6M-11403 Michelle Thomson: Three Falkirk Performers Take on the Big Stage in Glasgow](#) (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11402 Michelle Thomson: Forth Valley Jiu Jitsu Club Celebrates Success](#) (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11401 Michelle Thomson: Grangemouth Saturday Lunch Club Celebrates Anniversary](#) (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11400 Michelle Thomson: Craig Flowers Named Celebrant of the Year at the Nation's Wedding Awards 2023](#) (lodged on 27 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11391 Rachael Hamilton: St Andrew's Day Lamb Campaign](#) (lodged on 24 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11384 Murdo Fraser: Perthshire Museum Trust Wins Top Award](#) (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11366 Donald Cameron: Scottish Seaweed Industry Association Conference Returns to Oban](#) (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11365 Donald Cameron: Highland and Islands Food and Drink Awards Winners 2023](#) (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11364 Tess White: Asda Initiative for Emergency Responders](#) (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-11363](#) Tess White: Asda Forfar Awards Asda Foundation Grants to Local Initiatives
(lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11362](#) Tess White: New Cardiac Simulator Bought by NHS Grampian Charity (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11359](#) Pam Gosal: Kirkintilloch Camera Club Receives £9,576 from National Lottery
(lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11358](#) Pam Gosal: Ceartas Advocacy Kirkintilloch Receives Three Years of National Lottery Funding (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11357](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Glasgow's Drumchapel to Receive £14.9 Million of UK Government Levelling Up Funding (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11354](#) Fergus Ewing: Dualling of the A9 and A96 (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11353](#) Alexander Burnett: Voluntary Service Aberdeen Best of Care Ball Raises £120,000 (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11350](#) Roz McCall: Fife Palliative Care Team Supported by Blood Bikes Scotland
(lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11348](#) Roz McCall: 13th Fife Scouts Benefit from Cashback for Communities Initiative
(lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11341](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow City Region's £3 Million 5G Connectivity Boost (lodged on 22 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11330](#) Douglas Lumsden: Savock Farms of Newburgh Named Arable Farm of the Year
(lodged on 22 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S6M-11329](#) Pam Gosal: Helensburgh Fashion Show Raises £2,800 for RNLI (lodged on 22 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11327](#) Pam Gosal: Scallops Tale of Bearsden wins 2024 Blue Ribbon Good Food Award. (lodged on 22 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11323](#) Douglas Lumsden: Acorn Project Named Decarbonisation Project of the Year (lodged on 22 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11315](#) Miles Briggs: State of Caring in Scotland (lodged on 21 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11312](#) Brian Whittle: Celebrating the Career of Kilmarnock Boxing Legend, Tom Brown (lodged on 21 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11311](#) Murdo Fraser: Perth Star of the Airwaves Wins Top Volunteer Award (lodged on 22 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11303](#) Edward Mountain: Inverness City Centre Business Awards 2023 (lodged on 23 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11302](#) Liam Kerr: Stonehaven and District Men's Shed Receives the King's Award for Voluntary Success (lodged on 21 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S6M-11292](#) Sue Webber: The Balerno Inn Awarded Village Inn of the Year at the National Hotels of the Year Awards Scotland 2023 (lodged on 21 November 2023)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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Questions Ceistean				

Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 19 December 2023

- Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that Police Scotland is considering closing more than 40 police buildings. ([S6T-01702](#))
- Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the roll-out and use of tasers within Police Scotland, in light of reports that they have been used 131 times, and discharged nine times, against children since 2018. ([S6T-01709](#))

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 21 December 2023

- Douglas Ross:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02663](#))
- Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02664](#))
- Mark Ruskell:** To ask the First Minister how the Budget will support climate action. ([S6F-02672](#))
- Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that Creative Scotland's National Lottery Extended Programme Fund has received applications equating to double the available budget, leaving some organisations and charities without funding. ([S6F-02675](#))
- Jamie Greene:** To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government can promote and assist organisations that tackle loneliness, isolation and self-harm over the festive period. ([S6F-02673](#))
- Pauline McNeill:** To ask the First Minister whether, and how, the Scottish Government plans to increase awareness of spiking ahead of Christmas and New Year. ([S6F-02679](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 10 January 2024

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 20 December 2023. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 21 December 2023.

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

- Sharon Dowey
- Graham Simpson
- Alasdair Allan
- Marie McNair
- Mercedes Villalba
- Finlay Carson
- Douglas Lumsden
- Alexander Burnett

Justice and Home Affairs

- Ariane Burgess

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2. Oliver Mundell
3. Neil Bibby
4. Kenneth Gibson
5. Colin Smyth
6. Gordon MacDonald
7. Foyso! Choudhury
8. Colin Beattie

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 11 January 2024

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 20 December 2023. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 21 December 2023.

Education and Skills

1. Stephanie Callaghan
2. Fulton MacGregor
3. Alex Rowley
4. Christine Grahame
5. Annie Wells
6. Ben Macpherson
7. Miles Briggs
8. Pam Gosal

Members selected for General Questions on 11 January 2024

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 20 December 2023. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 21 December 2023.

1. Meghan Gallacher
2. Kaukab Stewart
3. Donald Cameron
4. Jackie Baillie
5. Stuart McMillan
6. Clare Haughey
7. Carol Mochan
8. Annabelle Ewing

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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 18 December 2023

[S6W-24010](#) Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government what assistance can be provided to local authorities to support families struggling with school meal debt.

[S6W-24021](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of its plans for the future of the Climate Emergency Skills Action Plan, in light of the upcoming reform of the post-school education and skills landscape.

Written questions lodged on 18 December 2023

[S6W-23546](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22297 by Dorothy Bain on 1 November 2023, how many post-mortem examinations were (a) able and (b) unable to determine what the cause of death had been.

[S6W-23647](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the update on the implementation plan for its chronic pain service delivery on 24 November 2023, when it anticipates that feedback comments from patients will be published in full.

[S6W-23970](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will detail any plans that it has regarding awareness campaigns for the proposed introduction of a speed limit of 20 mph on most urban roads.

[S6W-23971](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government when it last engaged with South Lanarkshire Council regarding the proposed introduction of a speed limit of 20 mph on most urban roads.

[S6W-23972](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government when it will action the recommendations made by Environmental Standards Scotland in relation to applications for new designated bathing waters in Scotland.

[S6W-23973](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide details of any skills training or education that is being delivered alongside its International Development Fund's delivery of approximately £325,000 to KidsOR for solar energy installation at 15 children's operating theatres across Malawi, Zambia and Rwanda.

[S6W-23974](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an update on its engagement with Scottish diaspora networks regarding attracting skilled individuals to emigrate to Scotland, particularly those from the renewable energy sector.

[S6W-23975](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it met with representatives of the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance at COP28.

[S6W-23979](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made towards establishing the Centre of Teaching Excellence (CTE), and whether it will provide an update on (a) in what fundamental respects the CTE will be different from Education Scotland, (b) what the core purpose of the CTE will be, and how its success will be measured, (c) against what outputs its performance will be measured, (d) what weekly interactions it anticipates the CTE will have with individual teachers and schools, (e) what it anticipates the cost will be of (i) consulting on, (ii) establishing, (iii) launching and (iv) the ongoing running of the CTE, (f) what role it anticipates the

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CTE will have regarding the development of the school curriculum and (g) whether the CTE will report to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills.

[S6W-23980](#) Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in light of reports that deaths of newborn babies have reached a 15-year high, with 41 neonatal deaths recorded in the three months prior to the end of September 2023.

[S6W-23981](#) Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government when its ministers were first made aware of reported concerns raised by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency regarding aspects of the design of MV Glen Sannox and Glen Rosa in relation to escape routes.

[S6W-23982](#) Beatrice Wishart: To ask the Scottish Government how many properties have provided annual deer cull data to NatureScot in each of the past five years.

[S6W-23983](#) Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government how many warranted fishery officers are based in the (a) Oban, (b) Campbeltown and (c) Ayr fishery office, and how many additional warranted fishery officers were seconded to the Clyde marine region in each year from 2013-14 to 2023-24 inclusive.

[S6W-23984](#) Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government how many rapid response fisheries compliance vessels are available at any one time to attend to issues in the Clyde marine region.

[S6W-23985](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Transport Scotland's reported decision not to fund Smarter Choices, Smarter Places from April 2024, whether this funding will be allocated elsewhere, and, if so, where it will be allocated to.

[S6W-23987](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Transport Scotland's reported decision not to fund Smarter Choices, Smarter Places from April 2024, whether any replacement funding stream will continue to be used for local transport.

[S6W-23988](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Transport Scotland's reported decision not to fund Smarter Choices, Smarter Places from April 2024, what practical difference there will be between this and any other funding stream that will replace it.

[S6W-23989](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed the potential impact of reallocating funding from the regional improvement collaboratives on the newly-appointed speech and language leads in carrying out their objectives.

[S6W-23992](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23354 by Mairi McAllan on 14 December 2023, whether any special advisers were present during any of those meetings.

[S6W-23995](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown by local authority area of investments made by the Scottish National Investment Bank in each year since it was established.

[S6W-23996](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown by local authority of the number of inspections carried out in relation to licensing of (a) animal welfare establishments and (b) organisations engaged in rehoming activities under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021, and how many such licences have been issued.

[S6W-23997](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-23788 by Lorna Slater on 15 December 2023, what work (a) had been carried out between December 2021 and June 2023 and (b) is planned to update its Deposit Return Scheme Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment.

[S6W-23998](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of the COP28 agreement on meeting its net zero commitments.

[S6W-23999](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the number of households that will be experiencing fuel poverty during winter 2023-24.

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[S6W-24000](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with businesses regarding its net zero targets.

[S6W-24001](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential implications for its policies of the Climate Change Committee's *2023 Progress Report to Parliament*.

[S6W-24002](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government how many homes have had energy efficiency measures installed in each year since 2019 to date.

[S6W-24003](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to help energy-intensive industries decarbonise.

[S6W-24004](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with North Lanarkshire Council regarding the (a) proposed merger of Condorrat and Baird Memorial primary schools, (b) creation of a new Gaelic Medium Education hub and (c) potential impact of the above on pupils attending Baird Memorial Primary School Early Years Support Unit.

[S6W-24005](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22395 by Elena Whitham on 3 November 2023, and in light of reports of nitazenes being linked to nine deaths in Scotland in the last six months, what was discussed at the meeting in early November of the Minister for Drug and Alcohol Policy and members of the Scottish Government's National Mission Oversight Group on Drugs with international colleagues "to hear about their experience of dealing with the appearance of fentanyl and synthetic opioids in the drug supply", and whether it can provide an update on the further meeting that it was planning to "discuss operational level issues with international colleagues and Scottish drug service delivery providers".

[S6W-24006](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that local authorities meet their legal requirements in relation to homelessness, in light of a report by the Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers reportedly highlighting that more than half of Scotland's councils (19 out of 32) have registered a red flag on at least one of three key aspects of their services, meaning that they were "struggling to cope with regular statutory breaches".

[S6W-24008](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed the implementation of Gordonstoun School's mobile phone ban in classrooms, which was introduced in September 2023, for any useful learning that can inform its national approach to mobile phones in classrooms.

[S6W-24012](#) Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what economic impact assessment has been carried out regarding its plan to ban the use of snares.

[S6W-24014](#) Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what the average time taken to process a Hunting with Dogs licence is for (a) preventing serious damage to livestock, woodlands or crops and (b) environmental benefit.

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 18 December 2023

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Amendment 2A has been lodged as a manuscript amendment under Rule 9.10.6. The Presiding Officer has decided under that rule to allow the amendment to be moved at the Stage 3 amendment proceedings on 20 December 2023.

Section 7

Stuart McMillan

2A As an amendment to amendment 2, leave out lines 7 to 15

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).

Supported by: Rhoda Grant, Mark Griffin, Jackie Baillie, Willie Rennie, Liam McArthur, Alex Rowley, Foyso 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, Pauline McNeill*

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Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Introduced, 14 November 2023

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 20 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 (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)

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 (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 (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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (75th 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 (70th Report, 2023)

Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 21 December 2023

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

Scottish Languages Bill (G)

Introduced, 29 November 2023

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

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

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

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill (G)

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 (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), 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 (61st Report, 2023)

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

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

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

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

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

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

Lodged on 14 September 2023

Meeting (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

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (6th Report, 2023)

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

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

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

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

Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill LCM-S6-40

Lodged on 15 December 2023

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 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)

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

[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)

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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)

Lead Committee report due by 8 February 2024

Draft Funeral Director Code of Practice (SG/2023/300) (15 December 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Petitions

The following petition was lodged by the Parliament on 06 December 2023:

PE2073: Ensure accurate information is used when issuing court summons

PE2074: Increase local government funding to help protect the vulnerable elderly population and prevent the closure of care homes

<https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions>

New Documents

Committee Reports

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 18 December 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Bòrd na Gàidhlig Aithisg Bhlìadhnaile is Cunntasan Annual Report & Accounts 22-23 (SG/2023/278) laid under paragraph 9 of schedule 1 of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Historic Environment Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022-23 (SG/2023/171) laid under Section 14(3) of Schedule 1 of the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014

UK Sport Annual Report 2022-23 (SG/2023/263) laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

VisitScotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/286) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Vulnerable Witnesses Act - Section 9 Report (SG/2023/189) laid under Section 9 of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Act 2019

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