

Tuesday 7 November 2023

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Rev Norma Moore, Church of Scotland

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Vision for Scotland's Mental Health

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Update on Education and Skills Reform

**followed by** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:30 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-07793 Finlay Carson: Welcoming the Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy

### Committee Meetings

**9:15am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**9:15am** Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

**9:15am** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

**9:30am** Finance and Public Administration Committee

**9:30am** Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

**9:45am** Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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**followed by Topical Questions**

**1. Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it plans to take in response to reports of widespread violence against police officers and firefighters over the Bonfire Night period. ([S6T-01623](#))

**2. Foysof Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking following Reform Scotland's recent report, *NHS 2048: Future-proofing Scotland's Health and Social Care*, which found that 11 NHS boards have seen waiting times for hip operations at least double from the point of decision since 2019. ([S6T-01624](#))

**followed by Ministerial Statement: Vision for Scotland's Mental Health**

**followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Education and Skills Reform**

**followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland**

[S6M-11075](#) **Edward Mountain on behalf of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee : A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland**—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's 11th Report, 2023 (Session 6), *A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland* (SP Paper 417).

**followed by Committee Announcements**

**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:30 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business  
Debate on the subject of—**

[S6M-07793](#) **Finlay Carson: Welcoming the Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, *The*

*Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy*, by Scottish Land and Estates; believes that this report, for which the research was carried out by BIGGAR Economics Ltd and Scottish Land and Estates, is an innovative example of a whole sector measuring its outputs against Scotland's National Performance Framework's National Outcomes rather than just through traditional economic metrics; considers that the report describes and quantifies how rural estates drive local economic development through agriculture, forestry, tourism, sporting, recreation and renewable energy generation, act as stewards of the natural environment, protect and enhance biodiversity, support the transition to net zero, provide homes and create sustainable new communities, provide a gateway to nature, and function as anchors of communities and support community-led projects; further considers that the report also identifies areas in which there is scope for estates to increase their contributions across the National Outcomes, and provides an improvement framework to complement the research; recognises Scotland's rural estates as, it considers, key delivery partners of the Scottish Government across a wide range of policy areas, including improving outcomes for people, jobs, and nature across the country, including in the Galloway and West Dumfries constituency, and commends the sector for what it sees as its commitment to this innovative work.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 30th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
- Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, and Jamie Wilhelm, Legal Services Regulation Reform Manager, Justice Directorate, Scottish Government;  
Leanna Maclarty, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
- Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/Draft)  
[Colleges of Further Education and Regional Strategic Bodies \(Membership of Boards\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023](#) (SSI 2023/Draft)  
[Quality Meat Scotland \(Amendment\) Order 2023](#) (SSI 2023/Draft)
- Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Public Procurement \(Agreement on Government Procurement\) \(Thresholds\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/300)  
[Rural Support \(Simplification and Improvement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/308)
- Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill at Stage 1.
- Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

### Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 33rd Meeting, 2023

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

- Declaration of interests:** Ivan McKee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 7 to 10 in private.
- Post-legislative scrutiny: Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Clare Beeston, Public Health Intelligence Principal, George Dodds, Chief Officer, Lucie Giles, Public Health Intelligence Principal, and Tara Shivaji, Consultant in Public Health, Public Health Scotland.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Mental Health (National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service: Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 from—  
Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Dr Aileen Blower, CAMHS Psychiatry Adviser, Ruth Christie, Head of Children, Young People and Families Unit, Douglas Kerr, Scottish Government Legal Department, and Dr Gavin Reid, Principal Medical Officer (Forensic Psychiatry), Scottish Government.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport to move—S6M-10534—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Mental Health (National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service: Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 be approved.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—[National Health Service \(General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#)
7. **Post-legislative scrutiny: Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
8. **Post-legislative scrutiny: Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care.
9. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport.
10. **Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 31st Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Heat Networks \(Supply Targets\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) [draft] from—  
Patrick Harvie, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights, James Hemphill, Head of Heat Networks Policy Unit, and Suzanne Le Miere, Head of Heat Networks Policy Team, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Patrick Harvie (Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights) to move—[S6M-10778](#)—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Heat Networks (Supply Targets) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.
4. **Water industry in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Emma Ash, Water Policy Manager, Tracey Reilly, Head of Policy and Markets, and Fraser Stewart, Research Manager, Consumer Scotland;  
Alan Sutherland, Chief Executive, Water Industry Commission for Scotland.
5. **Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Emma Ash, Water Policy Manager, Tracey Reilly, Head of Consumer Markets, and Fraser Stewart, Research Manager, Consumer Scotland.
6. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2024-25:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.
7. **Water industry in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.
8. **Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 5.

### Finance and Public Administration Committee

## 28th Meeting, 2023

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

- Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity, Ginny Gardner, Head of Circular Economy Unit, Janet McVea, Head of Zero Waste Unit, Alexander Quayle, Team Leader - Recycling, and Gareth Heavisides, Circular Economy Team Leader, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] from—  
Tom Arthur, Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance, Craig Maidment, Senior Finance Manager, and Niall Caldwell, Corporate Treasurer, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Tom Arthur (Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance) to move—  
S6M-10683—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 26th Meeting, 2023

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- Declaration of interests:** Stephanie Callaghan will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Marc Crothall, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Tourism Alliance;  
Rob Dickson, Director of Industry and Destination Development, Visit Scotland;  
Leon Thompson, Executive Director, UKHospitality Scotland;  
and then from—  
Julia Amour, Director, Festivals Edinburgh;  
Gary Curley, Executive Chair, Skye Connect;  
Cathy Earnshaw, Destination Strategy Manager, Venture North Cooperative Limited;  
Donald Emslie, Chair, Edinburgh Tourism Action Group;  
Sheila Gilmore, Chief Executive, Visit Arran and The Arran Trust;  
Sarah Maclean, Chief Executive, Outer Hebrides Tourism.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Title Conditions \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Conservation Bodies and Rural Housing Bodies\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Order 2023](#)
- Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

## Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 22nd Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Marriage Between Persons of Different Sexes \(Prescribed Bodies\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#)
3. **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Brian Inkster, CEO, Inksters Solicitors;  
Chris Kenny, former Chief Executive of the Legal Services Board of England and Wales and currently CEO, Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland;  
Professor Stephen Mayson, University College London;  
Naeema Yaqoob Sajid, Solicitor and Director, Diversity+.
4. **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Reconsideration Stage from—  
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Liz Levy, Unit Head Children's Rights, UNCRC Bill lead, Shona Spence, UNCRC Bill team, and Rachel Nicholson, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
5. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda items 3 and 4.



## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 1 November 2023

### Wednesday 8 November 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** Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Approach to 2023 Coastal State Fisheries Negotiations: Securing Principled, Sustainable Outcomes

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: CashBack for Communities

**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-10747 Gordon MacDonald: Contribution of the Scottish Convenience Store Sector

### Thursday 9 November 2023

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

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

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-10788 Daniel Johnson: Increase in Youth Antisocial Behaviour

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions

Social Justice

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Fair Work in a Wellbeing Economy

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Tuesday 14 November 2023

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Committee Announcements



**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### **Wednesday 15 November 2023**

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**5:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### **Thursday 16 November 2023**

**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** Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: Culture in Communities: The Challenges and Opportunities in Delivering a Place-based Approach

**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

8 November 2023

28th 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 its review of the evidence heard on future agriculture policy should be taken in private at its next meeting.
2. **Future agriculture policy:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Chris Brown, Sustainable Business Director, ASDA;  
Sophie Throup, Technical and Sustainability Director, Manufacturing, Morrisons.
3. **Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Libby Anderson, Member, Scottish Animal Welfare Commission (SAWC);  
Bob Elliot, Director, OneKind;  
Glynn Evans, Head of Game and Wildlife Management, British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC);  
Ross Ewing, Director of Moorland, Scottish Land and Estates;  
Jessica Findlay, Moorland Licensing Project Manager, NatureScot;  
Chief Superintendent Mike Flynn, Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA);  
Conor Kelly, Gamekeeper, Scottish Gamekeepers Association;  
Ross MacLeod, Head of Policy (Scotland), Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust;  
Penny Middleton, Policy Manager, National Farmers Union Scotland;  
and then from—  
Iain Batho, Head of Wildlife and Environmental Crime Unit, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;  
Susan Davies, Review Lead, Independent Taskforce on SSPCA Powers;  
Ross Ewing, Director of Moorland, Scottish Land and Estates;  
Chief Superintendent Mike Flynn, Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA);  
Chief Inspector Kevin Kelly, National Wildlife Crime Unit;  
Calum Kippen, Gamekeeper, Scottish Gamekeepers Association;  
Detective Sergeant David Lynn, National Wildlife Crime Coordinator, Police Scotland;  
Ian Thomson, Head of Investigations, RSPB Scotland.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at [emma.johnston@parliament.scot](mailto:emma.johnston@parliament.scot)

### Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

## 8 November 2023 16th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—

- PE1958: Extend aftercare for previously looked after young people, and remove the continuing care age cap and will take evidence from Natalie Don, Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise, Sarah Corbett, Care Experience Policy Manager, and Cara Cooper, Unit Head, A Good Childhood: Children and Young People;
- PE1859: Retain falconers' rights to practice upland falconry in Scotland;
- PE1867: Establish a new national qualification for British Sign Language (BSL);
- PE1913: Fast-track future Adult Disability Payment applications for people undergoing cancer treatment;
- PE1918: Improve sex education in schools;
- PE1934: Develop an educational resource on gender-based violence for all year groups in High School;
- PE1939: Amend the date of birth to allow wider accessibility to the HPV vaccination programme for boys;
- PE1969: Amend the law to fully decriminalise abortion in Scotland; and
- PE1991: Develop an educational resource on abortion.

2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—

- PE2036: Write off student loan debts for paramedic students; and
- PE2044: Recommit the £26 million pledged to colleges in the 2023/24 budget.

### **Proposed future business**

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

## **Criminal Justice Committee** 8 November 2023 29th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—

Teresa Medhurst, Chief Executive, and Gerry O'Donnell, Interim Director of Finance, Scottish Prison Service;

and then from—

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Catriona Dalrymple, Interim Director of Justice, and Donald McGillivray, Director of Safer Communities, Scottish Government.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2023 from—

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Heather Tully, Justice Reform Unit, Patrick Down, Criminal Law Practice and Licensing Unit, and Nicola Guild, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Angela Constance (Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs) to move—  
S6M-10547—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2023 be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2023 from—  
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Susan Black, Senior Policy Officer, Civil Law and Legal System Division, and Emma Thomson, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Angela Constance (Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs) to move—  
S6M-10537—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2023 be approved.
6. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at [Stephen.Imrie@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:Stephen.Imrie@scottish.parliament.uk)

## **Education, Children and Young People Committee**

**8 November 2023**

**28th Meeting, 2023**

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

1. **Education Reform:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Dr Janet Brown, Convenor, Education Committee, Royal Society of Edinburgh;  
Professor Gordon Stobart, Emeritus Professor of Education, Institute of Education, University College London;  
Professor Walter Humes, Honorary Professor in the Faculty of Social Sciences, and Dr Marina Shapira, Associate Professor in Sociology, University of Stirling.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at [Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot](mailto:Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot)

## **Public Audit Committee**

**9 November 2023**

**28th Meeting, 2023**

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda item 3 in private.
2. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—

Jo Anderson, Director of Influence and Change, Scottish Association for Mental Health;  
Paula Fraser, Acting Manager, Voices of Experience Scotland;  
Peter Kelly, Director, The Poverty Alliance;  
Dr Shari McDaid, Head of Policy and Public Affairs (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland), Mental Health Foundation;  
Simon Porter, Project Director, Royal Edinburgh Hospital Patients Council (Representing Voices of Experience Scotland);  
Meriem Timizar, Project Co-ordinator, International Women's Group (representing BEMIS);  
Kirsten Urquhart, Chief Executive, Young Scot.

3. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2.

### **Proposed future business**

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

## **Social Justice and Social Security Committee**

**9 November 2023**

**28th Meeting, 2023**

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** John Mason will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2023](#)
4. **Kinship Care:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Natalie Don, Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise, Dawn Abell, Unit Head: Caregivers, and Louisa Brown, Family Care Team Leader, Improving Lives for People with Care Experience, Scottish Government.
5. **Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Dr Lesley Rushton, Chair, Industrial Injuries Advisory Council;  
Dr Mark Simpson, Interim Co-Chair, Scottish Commission on Social Security.
6. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Social Security (Amendment) (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, Claire Menzies on 85219 or at [claire.menzies@parliament.scot](mailto:claire.menzies@parliament.scot)

## **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee**

**9 November 2023**

**18th 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. **The Electoral Commission:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Dame Susan Bruce, Electoral Commissioner for Scotland, Shaun McNally, Chief Executive, Craig Westwood, Director of Communications, Policy and Research, and Andy O'Neill, Head, Electoral Commission, Scotland.
3. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Standing Order Rule Changes: Proxy Voting Pilot evaluation:** The Committee will consider findings from its consultation.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85176 or at [catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot](mailto:catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot)

### **Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 9 November 2023 30th Meeting, 2023**

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **National Outcomes:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Noé Cornago, Associate Professor of International Law and International Relations, Faculty of Social Sciences and Communication, University of the Basque Country;  
Professor Stéphane Pacquin, National School of Public Administration, University of Montreal.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at [james.johnston@parliament.scot](mailto:james.johnston@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-11127](#) Siobhian Brown: CashBack for Communities**—That the Parliament commends the CashBack for Communities programme, which is now in its 15th year and sixth phase; understands that the programme is unique to Scotland and reinvests money recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002; acknowledges that the aims of the programme are diversion from antisocial behaviour, provision of positive activity, support for wellbeing, and building confidence and skills for young people; notes that, since its inception, the programme has committed £130 million to supporting around 1.3 million young people; understands that, over the next three years, phase six of the programme is expected to reach around 34,000 young people; welcomes and thanks the CashBack for Communities-funded partner organisations for their dedication, passion and hard work; recognises the opportunities and benefits that the programme brings to children, young people, families and communities, and applauds the achievements of the many thousands of CashBack for Communities participants.

Supported by: Angela Constance\*

**\*[S6M-11075](#) Edward Mountain: A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland**—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's 11th Report, 2023 (Session 6), *A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland* (SP Paper 417).

## Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

**\*[S6M-11114](#) Stuart McMillan: Children's Grief Awareness Week 2023**—That the Parliament notes that 16 to 23 November 2023 is Children's Grief Awareness Week; understands that more than half of children in Scotland have experienced bereavement of a close family member by the age of eight, according to a study by the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) and the University of Strathclyde, which was published in 2020, before the impact of COVID-19 was taken into account; further understands that 62% of children in Scotland have lost a close family member by the age of 10 according to the Childhood Bereavement Network; acknowledges that the theme for 2023 is The Shape of Your Support, with the focus being on the people around a bereaved child or young person, beyond their friends or family, who can be there to support



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them through their grief; further acknowledges that the key question that is being asked is "Who else can you ask for help or support beyond your friends and family?"; welcomes what it sees as the great work being undertaken in Inverclyde by the Inverclyde Bereavement Network and former Clydeview Academy pupil, Ben Kane, who set up a support group in the school for children who are dealing with bereavement and has held talks with Inverclyde Council about expanding the service to all Inverclyde schools; recognises the work of Child Bereavement UK and its national development coordinator for Scotland in supporting young people when they are dealing with grief, and believes that the efforts of all organisations working in the sector are making a meaningful impact to Scotland's young people during what it considers to be such a difficult period in their lives.

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

**\*S6M-11076 Pam Gosal: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence—**That the Parliament recognises the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 25 November 2023, and the 16 Days of Activism following this, running from 25 November to 10 December, which is Human Rights Day; understands that this year's theme is "UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls"; further understands with regret that one in three women experience physical or sexual violence at least once in their lives, that it is one of the most pervasive and prevalent human rights violations, and that the most recent global estimates show that, on average, more than five women or girls are killed every hour by someone in their own family; believes that the COVID-19 pandemic and conflicts have exacerbated the risk of such violence and have created new threats; further believes that the human cost of violence against women and girls is incalculable, and that it prevents economies from reaching their full potential by causing a variety of costs to societies in the areas of healthcare, education, social protection and productivity; notes the belief that a solution lies in robust responses, including investment in prevention; further notes the view that investment in women's rights organisations is vital to ending violence against women and girls, particularly for the purpose of providing services at a local level, and believes that violence against women and girls affects everyone, and that every effort invested in preventing violence against women is a step towards a safer, more equal and prosperous world.

### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*S6M-11107 Pam Gosal: Clydebank FC 2011 Reds Receives £598 Grant from Asda Foundation—**That the Parliament congratulates Clydebank FC 2011 Reds on receiving a grant of £598 from the Asda foundation, a charitable company that provides grants to a range of good causes in Scotland; understands that the football club has been in existence since 1888 and continues to provide opportunities for local young people to become involved in sport, and wishes Clydebank FC all the best as it continues its great work in the community for future generations.

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**\*S6M-11105 Fergus Ewing: Congratulating The Inverness Courier on Winning the News Media Association's "Making a Difference Award" for its "Dual the A9" Campaign—**That the

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Parliament congratulates *The Inverness Courier* on winning the News Media Association's "Making a Difference Award" for its impactful "Dual the A9" campaign, which, it believes, exemplifies proactive journalism at its finest; applauds the newspaper for what it sees as its unwavering dedication to the Highlands region and its residents, and for championing the cause of dualling the A9, a project that it considers is vital for the region's connectivity and development; commends the journalistic excellence of *The Inverness Courier's* team, whose reporting and advocacy, it believes, has been instrumental in advancing the "Dual the A9" campaign; recognises what it sees as the important role of local media outlets like *The Inverness Courier* in a democratic society, and encourages them to continue their invaluable work in informing, engaging, and advocating for their communities.

**\*[S6M-11104](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Aberdeen's Goan Community**—That the Parliament congratulates the Goan Community Aberdeen on receiving a grant of £4,500 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this funding will allow the group to host a programme of weekly activities, events and celebrations to mark Goan culture; notes that the group has previously organised events such as Children's Day celebrations, Festive and Christmas Jumper Day, a St Francis Xavier Feast in St Mary's Cathedral, as well as organising exercise classes and a monthly Mass in Konkani, the official language of Goa; believes that there are over 200 Goans estimated to be living in Aberdeen who can benefit from these events and services, and wishes the group well in its continued endeavours.

**\*[S6M-11103](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Four Pillars**—That the Parliament congratulates Four Pillars in Aberdeen on receiving a grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this funding will be used to help Four Pillars continue to operate its LGBT+ community hub in central Aberdeen, providing support services and community engagement events, as well as helping educate people on a range of issues concerning the LGBT+ community; recognises that Four Pillars' overall mission is to support the LGBT+ community in matters of mental, emotional, physical and sexual health, offering information and support on a person-to-person basis to build, it believes, a community that supports itself through peer education, and wishes Four Pillars well in its continued endeavours.

**\*[S6M-11102](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Citymoves Dance Agency**—That the Parliament congratulates Citymoves Dance Agency on receiving a grant of £4,450 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this grant will enable the group to take its dance company into care homes across Aberdeen, providing choreographed dance performances for residents, as well as workshops to engage the residents in physical movement and creativity stimulation; recognises the huge benefits of promoting physical activity and mobility, particularly for those in the latter stages of life, and commends Citymoves Dance Agency for its endeavours in ensuring access and inclusion for all.

**\*[S6M-11101](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Aberdeen Multicultural Centre**—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen Multicultural Centre on receiving a grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this grant will be used to help fund the annual Mela event in Aberdeen, which invites people to see performances from diverse cultures across the city; notes that this has become a major calendar event in Aberdeen that celebrates multiculturalism, with thousands of people enjoying the food, music, dance, stalls and children's activities provided, and wishes Aberdeen Multicultural Centre all the best with its future endeavours.

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**\*[S6M-11100](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Aberdeen Cyrenians**—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen Cyrenians on receiving a grant of £188,192 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this grant will be used to fund a community hub, supporting people experiencing homelessness, isolation, crisis and financial hardship, providing access to food, clothing, showers, a utility room and a digital literacy section; further understands that staff and volunteers at the hub can provide support and advice on benefits to those using the service; considers that Aberdeen Cyrenians has been standing up against homelessness, abuse, violence, social exclusion and other crises for over 50 years, and wishes it well with its continued endeavours.

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**\*[S6M-11099](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Grampian Regional Equality Council**—That the Parliament congratulates Grampian Regional Equality Council on receiving a grant of £130,171 from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this grant will be used to continue to develop the group's weekly language cafe in the Aberdeen Arts Centre; notes that this service offers support with English, providing a space to learn about life in Aberdeen, including information on services, socialising and creative opportunities, with a caseworker on hand to assist with complex issues and an ESOL tutor for those with very limited English; commends Grampian Regional Equality Council for helping people build confidence in speaking and interacting in a relaxed environment, and wishes it well with its continued endeavours.

**\*[S6M-11094](#) Monica Lennon: Asda Foundation Grants for Local Projects in Central Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that eight Asda stores across the Central Scotland region have awarded 23 local groups in the region with funding totalling £14,512 through the Asda foundation; understands that the Asda Foundation is a charitable company that provides grants to a range of good causes across Scotland and supports local projects that are nominated by the people and communities that they serve; notes that the grants are open to groups that help communities to address the rising cost of living, as well as improving the lives of children and young people; commends the support for key organisations in the Central Scotland region, including an award of £800 funding for Supporting our Community in Hamilton, and £600 to Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust, and believes that the £800,000 donated by the Asda Foundation in 2022 to community projects across Scotland is making a positive difference.

**\*[S6M-11089](#) Ash Regan: Sort the School Debt Campaign**—That the Parliament welcomes the Sort the School Debt campaign and the work of children's charity Aberlour in its call to scrap the school meal arrears that 30,000 children in Scotland are reportedly currently in with local authorities; understands that there is a continuing increase in the number of children entering arrears; notes, with concern, reports that in 2023 alone there has been an increase of approximately 10,000 children who are now in school meal debt; believes that, in what it sees as an energy-rich nation as wealthy as Scotland, it is a moral outrage that children are in school meal debt, and further believes that action should be taken to ensure that all school meal debt is written off and that, in the upcoming Budget 2024-25, funding is put in place to roll out universal free school meals for all school children in Scotland.

**\*[S6M-11086](#) Finlay Carson: Palnure Farm Wins Dairy Farm of the Year at Scottish Agriculture Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Coopon Carse Farm on being awarded Dairy Farm of the Year at the 2023 Scottish Agriculture Awards; notes that the farm, which is located in Palnure, near Newton Stewart, farms around 450 dairy cows with the dairy using seven

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Lely A5 robots to do so; congratulates farm manager Alex Robertson and his team on their success in these awards, and wishes them well for the future.

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**\*[S6M-11085](#) Finlay Carson: Heather Wildman Awarded Adviser of the Year at Scottish Agriculture Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates Heather Wildman on being awarded Adviser of the Year at the 2023 Scottish Agriculture Awards; notes that Heather's business, Saviour Associates Ltd, based in Dundrennan, Kirkcudbright, was formed in July 2014 to provide industry, farmers, growers and agribusiness clients access to advice, independent coaching and mentoring, and wishes Heather well for the future.

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**\*[S6M-11082](#) Annabelle Ewing: Elize Bauld Recognised as World Number One—**That the Parliament recognises the recent success of Elize Bauld, of Cowdenbeath, in being named as world number one by the World Karate Federation at a recent performance in Mexico; understands that she has earned enough points to reach the summit in the official World Karate Federation; believes that Elize has trained at Cowdenbeath Karate Club since she was three years old, showing her determination and dedication to the sport; understands that Elize is hoping to continue to represent Cowdenbeath and Scotland in competitions both nationally and internationally; congratulates Elize on her recognition, and wishes her all the very best for the future.

**\*[S6M-11068](#) Jackie Dunbar: Fersands and Fountain SCIO Wins Small Organisation of the Year at the Celebrate Aberdeen Awards 2023—**That the Parliament congratulates Fersands and Fountain SCIO, which won the Small Organisation of the Year award at the recent 2023 Celebrate Aberdeen Awards ceremony; understands that Fersands and Fountain is a grassroots project that was established in 1980 to help deliver services in a regeneration area of Aberdeen, which falls within the 10% poorest parts of Scotland, with the aim of the organisation being to provide a range of vital services to the local community, empowering residents through informal learning, support, education, volunteering and other services to reduce poverty and increase life chances; notes that the awards ceremony is now in its fourth year and pays tribute to the positive impact of individuals, organisations and volunteers in the third sector, following on from the annual Celebrate Aberdeen parade, which took place in August; notes that this year's awards ceremony took place on 28 October at the Chester Hotel in Aberdeen; commends the efforts of all those involved at Fersands and Fountain SCIO, and wishes them all the best for the future.

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**\*[S6M-11041](#) Liam Kerr: Former Mackie Academy Pupil, University of Strathclyde Graduate and UK Executive Director to the IMF Awarded CB in the King's Birthday Honours List—**That the Parliament extends its congratulations to Shona Riach on her promotion in, and appointment to, the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, as a Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB); understands that Shona was awarded the honour for public service; further understands that Shona is UK Executive Director to the International Monetary Fund (IMF); notes that Shona is a

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former pupil of Mackie Academy in Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire, and a graduate of the University of Strathclyde, and wishes Shona every success for the future.

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### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

#### **S6M-11093 Pam Gosal: Clydebank Asda Foundation Grant of £600 to Isaro Community Initiative** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Sue Webber\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

#### **S6M-11092 Pam Gosal: Clydebank Asda Foundation Provides £400 Grant to Dalmuir Out of School Care Group** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Sue Webber\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

#### **S6M-11088 Pam Gosal: Gareloch Riding for the Disabled Association Receives £500 Asda Foundation Grant** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Sue Webber\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

#### **S6M-11087 Pam Gosal: Bearsden Asda Foundation Grant for Milngavie and Bearsden Men's Shed** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Sue Webber\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

#### **S6M-11084 Annabelle Ewing: Fife Council Awarded Bronze Accreditation in Equally Safe at Work Programme** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, David Torrance\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Bill Kidd\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Karen Adam\*

#### **S6M-11083 Annabelle Ewing: Building Merchant Journal Award for Lochgelly Business** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Pam Gosal\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, David Torrance\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Tess White\*, Bill Kidd\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Karen Adam\*

#### **S6M-11081 Annabelle Ewing: Best Family Friendly Restaurant 2023** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Miles Briggs\*, Pam Gosal\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Colin Beattie\*, David Torrance\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Tess White\*, Bill Kidd\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Karen Adam\*

#### **S6M-11080 Annabelle Ewing: Fife's Best Funeral Directors** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Pam Gosal\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, David Torrance\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Tess White\*, Bill Kidd\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Karen Adam\*



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**[S6M-11079](#) Annabelle Ewing: Fife Laundry Services Ltd Named Best Cleaning Business in Scotland 2023** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, David Torrance\*, Miles Briggs\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Tess White\*, Bill Kidd\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11078](#) Annabelle Ewing: My Cowdenbeath CIC Volunteer Day 2023** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, David Torrance\*, Miles Briggs\*, Emma Harper\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Tess White\*, Bill Kidd\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11077](#) Annabelle Ewing: Andrew Kirk Butchers' Success at Scottish Craft Butchers Awards 2023** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Pam Gosal\*, David Torrance\*, Miles Briggs\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Tess White\*, Bill Kidd\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11074](#) Rachael Hamilton: Celebrating the Scottish Borders Inspire Awards** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Roz McCall\*

**[S6M-11073](#) Ben Macpherson: Enhancing Scottish Football** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-11072](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Butcher Awarded for Best Steak Pies in South East Scotland** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Roz McCall\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Miles Briggs\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S6M-11071](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borderer Appointed to Prestigious Rotary Position** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Roz McCall\*

**[S6M-11070](#) Rachael Hamilton: NHS Borders Staff Shortlisted for Top Health Awards** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Jamie Greene\*, Russell Findlay\*, Edward Mountain\*, Craig Hoy\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Annie Wells\*, Bill Kidd\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Miles Briggs\*, Douglas Ross\*, Pam Gosal\*, Carol Mochan\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S6M-11069](#) Monica Lennon: World COPD Awareness Day 2023** (lodged on 03 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-11067](#) Sue Webber: £118 Million AI Skills Package from UK Government** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Jamie Halcro Johnston\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Jackson Carlaw\*

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**[S6M-11066](#) Alexander Burnett: Aboyne Bowling Club's Regeneration Efforts and Local Support** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Roz McCall\*

**[S6M-11065](#) Sue Webber: West Lothian Wheelchair Basketball Coach Nominated for Community Coach of the Year for Children and Young People** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11064](#) Foysoil Choudhury: SABASH 10th Edinburgh Durgotsav Celebrations** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Roz McCall\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S6M-11063](#) Emma Harper: NHS Dumfries and Galloway Receives Equally Safe Accreditation** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11062](#) Foysoil Choudhury: SIAF Dusherra Celebrations 2023** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Paul O'Kane\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Roz McCall\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11060](#) Kenneth Gibson: Largs-based Deli il Cardo Named Best in Scotland** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Roz McCall\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11059](#) Jeremy Balfour: Handicabs (Lothian) 41st Birthday** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Roz McCall\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11058](#) Murdo Fraser: Scone Musician Wins Award at the World Solo Drumming Championships** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Roz McCall\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11057](#) Beatrice Wishart: Social Enterprise Awards Scotland 2023** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Liam McArthur\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Bill Kidd\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Ivan McKee\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11056](#) Karen Adam: Aberdeen FC and Stagecoach in Innovative Partnership** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

**[S6M-11055](#) Alexander Burnett: Recycl8 Successful Industry Pour of R8 Mix** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11052](#) John Swinney: Congratulating Perthshire Butchers on Their Success at the Scottish Craft Butcher Awards** (lodged on 02 November 2023)



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New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11051](#) David Torrance: Burger Island Wins Best Eatery in Scotland** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11050](#) Sue Webber: Broxburn Academy Debaters Win the Donald Dewar Memorial Debating Tournament 2023** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11049](#) Michelle Thomson: Carrongrange ASN School Extension Announcement in Latest Phase of the LEIP** (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-11040](#) Christine Grahame: Diana Findley Receives Age Scotland's Jess Barrow Award for Campaigning to Improve the Lives of Older People** (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11037](#) Christine Grahame: Keeping Yourself and your Dog Safe at Halloween and Fireworks Night** (lodged on 31 October 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11035](#) Clare Haughey: Ruglen Rolls Success at Scottish Takeaway Awards** (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11034](#) Kenneth Gibson: 300-year Anniversary of Mathematician Robert Simson's Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society** (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11033](#) Collette Stevenson: Wrights Butchers is Gold Winner in the Scottish Craft Butchers Traditional Steak Pie Awards 2023** (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11031](#) Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen's Bairns' Hoose** (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11030](#) Karen Adam: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation** (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-11029](#) Finlay Carson: Welcoming the Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy** (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Emma Harper\*

**[S6M-11028](#) Finlay Carson: Farmer, Ken Fletcher, Receives Lifetime Achievement Honour** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

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New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11025](#) Marie McNair: A Tribute to the Late Bob Dickie of the Clydebank Asbestos Group** (lodged on 31 October 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11024](#) Alexander Stewart: Befriending Week 2023** (lodged on 31 October 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*, Karen Adam\*

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

New Support: John Mason\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11021](#) Rhoda Grant: Highlands and Islands Success at Royal National Mòd 2023** (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Paul O'Kane\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11020](#) Liam Kerr: East Haven Together is Joint Winner at Prestigious Britain in Bloom Competition** (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Craig Hoy\*, Douglas Ross\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Edward Mountain\*, Miles Briggs\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jamie Greene\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Russell Findlay\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Pam Gosal\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11018](#) Gordon MacDonald: Oxfangs Broadway Premier Wins 2023 Raj Aggarwal Trophy** (lodged on 31 October 2023)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11016](#) Evelyn Tweed: Congratulations to Young Fathers on Winning Scottish Album of the Year Award 2023** (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11013](#) Clare Haughey: Asian Tandoori Cambuslang** (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11012](#) Sarah Boyack: University of Edinburgh Expands Start-up Incubator into Robotics** (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Paul O'Kane\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11011](#) Pam Gosal: Celebrating Diwali 2023** (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

**[S6M-11009](#) Liam Kerr: The Ploughman Restaurant and Sports Bar in Peterculter Wins TripAdvisor Traveller's Choice Award 2023** (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11008](#) Michelle Thomson: Celebrating St Andrew's Day** (lodged on 31 October 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Karen Adam\*

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**[S6M-11006](#) Fulton MacGregor: Celebrating the 36th Anniversary of the Pakistan Welfare Trust and the Life of Dr Imtiaz "Jimmy" Majid** (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-11005](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Boy Selected for National Ice Hockey Trials** (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*

**[S6M-11003](#) Clare Adamson: Asda Foundation Funding for Projects in Motherwell and Wishaw** (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11002](#) Clare Adamson: Maureen Agnew's Fundraising for Craigneuk Lifelong Learning** (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11001](#) Clare Adamson: Routes To Work Wear it Pink** (lodged on 30 October 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-11000](#) Clare Adamson: Asda Newmains Fundraises for Tickled Pink** (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10999](#) Clare Adamson: Parksprings Care Home Fundraising for St Andrew's Hospice** (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10998](#) Clare Adamson: Clyde Valley High School's Fundraising Efforts** (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10997](#) Clare Adamson: Paula Brown's Charity Work** (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10993](#) Ruth Maguire: GlaxoSmithKline 50th Anniversary** (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10992](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Cameron Sinclair, from Scone, on Winning the World Solo Drumming Championship** (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10990](#) Jackie Baillie: Dumbarton Asda Donates £1,000 to Local Projects** (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Paul O'Kane\*

**[S6M-10988](#) Kaukab Stewart: BTea Room and Support for Digital Inclusion** (lodged on 27 October 2023)

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New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10987](#) Michelle Thomson: 2nd Polmont Boys' Brigade Participates in the Juniors 140 Sleepover** (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10986](#) Jackie Baillie: Remembering the Chair of Helensburgh Community Council, Norman Muir** (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Paul O'Kane\*

**[S6M-10985](#) Jackie Baillie: Helensburgh Highland Dancer is World Champion** (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Paul O'Kane\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10977](#) David Torrance: The Yard Fife Receives Asda Foundation Grant** (lodged on 26 October 2023)

New Support: Alexander Burnett\*

**[S6M-10975](#) Clare Adamson: The Friends of Hartwood Paupers Cemetery Named as the National Lottery Scottish Project of the Year** (lodged on 26 October 2023)

New Support: Alexander Burnett\*

**[S6M-10973](#) Jeremy Balfour: Commending LifeCare Edinburgh** (lodged on 02 November 2023)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10972](#) Audrey Nicoll: AberNecessities' Believe in Magic Campaign** (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10971](#) Annabelle Ewing: Rosyth Community Projects Ltd Awarded Asda Foundation Grant** (lodged on 01 November 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10970](#) Ruth Maguire: Women's Support Project 40th Anniversary** (lodged on 26 October 2023)

New Support: John Mason\*, Ivan McKee\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S6M-10969](#) Jackie Baillie: No Life Half Lived** (lodged on 26 October 2023)

New Support: Paul O'Kane\*

**[S6M-10968](#) Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Triumphant in Britain in Bloom** (lodged on 26 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10967](#) Michelle Thomson: Grangemouth's Inchyra Park Shortlisted in Scotland Loves Local Awards 2023** (lodged on 26 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

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**[S6M-10966](#) Evelyn Tweed: Extremis Publishing Ltd Wins Independent Publishing Company of the Year** (lodged on 26 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10964](#) Annabelle Ewing: Stan Green Awarded Pearson Memorial Medal 2023** (lodged on 27 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10956](#) Alasdair Allan: Western Isles Success at Royal National Mod 2023** (lodged on 26 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10955](#) Roz McCall: Care Experienced Week 2023** (lodged on 25 October 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

**[S6M-10945](#) Emma Harper: Braw Clan Promotes the Use of Scots** (lodged on 25 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10940](#) Michelle Thomson: National Lottery Heritage Funding Awarded to Bo'ness Town Trust Association** (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10939](#) Michelle Thomson: INEOS Completes Tour De France Cycling Challenge to Benefit Local Charities** (lodged on 24 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10937](#) Rhoda Grant: BT Jobs in AIness** (lodged on 26 October 2023)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10880](#) Michelle Thomson: Falkirk Social Care Provision Nominated in National Awards** (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Gillian Mackay\*

**[S6M-10842](#) Jackie Baillie: Vale of Leven Hospitalwatch Reaches 20th Year of Campaigning** (lodged on 16 October 2023)

New Support: Paul O'Kane\*

**[S6M-10804](#) Kaukab Stewart: The Railway Children Launches Safeguarding on Transport Project** (lodged on 10 October 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

**[S6M-10760](#) Liam McArthur: Kirkwall Lifeboat Coxswain Awarded with Service Medal** (lodged on 05 October 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

**[S6M-10746](#) Alexander Burnett: Inspiring Aberdeenshire Awards Joint Winners from Huntly** (lodged on 04 October 2023)

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New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

**[S6M-10745](#) Alexander Burnett: Jackie Ross of Doric Books Wins Cultural Award** (lodged on 04 October 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

**[S6M-10728](#) Sandesh Gulhane: World Mental Health Day 2023** (lodged on 03 October 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

**[S6M-10727](#) Alexander Burnett: SensationALL Shortlisted at the Celebrate Aberdeen Awards** (lodged on 03 October 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

**[S6M-10721](#) Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Lads' Club** (lodged on 03 October 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

**[S6M-10715](#) Fulton MacGregor: Coatbridge Dance Team, NC Dance, are World Champions** (lodged on 31 October 2023)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-10686](#) Kaukab Stewart: Hillhead High School Pupils Raise £633.56 for Morocco and Libya Appeal** (lodged on 02 October 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

**[S6M-10653](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Vicky Williams Appointed CEO of Sistema Scotland** (lodged on 29 September 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

**[S6M-10614](#) Tess White: Recognising Ward 4, Ninewells Hospital** (lodged on 26 September 2023)

New Support: Monica Lennon\*, Foysol Choudhury\*

**[S6M-10452](#) Maggie Chapman: Showing Solidarity with the Friends of St Fittick's Park Campaign** (lodged on 18 September 2023)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba\*



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## Oral Questions

### Topical Questions selected for answer on 07 November 2023

**1. Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it plans to take in response to reports of widespread violence against police officers and firefighters over the Bonfire Night period. ([S6T-01623](#))

**2. Foyso Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking following Reform Scotland's recent report, *NHS 2048: Future-proofing Scotland's Health and Social Care*, which found that 11 NHS boards have seen waiting times for hip operations at least double from the point of decision since 2019. ([S6T-01624](#))

### First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 09 November 2023

**1. Douglas Ross:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02500](#))

**2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02501](#))

**3. Gillian Mackay:** To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government is supporting renters who are struggling with the cost of living. ([S6F-02520](#))

**4. Collette Stevenson:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government is doing to alleviate poverty in Scotland, in light of reports that the UK is in violation of international law in relation to poverty levels. ([S6F-02511](#))

**5. Miles Briggs:** To ask the First Minister what support the Scottish Government is offering to NHS Lothian to contact the parents and guardians of the over 23,000 children who reportedly may have received substandard testing to identify deafness, including support to identify any other young children who have not received the required standard of auditory brainstem response testing. ([S6F-02510](#))

**6. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that Scottish Water has issued bonus payments to executives in excess of public sector pay rules. ([S6F-02515](#))

### Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 15 November 2023

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 08 November 2023. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 09 November 2023.

### Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

1. Marie McNair
2. Murdo Fraser
3. David Torrance
4. Russell Findlay
5. Rachael Hamilton
6. Stephanie Callaghan
7. Kaukab Stewart



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### Justice and Home Affairs

1. Annie Wells
2. Pam Gosal
3. Craig Hoy
4. Gillian Mackay
5. Liam Kerr
6. Ben Macpherson
7. Michelle Thomson
8. Kate Forbes

### Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 16 November 2023

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 08 November 2023. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 09 November 2023.

### Education and Skills

1. Sharon Dowey
2. James Dornan
3. Jeremy Balfour
4. Alex Rowley
5. Ivan McKee
6. Annabelle Ewing
7. Foyso Choudhury
8. Jackie Dunbar

### Members selected for General Questions on 16 November 2023

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 08 November 2023. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 09 November 2023.

1. Daniel Johnson
2. Ruth Maguire
3. Graham Simpson
4. Liz Smith
5. Finlay Carson
6. Colin Smyth
7. Keith Brown
8. Brian Whittle

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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 06 November 2023

**[S6W-22775 Jackie Dunbar](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making with the UK Government on climate policy, and whether there it will provide an update on the timing of its draft Climate Change Plan.

### Written questions lodged on 06 November 2023

**[S6W-22683 Donald Cameron](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to increase the funding available to preserve the heritage of Scotland's churches and chapels, in light of the reported announcement by the Church of Scotland that it is to close and sell up to 40% of its churches.

**[S6W-22684 Donald Cameron](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to introduce an equivalent scheme to the Community Facilities Programme in Wales, which provides small and large grants to community and voluntary sector organisations to improve community facilities that are well used by local people, such as churches, post offices and community shops.

**[S6W-22685 Foysoil Choudhury](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Islamophobia Awareness Month 2023, what action it is taking to support Police Scotland in recognising and tackling Islamophobic abuse (a) in person and (b) online.

**[S6W-22686 Foysoil Choudhury](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Kidney Care UK publication, *Home Dialysis Energy Reimbursement in Scotland*, what assistance it will offer to NHS boards to enable the full, fair and timely reimbursement of energy costs for kidney disease patients who undergo dialysis at home.

**[S6W-22687 Foysoil Choudhury](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what recent estimate it has made of the total costs incurred per chronic kidney disease patient who undergoes dialysis treatment at home compared with dialysis treatment in hospital.

**[S6W-22688 Sarah Boyack](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what criteria it applies when prioritising the capital funding allocation for the building of new health infrastructure.

**[S6W-22690 Alexander Burnett](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the publication of local government audits is essential to ensuring effective and efficient government.

**[S6W-22694 Jamie Greene](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-22175 by Jenni Minto on 30 October 2023, in light of it having provided this data in the answer to question S3W-33114 by Nicola Sturgeon on 5 May 2010, for what reason it stated in its answer that this information is not held centrally, and whether it will now provide the information requested.

**[S6W-22695 Douglas Lumsden](#)**: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-20679 by Neil Gray on 31 August 2023, whether it will provide an update on the establishment of an advisory group as required in section 29 of the Scottish National Investment Bank Act 2020.

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**[S6W-22696 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what the recruitment process will be for the advisory group that is to be established as per section 29 of the Scottish National Investment Bank Act 2020.

**[S6W-22697 Douglas Lumsden:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether members of the advisory group, which must be established as per section 29 of the Scottish National Investment Bank Act 2020, will be paid, and, if so, who will set the level of pay.

**[S6W-22699 Monica Lennon:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with local authorities regarding the upcoming Celtic Connections festival.

**[S6W-22700 Monica Lennon:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an update on any work that it is undertaking to scope promotional opportunities for the culture sector in (a) the USA, (b) Canada, (c) New Zealand, (d) Australia and (e) the EU.

**[S6W-22701 Monica Lennon:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government when the Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development last met with COSLA to discuss culture; what was discussed at this meeting, and when the Minister will next meet with COSLA to discuss these issues.

**[S6W-22702 Daniel Johnson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how much of its Flexible Workforce Development Fund has been accessed in each year since it has been established, broken down by sector.

**[S6W-22703 Daniel Johnson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how much of its Flexible Workforce Development Fund was spent on training in 2021-22.

**[S6W-22704 Daniel Johnson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how much of its Flexible Workforce Development Fund has been spent on training in the current year.

**[S6W-22705 Daniel Johnson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how much of its Flexible Workforce Development Fund has been accessed in each year since it was established by private sector organisations that contribute to the UK Apprenticeship Levy.

**[S6W-22706 Alexander Burnett:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what childcare support is available for working parents of two-year-olds.

**[S6W-22707 Alexander Burnett:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will match the UK Government's commitment to provide 15 hours of free childcare support for parents of two-year-olds from April 2024.

**[S6W-22708 Martin Whitfield:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, since August 2022, what percentage of claimants to be automatically transferred to Adult Disability Payment have been transferred because (a) their Personal Independence Payment (PIP) award is due to be reviewed, (b) their PIP award is coming to an end and (c) they have reported a change in circumstances to the Department for Work and Pensions.

**[S6W-22709 Martin Whitfield:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on whether it expects to meet its target for transferring all Personal Independence Payment claimants to Adult Disability Payment by the end of 2025.

**[S6W-22711 Martin Whitfield:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it is assessing and monitoring (a) the process of transferring claimants from Personal Independence Payment to Adult Disability Payment and (b) any impact on the individuals involved.

**[S6W-22712 Martin Whitfield:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to any potential impact on multiple sclerosis (MS) nurses of the proposed National Care Service.

**[S6W-22717 Alexander Burnett:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Stagecoach regarding recent reports of bus fires.

**[S6W-22718 Alexander Burnett:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what fire safety drills are required for bus companies.

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**S6W-22720 Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government what the total cost has been for the repair work on Bute House, in light of reports that the building closed down for five months between April and September 2023.

## Amendments

### New amendments to Bills lodged on 6 November 2023

#### Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

##### Section 5

###### Siobhian Brown

- 1 In section 5, page 3, line 6, leave out <if the trustee is a sole trustee> and insert <where subsection (2A) applies>

###### Siobhian Brown

- 2 In section 5, page 3, line 8, at end insert—  
<(2A) This subsection applies where—  
(a) the trustee is a sole trustee, or  
(b) the trustee is, in the trustee’s opinion, the only remaining trustee who is both capable and traceable.>

###### Siobhian Brown

- 3 In section 5, page 3, line 9, at end insert—  
<(3A) Any resignation given under this section—  
(a) must be intimated to —  
(i) all of the other trustees who are traceable, and  
(ii) any judicial factor appointed to administer the trust, and  
(b) is effective from the date on which such intimation is given.>

##### After section 5

###### Siobhian Brown

- 4 After section 5, insert—  
**<Resignation of incapable trustee**  
(1) Where a trustee is incapable, the power in section 5(1) may be exercised by the trustee’s guardian (“G”) on behalf of the trustee (and in such a case, the resignation will, for the purposes of this Act, be treated as a resignation by the trustee).  
(2) But where subsection (3) applies, G may do so only after—  
(a) an additional trustee is assumed under section 3,  
(b) an additional trustee is appointed—  
(i) under section 1 or 2, or  
(ii) by G, or

- (c) a judicial factor is appointed to administer the trust.
- (3) This subsection applies where—
  - (a) the incapable trustee is a sole trustee, or
  - (b) in G’s opinion, no other trustee exists who is both capable and traceable.
- (4) Any resignation given by G on behalf of the incapable trustee in breach of subsection (2) is of no effect.
- (5) Section 4(2) (general conveyance of trust property) applies to an appointment of a trustee by G under subsection (2)(b)(ii) as it applies to an appointment of a trustee under section 1(1)(b) or 2(1).
- (6) Section 5(3A) applies to a resignation given by G on behalf of an incapable trustee in accordance with this section as it applies to a resignation given by a trustee under section 5.
- (7) This section applies—
  - (a) irrespective of when the trust was created, but
  - (b) only as respects a resignation given after this section comes into force.>

#### After section 6

#### Siobhian Brown

- 5 After section 6, insert—

#### <Removal of certain trustees by court: unfitness

- (1) For the purposes of section 6(1)(a), a trustee to whom subsection (2) applies is to be regarded as unfit to carry out the duties of a trustee (and so may be removed from office).
- (2) This subsection applies to any trustee—
  - (a) who is—
    - (i) an executor nominate of a testator (“T”),
    - (ii) a trustee of a trust established by T under a testamentary writing, or
    - (iii) an executor dative appointed in respect of the estate of a deceased person (“D”), and
  - (b) who—
    - (i) is being prosecuted in Scotland for the murder or culpable homicide of T or, as the case may be, D,
    - (ii) has been convicted, whether before or after the coming into force of this section, in Scotland of such an offence as regards T or, as the case may be, D,
    - (iii) is being prosecuted in a jurisdiction outside Scotland for an offence which, in the opinion of the court, is equivalent to the murder or culpable homicide of T or, as the case may be, D, or
    - (iv) has been convicted, whether before or after the coming into force of this section, in a jurisdiction outside Scotland of such an offence as regards T or, as the case may be, D.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b), a trustee is to be regarded as being prosecuted for an offence if—

- (a) a prosecutor has initiated proceedings against the trustee in respect of the offence, and
  - (b) those proceedings have not been dismissed or resulted in the conviction or acquittal of the trustee in respect of the offence.
- (4) This section is without prejudice to any power of the court to find that a trustee to whom subsection (2)(a) applies (but to whom subsection (2)(b) does not apply) is unfit to carry out the duties of a trustee as a result of—
- (a) having acted (or being suspected of having acted) in a manner that caused or contributed to the death of T or, as the case may be, D, or
  - (b) having otherwise been involved (or being suspected of having otherwise been involved) in the death of T or, as the case may be, D.>

### Section 7

#### Siobhian Brown

- 6 In section 7, page 3, line 32, at end insert—

<(1A) Except in so far as the trust deed expressly provides otherwise, a trustee who is—

- (a) a member of a regulated profession (such as a solicitor, accountant, financial adviser or teacher), and
- (b) appointed or assumed as trustee to provide professional services in relation to managing the affairs of trusts in the course of business,

may, in the circumstances described in subsection (1B), be removed from office by a majority of the other trustees.

- (1B) The circumstances are that the trustee—

- (a) is no longer a member of the regulated profession in question, or
- (b) is such a member, but is not entitled to practise as such.>

### Section 10

#### Siobhian Brown

- 7 In section 10, page 5, line 25, leave out <the guardian of the beneficiary> and insert <an appropriate person in relation to the beneficiary (see section 74(1A))>

### Section 12

#### Siobhian Brown

- 8 In section 12, page 6, line 7, at beginning insert <Except in so far as the trust deed, expressly or by implication, provides otherwise (or, in a case where there is no trust deed, the context requires or implies otherwise),>

#### Siobhian Brown

- 9 In section 12, page 6, line 20, at end insert—

<( ) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a), a trustee of a public trust is not to be regarded as having



a personal interest in a decision insofar as—

- (a) the decision is intended to benefit a particular section of the public, and
- (b) the trustee in question may derive a benefit from the decision solely as a result of being a member of that section of the public.>

### **Siobhian Brown**

- 10** In section 12, page 6, line 23, leave out <the guardian of the beneficiary> and insert <an appropriate person in relation to the beneficiary (see section 74(1A))>

### **After section 17**

### **Siobhian Brown**

- 11** After section 17, insert—

#### **<Exercise of power of investment: further provision**

- (1) For the purposes of section 17(1) and (2), where two or more proposed investments are suitable for the trust, the trustees may (except in so far as the trust deed, expressly or by implication provides otherwise) take into account appropriate non-financial considerations in determining which investment to make.
- (2) An appropriate non-financial consideration may be (either or both)—
  - (a) a consideration that one investment is more consistent with the purposes of the trust than the other investment,
  - (b) an ethical, social or environmental consideration.
- (3) This section—
  - (a) does not apply as respects a trust created before the section comes into force, and
  - (b) is without prejudice to any other power of trustees to take into account non-financial considerations in relation to determining investments.>

### **Section 22**

### **Siobhian Brown**

- 12** In section 22, page 13, line 6, leave out from <not> to end of line 8 and insert<—
  - (a) to be apportioned as mentioned in that section, or
  - (b) not to be apportioned in such manner, but instead to accrue as they arise.>

### **Section 25**

### **Siobhian Brown**

- 13** In section 25, page 14, line 26, leave out <the person's guardian> and insert <an appropriate person in relation to that person (see section 74(1A))>

### **Siobhian Brown**

- 14 In section 25, page 14, line 29, leave out <the person's guardian> and insert <an appropriate person in relation to that person>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 15 In section 25, page 15, line 13, leave out <the guardian of> and insert <an appropriate person in relation to>

**Section 26**

**Siobhian Brown**

- 16 In section 26, page 15, line 23, leave out <that person's guardian> and insert <an appropriate person in relation to that person (see section 74(1A))>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 17 In section 26, page 15, line 30, leave out <guardian> and insert <appropriate person>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 18 In section 26, page 15, line 34, at end insert—

<( ) Subsections (1) and (8) do not apply where—

- (a) a person is a potential beneficiary (or an appropriate person in relation to, solicitor or assignee of, such a person), and
- (b) that person's interest in the trust is, or would be, so remote as to be of negligible value.>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 19 In section 26, page 16, line 33, leave out <guardian,>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 20 In section 26, page 16, line 33, at end insert—

<( ) an appropriate person in relation to a beneficiary or potential beneficiary,>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 21 In section 26, page 16, line 37, at end insert—

<( ) Subsection (9) does not apply where—

- (a) a person is—
  - (i) a descendant of the trustee,
  - (ii) a potential beneficiary (or an appropriate person in relation to, solicitor or assignee of, such a person), or
  - (iii) a descendant or ancestor of a beneficiary or potential beneficiary, and
- (b) that person's interest in the trust is, or would be, so remote as to be of negligible value.>

## Section 40

### Siobhian Brown

- 22 In section 40, page 23, line 22, leave out from <such> to the end of line 23 and insert <the trustees of that body.>

## Section 42

### Siobhian Brown

- 23 In section 42, page 24, line 26, leave out <for the benefit of the trustee alone> and insert <solely for the benefit of a specific beneficiary (or potential beneficiary)>

## Section 49

### Siobhian Brown

- 24 In section 49, page 27, leave out lines 28 and 29

## Section 61

### Siobhian Brown

- 25 In section 61, page 33, line 26, leave out subsections (1) to (7) and insert—
- <(1) The court may, if satisfied—
    - (a) in the case of an inter vivos trust, that there has been a material change in circumstances since the trust was created (or that such a change is reasonably to be regarded as in prospect), or
    - (b) in the case of a testamentary trust—
      - (i) that there has been a material change in circumstances since the testamentary writing was executed (or that such a change is reasonably to be regarded as in prospect), and
      - (ii) that the testator is dead,alter the trust purposes in so far as it is, in the opinion of the court expedient to do so to offset or counter the effect, or as the case may be the prospective effect, of the change in circumstances.
  - (2) The power in subsection (1) is exercisable on the application of a person mentioned in subsection (8) in relation to any trust other than a commercial trust or a private purpose trust.
  - (3) Any other person mentioned in subsection (8) may oppose the application.
  - (4) As respects an inter vivos trust, if the trust deed provides expressly that the purposes of the trust may not be altered by the court during (either or both)—
    - (a) the lifetime of the truster,
    - (b) such period of up to 25 years from the date of the creation of the trust (as may be specified in the deed),no application may be made under this section in contravention of that provision.
  - (5) A provision in an inter vivos trust deed that provides expressly that the purposes of the trust may

not be altered by the court for a period longer than one mentioned in subsection (4)(b) is to be read as specifying that the purposes may not be altered until (the later of)—

- (a) the death of the trustor, or
  - (b) a period of 25 years has elapsed since the date of the creation of the trust.
- (6) Subject to subsection (7), as respects a testamentary trust, if the trust deed provides expressly that the purposes of the trust may not be altered by the court during such period of up to 25 years from the date of death of the testator, no application may be made under this section in contravention of that provision.
- (7) The court may, if satisfied that there was a period between the change of circumstances mentioned in subsection (1)(b)(i) and the date of death, during which the testator (either or both)—
- (a) was incapable,
  - (b) was unaware (or could not reasonably supposed to have been aware) of the change and its effect on the trust,

determine that the period provided for in paragraph (6) began to run, not from the date of death, but from the date of the change of circumstances or, if the court thinks fit, from the commencement of the period of incapacity or unawareness.

- (7A) A provision in a testamentary trust deed that provides expressly that the purposes of the trust may not be altered by the court for a period longer than one mentioned in subsection (6) is to be read as specifying that the purposes may not be altered until a period of 25 years has elapsed since the date of death of the testator.>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 26 In section 61, page 34, line 30, leave out <guardian,>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 27 In section 61, page 34, line 30, at end insert—
- <( ) an appropriate person in relation to a beneficiary or potential beneficiary (see section 74(1A)),>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 28 In section 61, page 34, line 35, leave out subsection (9)

**Siobhian Brown**

- 29 In section 61, page 35, line 1, leave out <(9)> and insert <(1)>

**Siobhian Brown**

- 30 In section 61, page 35, line 16, leave out <(9)> and insert <(1)>

**Section 64**

**Siobhian Brown**

31 In section 64, page 37, line 38, at end insert—

- <( ) Nothing in this section limits the power of the court, when considering whether it is appropriate to grant a remedy on the ground described in subsection (3)(g), to take into account the purpose (or likely purpose) of the relevant person making the application (for example, that the application is being made wholly or mainly for the purpose of avoiding the tax consequences of the trustee's decision).>

#### After section 64

##### Siobhian Brown

32 After section 64, insert—

*<Directions relating to trust matters and the estates of deceased persons*

##### **Applications in relation to trusts and to the estates of deceased persons**

- (1) Trustees, protectors or supervisors under a trust deed, or any other person with an interest in the trust property, may apply to the Court of Session for a direction on questions relating to—
  - (a) the investment, distribution, management or administration of the trust estate, or
  - (b) the exercise of any power vested in, or the performance of any duty imposed on, the trustees notwithstanding that such direction may affect contingent interests in the estate, whether of persons in existence at, or of persons who may be born after, the date of the direction.
- (2) An executor (nominate or dative) of a person who dies after the coming into force of this section may, whether or not there is a testamentary trust, apply to the Court of Session for a direction on questions relating to—
  - (a) the investment, distribution, management or administration of the person's estate,
  - (b) the exercise of any power vested in, or the performance of any duty imposed on, the executor notwithstanding that such direction may affect contingent interests in the estate, whether of persons in existence at, or of persons who may be born after, the date of the direction.
- (3) In subsection (1)—

“protector” is to be construed in accordance with section 49(1)(a), and  
“supervisor” is to be construed in accordance with section 45(1).>

#### Section 65

##### Siobhian Brown

33 In section 65, page 38, line 21, leave out subsection (2)

##### Siobhian Brown

34 In section 65, page 38, line 38, leave out <or>

##### Siobhian Brown

35 In section 65, page 39, line 5, at end insert <, or

( ) the trust property is (or is likely to be) insufficient to meet the expenses incurred.>

**Siobhian Brown**

36 In section 65, page 39, line 6, after <(3)> insert <(a) to (f)>

**Siobhian Brown**

37 In section 65, page 39, line 9, leave out subsections (5) and (6) and insert—

<( ) Where a trust is party to an ongoing civil litigation the court may, on the application of a party, make a determination about the personal liability (or relief from such liability) of a trustee for expenses yet to be incurred.>

**After section 73**

**Siobhian Brown**

38 After section 73, insert—

**<Amendment of Confirmation of Executors (Scotland) Act 1858**

After section 6 of the Confirmation of Executors (Scotland) Act 1858, insert—

**“6A Restrictions on appointment of executor dative**

- (1) This section applies where a sheriff is in receipt of a petition for the appointment of a person (“P”) as an executor dative in respect of the estate of a deceased person (“D”).
- (2) The sheriff must refuse the petition if satisfied that P is a person falling within subsection (3).
- (3) A person falls within this subsection if that person—
  - (a) is being prosecuted in Scotland for the murder or culpable homicide of D,
  - (b) has been convicted, whether before or after the coming into force of this section, in Scotland of such an offence as regards D,
  - (c) is being prosecuted in a jurisdiction outside Scotland for an offence which, in the opinion of the sheriff, is equivalent to the murder or culpable homicide of D, or
  - (d) has been convicted, whether before or after the coming into force of this section, in a jurisdiction outside Scotland of such an offence as regards D.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3), a person is to be regarded as being prosecuted for an offence if—
  - (a) a prosecutor has initiated proceedings against the person in respect of the offence, and
  - (b) those proceedings have not been dismissed or resulted in the conviction or acquittal of the person in respect of the offence.
- (5) If, despite subsection (1) or any rule of law to the contrary, a person falling within subsection (3) is appointed as an executor dative in respect of D’s estate—
  - (a) the person’s appointment as executor dative is not invalid by reason of the fact that the person falls within subsection (3), but
  - (b) the appointment does not prevent the removal of that person from office

following the making of an application under section 6 of the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Act 2024 (as read with section 6A of that Act) on the ground that the person is unfit to carry out the duties of a trustee.

- (6) This section is without prejudice to any power of a sheriff to refuse a petition for the appointment of P in any case where—
- (a) P does not fall within subsection (3), but
  - (b) P —
    - (a) has acted (or is suspected of having acted) in a manner that caused or contributed to the death of D, or
    - (b) has otherwise been involved (or is suspected of having otherwise been involved) in the death of D.”.>

## Section 74

### Siobhian Brown

- 39 In section 74, page 42, line 25, after <6,> insert <(Removal of certain trustees by court: unfitness),>

### Siobhian Brown

- 40 In section 74, page 42, line 25, after <63,> insert <65>

### Siobhian Brown

- 41 In section 74, page 43, line 10, at end insert—

<(1A) In this Act, “appropriate person” means—

- (a) in relation to a beneficiary or, as the case may be, potential beneficiary, who has not attained the age of 16 years—
  - (i) a parent or guardian who has the parental responsibility or parental right to act as that person’s legal representative under section 1(1)(d) or 2(1)(d) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (“the 1995 Act”),
  - (ii) a person in whom that parental responsibility or parental right is vested by virtue of section 11(2)(b) of the 1995 Act,
  - (iii) a person having that parental responsibility or parental right by virtue of section 11(12) of the 1995 Act,
  - (iv) a person in whom that parental responsibility or parental right is vested by virtue of a permanence order (as defined in section 80(2) of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007),
  - (v) a parent or guardian who has the right, in relation to the beneficiary or potential beneficiary, to act as that person’s legal representative, by virtue of having parental responsibility for that person under Part 1 of the Children Act 1989 (“the 1989 Act”),
  - (vi) a person having that right, in relation to the beneficiary or potential beneficiary, by virtue of having parental responsibility for that person by virtue of—
    - (A) section 12(2) of the 1989 Act,
    - (B) section 14C of the 1989 Act, or



(C) section 25(3) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002,

(vii) a parent or guardian who has that right, in relation to the beneficiary or potential beneficiary, by virtue of having parental responsibility for that person under Part 2 or Part 15 of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/755) (“the 1995 Order”),

(viii) a person having that right, in relation to the beneficiary or potential beneficiary, by virtue of having parental responsibility for that person under Article 12(2) of the 1995 Order, or

(b) in relation to a beneficiary or, as the case may be, potential beneficiary, who is incapable, that person’s guardian.>

#### After section 74

##### Siobhian Brown

42 After section 74, insert—

##### <Power to amend jurisdiction in relation to trusts

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision conferring on or removing from the Court of Session or, as the case may be, the appropriate sheriff court, power to decide particular types of cases relating to trusts under this Act.
- (2) In particular, the Scottish Ministers may—
  - (a) make provision modifying section 74 in so far as it relates to the definitions of “the court” and “the appropriate sheriff court” for the purposes of this Act, and
  - (b) make such incidental, supplementary or consequential provision (including provision modifying this Act or another enactment) relating to the jurisdiction of the Court of Session or the appropriate sheriff court as they consider appropriate for the purposes of giving full effect to the conferral or removal of a power.
- (3) Regulations under this section may only be made with the consent of the Lord President of the Court of Session.
- (4) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

#### Section 75

##### Siobhian Brown

43 Leave out section 75 and insert—

##### <Meaning of incapable and related expressions

- (1) In this Act—
  - (a) “incapable” (and related expressions) is to be construed in accordance with section 1(6) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 (fundamental definitions), but with the modification that the reference in the closing words of that definition to any provision of that Act is to be read as to any provision of this Act,
  - (b) a reference to a person having legal capacity is a reference to a person who—
    - (i) is not incapable, and

- (ii) does not otherwise lack legal capacity (for example, by reason of non-age).
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—
- (a) make provision modifying the effect of the definition of “incapable” in the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 as it applies for the purposes of this Act by virtue of this section, or
  - (b) amend this section to replace or modify the definition of “incapable” for the purposes of this Act.
- (3) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

## Section 76

### Siobhian Brown

- 44 In section 76, page 44, line 2, after <2(1),> insert <5(3A)(a)(i),>

### Siobhian Brown

- 45 In section 76, page 44, line 11, after <section> insert <5(3A)(a)(i),>

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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.

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

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

### **Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)**

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

### **Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 25 October 2023  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (45<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)), 6 December 2023  
*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 29 November 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)), 7 November 2023  
Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 7 November 2023  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (64<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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### **Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill (M)**

*Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (5<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.*

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

Stage 1 (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee), 7 November 2023

### **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)**

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

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

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

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

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

### **Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill (G)**

Passed, 27 September 2023

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

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

### **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 7 November 2023

Stage 1 (evidence (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)), 7 November 2023

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

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

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 7 November 2023

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

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

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

Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 14 November 2023

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

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Reconsideration Stage (evidence (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)), 7 November 2023

Motion to proceed with Reconsideration Stage agreed, 14 September 2023

*Amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team*

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 1 November 2023

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 7 November 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)), 25 October 2023

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 8 November 2023

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (40<sup>th</sup> Report, 2023)*

## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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### **Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-36a**

Lodged on 14 September 2023

*Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work*

*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

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 25 October 2023

*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)*

**Subordinate Legislation** (date of laying) (lead committee)

## **Affirmative instruments**

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[Disability Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(11 September 2023\)](#) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

**Subject to approval by 13 November 2023**

[Mental Health \(National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service: Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(19 September 2023\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[International Organisations \(Immunities and Privileges\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(19 September 2023\)](#) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2023 \(SI 2023/Draft\) \(19 September 2023\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

**Subject to approval by 14 November 2023**

[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(20 September 2023\)](#) (Criminal Justice Committee)

**Subject to approval by 19 November 2023**

[Heat Networks \(Supply Targets\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(25 September 2023\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

**Subject to approval by 22 November 2023**

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(28 September 2023\)](#) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

**Subject to approval by 26 November 2023**

[Parking Prohibitions \(Enforcement and Accounts\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(2 October 2023\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

**Subject to approval by 1 December 2023**

[Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes Order 2023 \(SI 2023/Draft\) \(16 October 2023\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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

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

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[Colleges of Further Education and Regional Strategic Bodies \(Membership of Boards\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(30 October 2023\)](#) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

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

### Negative instruments

**Subject to annulment 8 November 2023**  
**Lead Committee report due by 6 November 2023**

[Carer's Assistance \(Carer Support Payment\) \(Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/258\) \(14 September 2023\)](#) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Health and Care Professions Council \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Rules Order of Council 2023 \(SSI 2023/995\) \(14 September 2023\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**Subject to annulment 15 November 2023**  
**Lead Committee report due by 13 November 2023**

[Marriage Between Persons of Different Sexes \(Prescribed Bodies\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/266\) \(21 September 2023\)](#) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in Schools \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/267\) \(21 September 2023\)](#) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/268\) \(21 September 2023\)](#) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

**Subject to annulment 26 November 2023**  
**Lead Committee report due by 20 November 2023**

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